

Agriculture

Our two commercially run farms at Kirkley Hall and Carlcroft in the Cheviot Hills provide an ideal environment in which to study.

Our unique partnership with the farming community gives our students access to hands on training in a wide range of farming practices.

The industry has experienced massive change and we are working closely with key farming figures to make sure our training continues to meet the emerging needs of the industry.

We are currently working with City and Guilds to design a new specialist sheep course to capitalise on Kirkley's unique history and experience in this area, as well as being the home of the National Sheep Centre. Details are yet to be confirmed but we would hope to launch this course for September 2012, if you are interested in this option please contact us on **01670 841229**.

We have recently invested in new cattle, sheep and poultry livestock, upgraded our farm buildings and machinery and will be introducing a small outdoor pig enterprise in the near future.

Our students are actively involved in all livestock and land operations on the two farms throughout the year as well as gaining additional experience at local farms in specialisms such as dairy and arable.

Career opportunities...

Whatever career you choose within agriculture, whether it is working with animals, crops or machinery, your study here will give you the skills and knowledge you need to succeed.

Agriculture courses

Entry Level 2 and 3 - Certificate in Skills for Life Land Based (Plants)

Code LBI0250P / LBI0251P

Location Kirkley Hall

Ideal if... you want to develop core skills within a land based environment to work towards progression to a level 1 course. You will study units including plant establishment, plant propagation and plant identification.

Entry requirements

You don't need any formal qualifications to join the course.

Level 1 - Diploma in Land Based Studies (Agriculture)

Code LBI0246F

Location Kirkley Hall

Ideal if... you want to train for a career in agriculture and work towards progression to a level 2 course. You will study units including tractor driving, estate maintenance, Functional Skills and an introduction to farm animal production.

Entry requirements



You should have two GCSEs at grade F or a relevant entry level qualification.



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Level 2 - Extended Certificate / Diploma in Agriculture

Code LBI0118F / LBI0124F **Location** Kirkley Hall

Ideal if... you want to train for a career in agriculture and work towards progression to a level 3 course. You will study units including introduction to land based machinery operations, tractor driving and participating in estate maintenance.

Entry requirements



You should have two GCSEs at grade D or a relevant level 1 qualification.

Level 2 - Apprenticeship Agriculture

Code LBI0139P **Location** Kirkley Hall

Ideal if... you work in the agriculture industry and want to develop your skills and gain a qualification.

Entry requirements



You should have two GCSEs at grade D or above, in English or maths, or a relevant level 1 qualification and be employed in the agricultural industry.

Level 3 - Subsidiary Diploma / Diploma / Extended Diploma in Agriculture

Code LBI0105F / LBI0002F / LBI0004F **Location** Kirkley Hall

Ideal if... you would like to develop knowledge, understanding and practical skills required to gain employment in the agricultural industry or progress to a related higher education course.

Entry requirements



You should have four GCSEs at grade C or above, including English or maths, or a relevant level 2 qualification plus relevant work experience.

Level 3 - Advanced Apprenticeship Agriculture

Code TBC **Location** Kirkley Hall

Ideal if... you work in the agriculture industry and want to develop your skills and gain a higher level qualification.

Entry requirements



You should have four GCSEs at grade C or above, including English or maths, or a relevant level 2 qualification and be employed in the agricultural industry.