

Study agriculture and related sciences in the UK

Where can I study agriculture and related sciences?

If you want to study agriculture and related sciences in the UK, you'll find more than 1,300 courses at over 80 different institutions.¹ Some of the best-ranked institutions in the UK to study agriculture and related sciences are Queen's University Belfast, Newcastle University and the University of Reading.²

What is the application process?

Typical requirements for an agriculture course in the UK will be three A levels with grades ABB. Relevant subjects like chemistry, biology, or geography are also often required.

The typical requirement for International Baccalaureate is 30 points, with IELTS of 6.0 overall, and no lower than 5.5 in any one component.

What is the course structure?

UK degrees in agriculture and related sciences are typically three to four years long and follow a modular structure that builds your skills step by step. In the early stages, you'll focus on broad foundational learning, while later years offer increasing flexibility to choose optional modules and pursue independent research. Many degrees also include a professional placement or work-based project, helping you gain real-world experience alongside your academic studies. By the time you graduate, you'll have a solid grounding in both theory and practice, tailored to your interests and career goals.

What will I study?

Throughout your degree, you'll explore a wide range of subjects central to modern agriculture – including plant and soil science, crop and livestock management, sustainability, agri-environmental

¹ [UCAS, 2025](#)

² [The Complete University Guide, 2025](#)

policy, agribusiness, and food supply chains. You'll also engage with emerging technologies and data-driven approaches used in precision farming.

In addition to core topics, UK universities offer diverse specialisms such as animal science, veterinary biotechnology, forestry, or food and beverage studies, allowing you to shape your degree around the areas you're most passionate about.

Why is the UK a good choice to study agriculture and related sciences?

The UK's agriculture sector benefits from a huge amount of collaboration between our agricultural schools and our world-class technological and scientific research. So you'll have access to pioneering scientific research as it emerges from our laboratories, giving you access to insights across many aspects of the discipline, from data to crop health. You'll also find engaging teaching focused on real-world agricultural challenges, with many universities having their own working farms on site.

These combined high standards of agriculture and science have helped to keep UK farming engaged in leading sustainability research and innovation, and an ideal place to prepare for your career. Today, some of the most exciting developments in modern agriculture are happening right in the UK, and we have an innovative agrotechnology start-up scene.

Are there any scholarships for studying agriculture and related sciences?

There are often funding options available for international students who want to study agriculture and related sciences in the UK. These range from part-funding, for example paying part of your fees, to full-funding which covers programme fees, living expenses, and return flights to the UK.

You can search our database of scholarships at study-uk.britishcouncil.org/scholarships-funding and check with individual university websites for institution-specific opportunities.

What are my work options after I graduate?

Agriculture is growing rapidly in the UK and roles for graduates are highly diverse, from agricultural consultants who provide specialist advice to agricultural and farming businesses, to farm managers, land agents, animal nutritionists, soil scientists and supply chain managers.

UK agriculture and related sciences graduates are highly-valued for their specialist knowledge, and many choose to use their degrees to pursue careers in journalism, technology and marketing. Salaries for agriculture graduates generally start around £25,000.³

The UK's Graduate route allows international students to apply to stay in the UK and work, or look for work, upon graduation. International students who have successfully completed an undergraduate,

³ [Save The Student, 2025](#)

master's degree or PhD have the option to apply to stay in the UK for an agreed period, following their studies. The Graduate route does not require you to secure sponsorship.

To find out more about studying agriculture and related sciences in the UK and to find a course, visit study-uk.britishcouncil.org

