Harper Adams University

Study Abroad Opportunities
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Outline

• Where we are
• Teaching
Where are we?

- 3 hours London
- 90 minutes Liverpool
- 1 hour Birmingham
- 1 hour Manchester

Harper Adams

Shrewsbury – 30 minutes
Where are we?

- Located outside the village of Edgmond
- On the main road between the Towns of Newport (2 miles) and Shrewsbury (20 miles).
- Newport: approximately 10,000 inhabitants.
Ironbridge: World Heritage Site
(15 miles south of HAU)
Who are we?

- Largest Agricultural Degree provider in the UK.
- 2300 Full Time Students, with 2000+ employer engagement.
- 600+ new students per year – 150 Agricultural students.
Why Harper Adams?

• Quality of student experience
• Employability
• Caring and supportive
• A successful, vibrant institution
Timeline

- 1901: Agricultural College
- 1998: University College
- 2012: University
- Long established, excellent reputation
HRH The Princess Royal installed as Chancellor of Harper Adams University
(22 November 2013)
Harper Adams University Mission:

“World leading higher education and research for the delivery of sustainable food chains and rural economies”
Harper Adams University Vision

• Closely engaged with the industries, professions and organisations that comprise the global agri-food chain and the UK rural economy to deliver a high quality and inclusive learning environment that enhances personal development and employability;

• A recognised centre of research excellence, especially in the application of science and technological advances and;

• A trusted source of independent and authoritative commentary to inform public and policy debate on agri-food, animal welfare, land, environmental and rural business matters.
The basics.

- Farm 640 ha (1600 acres)
- 130 academic staff
- 480 total staff
- Campus surrounded by the farm
The Farm

- Rented land 276ha 50%
- Owned land 196ha 35%
- Contract grown maize 67ha 12%
- Contract farmed 16ha 3%
Beef Unit:

Intensive beef production trials, concentrating on varying feed systems.
Dairy Unit:

Approximately 400 cows averaging 10,000+ litres
Pig Unit:

230 Sows (Large white land race cross) Pietrain (male) all artificial insemination

Approx 2300 pigs at any one time (birth-slaughter)

Approx 6000 a year sold at 21 weeks old
CERC (Crops and environment research centre)

Range of commercial and PhD research trials carried out.
Cropping:

- Grass: 27%
- Other: 19%
- Maize: 19%
- Oilseed Rape: 6%
- Winter Barley: 9%
- Wheat: 28%
- Lucerne: 8%
- Trials: 3%

Cropping 2015/16
Recent Developments

- 2003
- 2009
- 2009
- 2010
- 2011
- 2010
£6m campus investment to improve student facilities: 2013

Agricultural Engineering Innovation Centre

New teaching block

Only agricultural engineering department in the country
Our courses

• Agriculture
  • Animals
  • Business
  • Countryside and environment
  • Engineering
  • Food
• Land and estate management
Student Exchange

• Largest Agricultural Degree provider in the UK.
• 2300 Full Time Students, with 2000 at the University at any one time.

Course provision:
Agriculture 25%
Agricultural engineering 13%
Animals and Veterinary Nursing 18%
Food and Business 18%
Rural Enterprise and Land Management 16%
Countryside, Environment, 10%

• 600 new students per year – 150 Agricultural students.

• Almost think of Harper Adams as a single faculty university – dedicated to land-based disciplines of study. Similar in size to many Colleges of Agriculture and Life Sciences.
Campus

- Rural campus
- Fantastic community and family feel
- On-site halls of residence – catered and self-catered
- Laundry service included in most hall fees
- Fantastic modern library facilities – 24 hour access – over 40,000 specialist books and journals
- Wireless internet across campus
- Staff ratio 1:19
- Student ratio 51% male, 49% female
Social Life
International Students:

- **Dedicated International Office**: Pastoral Care, Learning Support, International Society and events

- **International Links Coordinator**: Academic Accreditation, Plan Academic Programme

- 80 Chinese Students in Joint Degree Programmes

- Around 15 EU exchange students/year (mainly French, also Spanish, Italian, German on occasion).

- Up to 5 U.S students
• High quality teaching
• Assessment typically by course work and exams
• Average contact time 16 hours per week
• Excellent facilities including new student services centre opened March 2011
Example: Agricultural Courses

- Most Exchange Students study second year “modules” (i.e. Courses)
- Although modules run over the year, exchange students assessed on study when at Harper Adams. Typically 8 “half” modules.

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Term Dates/Module Delivery:

- Autumn Term: October – December (11 weeks)
- Spring Term: January – March (11 weeks)
- Summer Term: April – July (11 weeks, only first three are teaching weeks)
- Opportunity to begin before term starts and finish after term ends.
- U/G modules: Year long delivery
- Most modules 50% Assignment, 50% Examination.
- Tailor modules to individual student learning whilst at HAU (assessed by assignment only).
How much will it cost?

- Halls of Residence (on campus): Self-catering: around £125 per week. (plus refundable deposit and bedding pack extra.). Some halls (e.g. Silcock) includes laundry service. Single occupancy rooms.

- Gym membership: £90 per term

- Student Union Fees: £65 per term

- Private accommodation: £75 -£85 per week (+ bills).
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