

Animal Welfare Courses at Edinburgh University

Why animal welfare?

International concern for animal welfare continues to grow with increasing demand for measures to protect animals and improve animal quality of life. In a number of surveys, eight out of ten respondents believe that animal welfare is a key priority for a civilised society. Animals are a hugely important part of our world, relied upon for food, used as research models, companions, working animals, for sport and in recreation. To put this into context, more than 60 billion land animals, are raised for meat each year around the world, and with increasing meat consumption in places such as China, these figures are set to rise. Understanding and enhancing animal welfare is necessary for protecting not only animal health - but also human health and environmental protection.

Why the University of Edinburgh?

The University of Edinburgh has a long-standing reputation for the delivery of gold standard research led teaching and the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies has extensive staff expertise in animal health and welfare, which has been strengthened further by the development of the JMICAWE and their continued collaboration with the SRUC Animal and Veterinary Sciences Group, now housed within the Easter Bush Research Consortium.

International Animal Welfare, Ethics & Law (Online Distance Learning) MSc, PgDip, PgCert, PgProfDev at Edinburgh University

Apply for this degree

- Select your programme and preferred start date to begin your application.
- MSc International Animal Welfare, Ethics & Law (Online Distance Learning) - 6 Years (Part-time Intermittent Study)
- PgDip International Animal Welfare, Ethics & Law (Online Distance Learning) - 4 Years (Part-time Intermittent Study)
- PgCert International Animal Welfare, Ethics & Law (Online Distance Learning) - 2 Years (Part-time Intermittent Study)
- PG Professional Development in International Animal Welfare, Ethics & Law (Online Distance Learning)(ICL) - 2 Years (Part-time Intermittent Study)

Programme start date: 14 September 2015

Application deadline: 24 August 2015

Programme description

The programme offers courses in a variety of areas, including:



- history, culture and concepts of animal welfare
- animal behavior
- animal welfare assessment
- animal ethics
- recommendations and policy
- legislation, regulation and enforcement
- science communication
- applied animal welfare - production, companion and captive wild animals

This programme is affiliated with the University's Global Health Academy.

Programme structure

A blend of online learning methods are utilised, such as discussion forums, podcasts and live tutorials. The programme is modular, allowing us to offer a flexible student-centred approach to the choice of courses studied.

Year 1: certificate

You will take two compulsory courses - International Animal Welfare Science and Animal Ethics, Policy and Law - plus an optional course.

Year 2: diploma

You can choose up to 60 credits of optional courses, which include:

- Animal Welfare in Research, Testing and Education
- Production Animal Welfare
- Companion Animal Welfare
- Captive, Free Range and Wild Animal Welfare
- Clinical Animal Behaviour



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Year 3: masters

You complete your dissertation of 10,000-15,000 words, on a topic of your choice.

Programme duration

The full MSc in International Animal Welfare, Ethics and Law programme can be completed within two years if students wish to study several courses at any one time so all taught courses are completed in one year and the second year is devoted to a dissertation project.

Alternatively students can take up to 6 years to complete the full MSc programme and there is also the option to graduate with either an International Animal Welfare, Ethics and Law postgraduate certificate or diploma.

Online learning

Our online learning technology is fully interactive, award-winning and enables you to communicate with our highly qualified teaching staff from the comfort of your own home or workplace.

Our online students not only have access to Edinburgh's excellent resources, but also become part of a supportive online community, bringing together students and tutors from around the world.

Career opportunities

Graduates can use their qualification to enhance their career prospects in academia, research, governmental and non-governmental organisations and consultancies.

Postgraduate Professional Development

If you are looking for a shorter course option, we offer online credit-bearing courses which run for 11 weeks at a time. These lead to a University of Edinburgh postgraduate award of academic credit. You may take a maximum of 50 credits worth of courses through our Postgraduate Professional Development scheme. These credits will be recognised in their own right at postgraduate level, or may be put towards gaining a higher award, such as a Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma or MSc.

For more detailed information please see:

http://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/postgraduate/degrees?cw_xml=details.php&id=788

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Applied Animal Behaviour & Animal Welfare MSc

This programme has popular international appeal and is endorsed by many international organisations for its up-to-date understanding and application of the latest animal welfare methods and practices.

Entry requirements

An undergraduate degree, with an excellent or very good classification (equivalent to first or upper second class honours in the UK), in animal science, biology, psychology, zoology or veterinary science.

Programme start date: 14 September 2015

Application deadline: 30 May 2015

We strongly recommend you submit your completed application as early as possible, particularly if you are also applying for funding or will require a visa. We may consider late applications if we have places available.

Programme description

We provide students with an understanding of animal welfare that can be applied in animal research, management, care, production, inspection, assessment and preparation of legislation. In addition to the core teaching team, we have many guest lecturers travel to Edinburgh each year to teach on the programme, allowing you to benefit from the experience and knowledge of professionals working throughout the animal behaviour and welfare community.

Programme structure

The programme involves taught courses and your own dissertation.

Throughout the taught courses you will take part in many visits to farms and animal facilities and will study the following courses:

- Introduction to Applied Animal Behaviour and Animal Welfare
- Biology of Suffering
- Animal Cognition and Consciousness
- Scientific Methodology
- Animal Welfare Applications

For more detailed information please see:

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