



Agriculture Diploma

Agriculture is arguably the most important industry in the world and without the food, clothing and fibres it provides, we simply wouldn't survive. Now an industry with highly-mechanised processes, employment in this sector goes beyond farm workers and managers to engineers, consultants and scientists. We offer three options for you to gain a career in the agricultural industry depending on your GCSE results. Our Level 3 course offers you the choice of university study or employment on successful completion of your course. Our Level 2 and Level 1 courses are ideal should your GCSEs not be what you expected, with the option to progress to Level 2 or Level 3.

We are the region's largest land-based education and training provider with both campuses located in the heart of the countryside, surrounded by rolling hills and working farm land. Our specialist facilities and over 486 hectares of land allow you to gain the hands-on experience and knowledge you need to start your career in the agriculture industry.

Key facts

Course title:

Agriculture Diploma

Locations:

Bicton College, Duchy
College Stoke Climsland

Start date:

September 2020, September
2020

Course length:

2 Years full-time

□ Ideal if

You want to develop your technical knowledge and practical skills and gain a better understanding of the management of different agricultural enterprises, or as an alternative to A-levels and gain university entry.

□ You'll need

Four GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English, maths and science.

□ You'll learn

About crop production, animal production and machinery maintenance and operation delivered through a combination of lectures, resource based learning, practical sessions, visits and assignments. The second year of the course focuses more on enterprise and business management.

□ Expect

To be in college three to four days a week and gain a wide variety of experience from practical work on the College farm and in association with our industry partners. Assessment includes both coursework and exams.

Our industry partners include Rothamstead Research, who provide unique research capabilities for the UK.

We are the only agricultural college in the country where students take an active role in first cut silage making.

□ You'll love

Our Duchy campus is home to Future Farm, a £10 million scheme including a state-of-the-art dairy unit, the campus occupies a 367-hectare estate with dairy, beef, sheep, arable and forage crops, plus a range of dry and wet habitats typical of the area. We also have an impressive portfolio of up-to-date farm machinery.

In Devon, our Bicton College campus is set in an area of outstanding natural beauty which includes a commercial farm, where you will be encouraged to undertake work experience and will gain practical instruction in a wide range of different agricultural sectors.

□ You'll go on to

University study such as our FdSc Agriculture or employment in agriculture or related industries.

Choose from these course options

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Agriculture Diploma	Bicton College	September 2020	2 Years full-time
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