PARTNER INSTITUTION: Harper Adams University College

SEMESTERS AVAILABLE: Fall, Spring or Academic Year

GPA REQUIREMENT: 2.75

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION: English

OVERVIEW: Through an agreement between Harper Adams University College and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) at Cornell University, CALS undergraduate students may apply to enroll directly in any field of study at Harper Adams for a semester or a year. Students study alongside Harper Adams and International students and are eligible to participate in the many activities sponsored by Harper Adams and its student body. This exchange program is open to undergraduate CALS students of sophomore or higher standing, and is awarded on first-come, first-serve basis.

HIGHLIGHTS:
- Rural campus outside of Edgmond
- Centrally located (30 minutes to Shrewsbury; 1 hour to Birmingham, Liverpool or Manchester; and 3 hours to London)
- Best University College (Sunday Times UK) 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010
- 500 hectare estate with working farm
- Largest provider in UK for land-based higher education
- 2,300 full-time students
- Only agricultural engineering department in Britain
- Dedicated International Office

STUDENT REPORTS: The Exchange with Harper Adams is so new we have our first student there this semester! Read about her here! She's keeping a brief blog (from her mobile phone, here). And don't worry, we'll post Betsey's report when she returns!

In the meantime, check out some external reviews from degree-seeking students. Read the student reviews here and here.

ABOUT HARPER ADAMS: Harper Adams University College is the leading higher education provider of land-based education in the UK. Established more than 100 years ago, Harper Adams offers taught programmes at undergraduate and postgraduate level, as well as research programmes leading to MPhil and PhD awards.

The University College is located in rural Shropshire. It enjoys a single campus site and provides a safe and secure environment in which students can study. Harper Adams also has excellent transport links to Birmingham, as well as the nearby attractive town of Shrewsbury.

In the most recent subject review undertaken by the UK Quality Assurance Agency, the University College received a score of 23 out of 24 for the quality of its programs. In January 2005, Harper Adams was one of only 70 institutions in England to be awarded the status of a Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL).

Harper Adams operates a commercial farm, providing an excellent resource for teaching, research and student projects. The farm is approximately 343 hectares, and is at the heart of the University College's campus. Grass, maize and stewardship crops are all grown and all the major animal enterprises are present with a major new dairy unit, three sheep flocks, an intensive beef unit, commercial egg and poultry enterprises, and a pig unit.

The University College has specialist facilities for its engineering students, including an off-road vehicle test track and purpose-built indoor soil hall, and for its veterinary nursing students there is a mock veterinary practice, operating theatre and prep room.

PROGRAMS OF STUDY:
- Agriculture (Animal Science, Land and Farm Management, Crop Management, Environmental Management, Mechanization)
- Agricultural Engineering (with Marketing and Management; Off-road Vehicle Design with Marketing and Management; and Food Engineering)
- Animals and Veterinary Nursing (Animal Health and Welfare; Animal Management; Animal Science; Bio-Veterinary Science)
- Food (Food and Consumer Studies; Food; Nutrition and Well-being; Food Studies)
- Business (Business with Marketing; Agri-business; Food Supply Chain and Management)
- Rural Enterprise and Land Management
- Countryside and Environment

CLASSES (CALLED “MODULES” AT HARPER ADAMS):
Modules span over a full academic year at Harper Adams. If you are attending for only one semester, you will only be assessed on your learning outcomes for the material reviewed during the semester you are there.

Modules available to Juniors or Seniors can be downloaded here. (Link to PDF)

It is also possible to take classes with the Master's program in the fall:
- Research & Information Skills
- Farm Conservation Policy
- Principles & Practice of Crop Production
- Sustainable Agricultural Systems
- Research Project

RESEARCH: There's a healthy research environment at Harper Adams, producing some exciting ideas and advances for the land-based sector.

All CALS students will participate in a minimum of a 4-week research project during their time at Harper Adams! What a resume builder!
### ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Students will take 11 weeks of classes and 4 weeks of a research project.

**Fall**  
September: Research project  
October - December: Full-time classes

**Spring**  
January - March: Full-time classes  
April: Research project

### HOUSING

- Live on campus in halls of residence.  
- Cook for yourself (self-catered) or subscribe to meal plan.  
- Laundry service, internet, and daily room cleaning included in residence hall fees.

### SOCIAL LIFE

The Students’ Union is at the heart of student life at Harper Adams. The facilities include a shop, a cafeteria, bars and a bookshop. The excellent sporting facilities include a new gymnasium, heated outdoor swimming pool, rugby, cricket, football and hockey pitches and all weather sports pitch. Aside from sport, there are also a large number of clubs and societies, including the International Society.

### TRANSPORTATION

The town of Newport (population ~10,000) is located 2 miles away. A frequent/regular shuttle bus runs from Harper Adams to Newport.

- Birmingham (1 hour) has an international airport, connecting travelers to destinations all around Europe and even Newark!
- The UK rail system is a great way to see the rest of the country.

### APPLYING FOR THE PROGRAM

You will apply to the exchange after meeting with the CALS study abroad and exchange adviser in 140 Roberts Hall. All application materials will be returned to CALS.

### FINANCIAL AID

If you are currently receiving financial aid, your package will be adjusted based on your determined level of need and the projected costs for your exchange program.