As Programme Manager for the MRes in Anthrozoology my role is to oversee the running of the Programme and ensure that you are in the best position possible to succeed within your postgraduate programme of study.

In addition to being your Programme Manager I will also be your Academic Tutor during your course and will often be your first port of call for queries and questions relating to your programme, whether that be regarding your mode of study, academic regulations or even for advice on balancing your studies and your work or personal commitments. I will also guide you in considering the careers available to you on completion of your postgraduate degree.

My areas of teaching and research interests are within the fields of animal behaviour, animal welfare and evolutionary psychology. I am particularly interested in the evolutionary psychology of pet-keeping and the role that paedomorphosis plays in our pet-keeping behaviour.

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE... PREPARATION IS EVERYTHING!

Having the right Kit:

Modules within the MRes in Anthrozoology will at times require you to participate in practical sessions in the laboratories, at the farm and at the animal collections. It is important that you therefore have a white laboratory coat, a green overcoat (laboratory coat style for animal unit practicals); a set of green overalls (boiler suit style for farm based practicals); and a pair of steel toe-capped safety Wellington boots.

You can purchase all these items either individually, or as a bundle, on our online shop from early June. Please make sure you select the HE BUNDLE or HE ANIMAL identified kit: [http://www.hartpury.ac.uk/shop/](http://www.hartpury.ac.uk/shop/).

All clothing purchased via our shop will be available to collect on arrival at the college (if ordered by mid-August) or within 28 days if ordered later. Please bring a copy of your receipt along to enrolment.

OPTIONAL: We sell a range of Hartpury Animal branded clothing. If you’d like to buy a hooded sweatshirt or fleece please visit our online shop: [http://www.hartpury.ac.uk/shop/](http://www.hartpury.ac.uk/shop/)
Reading for your degree

As postgraduate students there will be a level of assumed knowledge of some of the subject areas covered. For instance, some prior knowledge of human psychology and animal welfare science will be important in your core modules. Therefore, you are advised to try to read around the subject prior to each of the blocks of study to ensure that you are fully briefed before the modules commence. If you wish to enhance your knowledge base in any of these areas, please feel free to email me on grace.carroll@Hartpury.ac.uk and I will recommend some textbooks that may be of use to support your studies.

It is important to note that the Hartpury College Learning Resource Centre liaises closely with staff and has several loan and at least one reference copy of these useful texts available. You may therefore wish to start using the books from the loan collection and decide to purchase those texts that are of best use for you.

BUDGET FOR THOSE EXTRAS

The fees you pay at registration will cover the costs associated with the learning outcomes of the programme. However there is the potential for extra costs associated with the Extended Postgraduate Dissertation module. The project you are planning to undertake and the methodology it relies on may involve you investing a little more in your MRes programme. Where facilities and resources are available through the College we will endeavour to support your use of these; additional resources which we are not able to supply may require self-funding, though you are also able to apply for funding up to a maximum of £1000 to support your research project by applying through the College’s Scholarship Committee.

If you choose to complete the ‘Wildlife Conflict’ module, this involves a 12 day trip to South Africa at a cost of approximately £1500.

There is also a programme trip to the CABI/RVC annual symposium. A small booking fee (up to £5) will be required to secure your place on the trip, which will cover the cost of transport. Conference registration is free to students.

CAR PARKING

You will need to purchase a car parking permit to allow you to park in the equine car park at Hartpury College. As a postgraduate student the cost of the pass is £5. This can be purchased during induction (the discounted rate is not available via the online shop). If you can’t attend induction you need to liaise directly with the transport office, either in person, by phone or email to arrange the car pass. If you do not purchase a car-parking permit, you will receive a sticker on your window which is difficult to remove!

COME AND SEE US

If you would like to come to visit Hartpury please see our website for any remaining Open Days or email admissions@hartpury.ac.uk to arrange a personal visit.

Follow MRes Anthrozoology on Facebook: HartpuryAnthrozoology
ARRIVING AT HARTPURY: INDUCTION & ENROLMENT

Postgraduate students, both new and returning, will be required to attend on Thursday the 14th September 2017 for a full day of induction sessions and programme enrolment. During this day you will receive supportive and informative sessions with regards to the level, subject and programme of study as well as support in terms of module choices where applicable, study mode, assessment guidance and academic facilities and services available to you as MRes Anthrozoology students.

