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Equipment and Suggested Reading for  
**BSc (Hons), Dip HE  
and Cert HE  
Equine Courses**

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We are looking forward to welcoming you to your equine course at Writtle University College. This equipment list will give you an idea of what you will need to start your course. You will probably have most of these at home already if you are used to handling horses. There is no set dress code for theory sessions, however please see below for guidance on what to wear for your practical sessions.

## Equipment

All equine students (regardless of course) will need the following equipment:

### For theory sessions

- Pens, pencils, paper and folders for note taking, you can also use laptops, tablets, etc.
- Scientific calculator
- You might find a digital camera/ camera app on your phone useful for taking photos during practicals when appropriate
- A suitable laptop for your studies. For further consideration, please check our [Student Laptop Recommendation](#) page

### For practical sessions

- Riding hat or skull cap. This needs to meet current safety standards: PAS 015 (1998 or 2011), ASTM F1163 (2004a onwards), SNELL E2001 or AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards), VG1 01.040 (2014-12) (hats must be worn for leading, groundwork, riding and any work involving stud horses)
- Riding gloves (gloves must be worn when riding, lunging and leading)
- