

“Good experience gained, gives me a chance to do my ideal job and work in a field that was not available to me before”

Alex Davies - previous student



Key features

- Gain a postgraduate qualification from one of the top universities in Britain.
- Acquire practical animal skills and ecology training in a single postgraduate award.
- Study at Bristol Zoo, the fifth oldest zoo in the world which has helped save over 175 species from extinction.
- Join a diverse cultural community comprising young people from around the world, creating an intellectually stimulating environment for learning.
- Qualifies you to work for conservation agencies, national parks and wildlife charities in the UK and overseas.
- Prepares you for a valued career in the wildlife sector.

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Entry requirements

Students require a good honours degree (or international equivalent) in a biological, veterinary, environmental or other natural science subject. English language proficiency equivalent to IELTS 7.0 is essential.

Teaching and assessment

Teaching on the course consists of lectures, practicals and field trips, clinical training sessions, group work and seminars, and includes basic principles and practical application. Case studies based on real world conservation problems are used wherever possible.

Applications and further information:

A full course description, including information on tuition fees, entry requirements and application procedure can be found at: bristol.ac.uk/wildlife-msc

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MSc in Global Wildlife Health and Conservation



The MSc in Global Wildlife Health and Conservation is a one-year, full-time postgraduate course designed to give students the right combination of technical knowledge and practical skills to secure jobs in the wildlife sector.

Combining applied elements of veterinary and ecological sciences into a single, highly-focused qualification, this innovative programme provides training in animal capture and handling techniques, wildlife first aid and rehabilitation, the reintroduction of captive populations to the wild, practical field-based conservation strategies, animal welfare and wildlife management.

The core programme is taught by the University of Bristol, a world-class institution with an excellent global reputation and long-standing tradition of high quality teaching. Modules on wildlife care and captive management are led by Bristol Zoo, famous for its endangered species breeding programmes and conservation projects in countries such as Cameroon, Madagascar, Vietnam and French Polynesia.

A large number of external wildlife experts contribute to the course and field trips are provided to external venues such as the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, the RSPCA West Hatch Wildlife Centre and Secret World Wildlife Rescue.



Students have the option to spend part of the year studying in Australia (at extra cost) via a bilateral partnership with the Centre of Excellence in Natural Resource Management at the University of Western Australia. This institution undertakes applied and fundamental research on a wide range of conservation topics in one of the world's global biodiversity hotspots.

Towards the end of the MSc students carry out a research project on a wildlife topic of special interest to them. Students in the past have chosen projects on CITES-listed turtles, human-elephant conflicts, cognitive enrichment for kea, vocalisation in lemur, hormone implants in captive gorilla and the reproductive success of snow leopard and Siberian tiger.

This MSc has been carefully designed for those aspiring to careers in wildlife health, conservation and management. Potential employers include national parks, zoological gardens, animal rescue centres, wildlife hospitals, environmental NGOs, conservation charities and government agencies with statutory wildlife responsibilities, both in Britain and overseas. Students have also gone on to work in wildlife documentary and film-making.



“It has been a fabulous course that I have really enjoyed”

Francesca Santoni - previous student

“It's an opportunity that no-one should miss”

Nadisha Sidhu - previous student



Topics covered

- First aid for injured animals
- Wildlife care and rehabilitation
- Captive wildlife management
- Wildlife conservation
- The release of wildlife into the field
- Wildlife diseases and integrated health
- Animal behaviour and welfare
- Professional skills