We will be meeting on the Thursday morning in the Postgraduate Room which is based in the Higher Education Learning Resources Centre, next to the Graze Eatery. We would ask you to **arrive for 9am** for a meet and greet. We anticipate the day to **finish by 6.30pm**

**AND THEN THE WORK STARTS....**

Modules for this programme are frequently delivered over two-day block delivery. These two-day sessions will be composed of combinations of lectures, seminars and practical sessions. The following timetable outlines the dates scheduled for each of the module sessions, as well as proposed coursework dates and the assessment periods to help you plan ahead. Please note, at this stage the dates are still subject to change.

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The MRes in Anthrozoology is composed of three compulsory modules and two optional modules; each, apart from the Extended Postgraduate Dissertation, being worth 15 credits. The Extended Postgraduate Dissertation is worth 120 credits. The modules are as follows:

- **The Human-Animal bond (15 credits):** With an introduction to ethical and philosophical principles, this module will provide underpinning concepts for more applied aspects of the programme. The module covers topics including human evolution and animal domestication, theories and principles of human psychology, and the impact of the human-animal bond on animal behaviour and welfare.

- **Research Process (15 credits):** The module will help students gain experience in designing a sound experimental protocol in order to answer a research question. You will gain knowledge of the statistical and analytical techniques that can be applied to data and how to present material in an appropriate scientific format.

- **Extended Postgraduate Dissertation (120 credits):** Within this module students will work with a supervisory team to develop and complete their research project.

- **OPTIONAL: Postgraduate Independent Study (15 credits):** Students will be required to produce an in depth critical evaluation of a current topic that is relevant to their programme of study.

- **OPTIONAL: Wildlife Conflict (15 credits):** Within this module a field course to South Africa forms part of the learning experience. You will explore the challenges presented by wildlife conflict, explore solutions and propose strategies for resolving issues in our changing world.

- **OPTIONAL: Reflection on Practice (15 credits):** This module aims to support students to become reflective practitioners. With voluntary experience in an appropriate organisation underpinning reflective practice, this module enables the application of theory into practice and reflection on your own and organisational practices.

- **OPTIONAL: Contemporary Issues in Animal Welfare Science (15 credits):** This module covers animal welfare assessment using behavioural, physiological and functional measures, assessment of the physical factors that impact on animal welfare, current animal welfare legislation, welfare implications of keeping animals in captivity and contemporary issues related to improving and assessing animal welfare.

- **OPTIONAL: Anthrozoology (15 credits):** This level 3 module is included to support students who have limited background in fields related to animal or social science. It provides an introduction to key research in fields such as assistance animals, animal-assisted therapy and the importance society places on animals to support human health, wellbeing and education.

### YOUR RESEARCH PROJECT

- During your MRes in Anthrozoology you will be required to undertake an original piece of research where by you identify a question that you would like to answer through conducting an experimental method appropriate to the nature of the project and type of data.

- A research project can be quite a daunting experience. At Hartpury, you will find that members of staff have varied areas of interest and expertise, which may also be of interest to you. If you wish to discuss potential ideas feel free to email your programme manager for advice on grace.carroll@hartpury.ac.uk. While your research project is an independent project, you are not on your own. You will be allocated a supervisor who will provide you with support. This support includes tutorials as well as reading draft chapters and responding to emails. Regular contact with your supervisor is strongly recommended.

- You will spend a large proportion of your Masters study on your dissertation, so ensure that you choose a topic area you are certain will keep you motivated for the duration. Also think strategically and play to your strengths and interests. Consider your past experience and interests, as well as your future career aspirations. Ensure that you plan your time carefully and realistically - take into consideration other commitments you have, such as assessments and examinations for other modules, work, family and travel commitments.
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MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR DEGREE...

Throughout the year you will be offered the opportunity to engage in additional courses, gaining experience and qualifications specific to your interests and career aspirations. During each semester the College runs or promotes various in-house and external courses and opportunities to the students. For most of these a cost is associated though where at all possible this is kept to a minimum. Details on the courses available will be announced nearer to the start of each semester, as well as being promoted on the programme virtual learning environment.

