Get ready for BSc(Hons) Integrated Wildlife Conservation (Top Up)

I hope that you have enjoyed your previous two years either on the Integrated Wildlife Conservation Foundation degree programme in partnership with Bristol Zoological Society or during yourstudy on a similar programme at another institute and have had a good break over the summer holiday. We are very pleased that you have decided to continue your professionaldevelopment with us and that you are looking forward to continuing your study at UWE Bristol.

As your Programme Leader, I warmly welcome you onto the L3 Integrated Wildlife Conservation BSc(Hons) programme (F75A).

I have provided some information below that will help you to prepare for starting with us in September.

I look forward to seeing you on your return to study.

Rachael Chidugu-Ogborigbo
Programme Leader

Before you start

We are looking forward to welcoming you in the week commencing 21st September for Starting Block and the beginning of your programme.

Starting Block will help you settle into university and to help you get to know your teaching team and course mates. We will help you find your way around, get used to our systems, and practise the skills you need to make a strong start. Look out for further emails and explore the Starting Block website with more details.

Your timetable will be available to you via MYUWE (login required) once you have started the enrolment process. Please visit the 'Understanding your teaching timetable' website to find out when your timetable will be published.

Preparing and arrival

You can find everything you need to know about enrolment, Starting Block and the start of teaching, on our Preparing and Arrival webpage. Take a look at our website to familiarise yourself with our facilities and services such as the library, study skills, academic support, health and wellbeing support and much more.

Enrolment

Once you have satisfied all admissions requirements, we'll send you your login details for our IT systems to enable you to activate your university email account. Once your account has been activated, you'll gain access to the MYUWE platform where you can enrol. Note that your login details for MYUWE are different to those used for the UWE Welcome website. Enrolment for September programmes will only be open from August onwards. You can find guidance and further information on our Enrolment website.

ID card - upload your photo now

We can only print your ID card if you have added your photo to MYUWE. To avoid delays, upload your photo as soon as you receive login details. For help, go to our student card guidance.

Engage with your programme

Start your learning

I would recommend you do the following before you start back at UWE:

Look back over your subject material from the previous 2 years of your study, especially FdSc IWC L2, to refresh your mind. If you are coming from another institution, look back over your previous course materials.

Start to think about how to really organise yourself in terms of the dates and times for the hand in of coursework, etc, at L3. Remember, your dissertation project work occurs in semester 1 with the hand in being in semester 2. It is really important to be organised so that you have plenty of time to do each piece of work from each module and to get enough interactive feedback and advice from relevant staff before submission in order to do well.

Read around your subject

A key skill which is required to achieve a high level of success within your chosen programme is the ability to think critically about key issues and practices. To help you to enhance these skills and be ready to engage with your studies, you should start to read and research around your subject before you arrive. Explore the Library web pages to see the wide range of resources available to you once you become a UWE Bristol student.

Here are some of our recommended titles for you to read in order to prepare for some of the academic modules you may take at L3:

- **Environmental Forensics** (USSKCD-15-3) - (Jane E. Huffman; John R. Wallace (2012) Wildlife forensics: methods and applications)
- **Remote Sensing and GIS** (USSK58-15-3) – (Campbell, J.B. and Wynne, R.H. (2011) Introduction to Remote Sensing Fifth Edition. The Guilford Press, New York)

- **Primate Ecology and Conservation** (USSK56-15-3) – (Strier, K. (2016) Primate Behavioural Ecology, 5th Edition. New York, NY: Routledge)
- **Marine Ecosystems** (USSK55-15-3) – (R. S. K. Barnes, R. N. Hughes (1999) An Introduction to Marine Ecology 3rd Edn. Blackwell Scientific Publications, Oxford Press)
- **Wildlife, Film and Media** (USSK5A-15-3) – (Piers Warren (2011) Wildlife Film-Making: Looking to the Future)
- **Contemporary Conservation Science** (USSK5J-30-3) – (Peter M Kareiva, Michelle Marvier and Brian R Silliman (2017) Effective Conservation Science Data Not Dogma. Oxford Press)

Connect with others

The academic team is very happy to answer your questions. In addition, all students have an academic personal tutor (APT) and can go to that staff member with academic questions and concerns. Also get in touch with others who share your interests at UWE Bristol's Green Team. -etc. Did you know that UWE Bristol and the Student's Union has been repeatedly awarded the "Responsible Futures" Award for their work in environmental sustainability? You can get involved!

For updates on the Department's conservation and environmental research and activities, please follow us on Facebook @UWEenv or twitter @UWE_env.

Be prepared

Access support

Check the information on our Disability web pages so you know what you need to do. If you need any urgent additional mobility or other support to fully access all activities during your studies, contact me as your programme leader.

Get equipped

The University has computers on all our campuses for you to use during your studies. These provide access to our core digital learning tools and any specialist software required for your course. You may have scheduled sessions in computer labs or other specialist facilities, and you will be able to use open-access PCs for self-study.

UWE Bristol licenses many specialist software packages for use on personal laptops for the duration of your course. If you're struggling to meet the financial demands of your course, please contact the Student Money Service team for advice and guidance.

See the UWE website for detailed information on choosing your IT equipment including recommended specifications.

For this programme we recommend the **Enhanced Specification**.

Specific equipment for your course

If you are taking modules that require field work or are intending to take the Tropical Expedition module (USSK59-15-3) then you will need appropriate footwear and clothing. A pair of strong and sturdy walking boots and good waterproofs will certainly be necessary.

International students

The Global Student Support Team offer information and advice to ensure you receive all the support you need to get the best from your time at UWE Bristol. They are here to help you to settle in when you first arrive at UWE Bristol and organise social events to help you to adapt to your new environment.

Who to contact if you have questions

For any questions about the course, please contact the Programme Leader:

Rachael Chidugu-Ogborigbo via email at rachael.chidugu-ogborigbo@uwe.ac.uk

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Please note: this information has been provided on the assumption that you will meet the conditions of your offer and be eligible to take up your place.

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