Study support will be offered via your personal tutor and the Achievement and Success Centre team who will assist you with skills to make the most of your potential. Our Innovation, Careers and Enterprise centre provides assistance, guidance and opportunities to help you to build your CV and prepare for your future career.

VOLUNTEERING

During your MRes in Anthrozoology you are encouraged to consider gaining work experience either through paid or voluntary work alongside the MRes programme to build a strong portfolio that will support you in your career.

There are a number of animal welfare, therapy, conservation and animal management organisations at which our students volunteer. We have close links with local and national establishments such as Guide Dogs, Canine Partners, the Blue Cross, the International Centre for Birds of Prey, the Dog’s Trust, RSPCA, Cheltenham Animal Shelter, Secret World Wildlife Rescue and Cotswold Dog Spa. Volunteering is important both to enhance your employability and to gain new experiences but also because by assisting these charities and animal organisations you can help to make a difference.

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP SCHEME

The College offers Postgraduate Students the opportunity to engage with our Graduate Assistantship (GA) Scheme. The GA Scheme offers a fantastic opportunity for you to complement your postgraduate study with exposure to real life working environments within a paid position at the College.

With only ten positions on offer, the GA scheme is a much sought after opportunity. Each post comprises a term-time contract of 15 hours a week and is an ideal opportunity for those who would like to work within education, research, sport or marketing.

This competitive programme has seen past graduates going on to roles such as Lecturing, Performance Analysis, Senior Coaching positions and Sponsorship Coordinator roles to name a few. Applications will be scrutinised individually with those with good organisational and interpersonal skills welcomed.

Each Graduate Assistant will complete a full induction programme and receive ongoing continuing professional development opportunities throughout the year, while adding a distinctive range of workplace responsibilities to their CVs. As such, the GA scheme offers the ideal opportunity to subsidise postgraduate study fees, while demonstrating the ability to combine further degree study with the demands of contributing to a challenging professional workplace environment and developing a range of transferable skills that are highly prized by potential future employers.

The following Graduate Assistant posts are available for the 16-17 academic year: Laboratory Assistant; Equine Therapy Assistant; Admissions Assistant; Marketing Assistant; HE Department Assistant -Animal; HE Department Assistant –Equine; HE Department Assistant –Sport; Sports Academy support.

For more details please see: http://www.hartpury.ac.uk/pgstudentship
HOW DO I JOIN A SPORTS ACADEMY?

If you would like to represent one of the Academy sports at Hartpury in the 2017/18 season then you must become a member of the Sports Academy.

The cost of the Sports Academy Membership fee for a HE student is £200 a year (this also includes a free student gym membership for the year).

HOW DO I PURCHASE HARTPURY SPORTS KIT?

Visit the Hartpury College online shop which you can access via the Hartpury College website. You can then purchase the kit which is relevant to your course or sport.

RUBBER CRUMB

In order to help maintain a quality surface and prolong its lifespan, it is recommended by the manufacturers and maintenance companies that flat soled shoes are not to be worn on the pitches, as this flattens and de-compacts the surface.

FINAL WORD... TOP TIPS FROM THOSE WHO KNOW

Past students offer words of wisdom:

"First of all congratulations on undertaking such an interesting course. My top bit of advice would be to make the most of it! After that, planning is key, especially if you're doing the course part time. If possible, dedicate set days to do coursework and stick to it. Use the postgrad study area in the library. It's a great place to get on with work. You'll also meet students from other courses there too and can gain valuable insights from them. Finally, just ask. Fellow students, lecturers, ASC staff and library staff are all there to help you get the most out of your time and course”

Alison Rood, MRes Anthrozoology student

"My advice for all post grad students is to schedule your study, do little and often, make use as much as you can of the brilliant ASC sessions, take up your tutor's offers to look at your work before you submit and don't panic if things are a bit overwhelming at the start. I am about to enter my second and final year and feel much more confident about the challenge ahead because I was able to pace my studies and juggle my other commitments after being realistic about the logistics.

Apart from the concentrated module weekends, you will largely be studying alone, so make use of the post grad study room, create a closed Facebook group for your course members and keep in touch with your new friends and colleagues – not just for support, but for the occasional coffee or celebratory glass of wine when an assignment is complete”

Jane Gething-Lewis, MRes Anthrozoology student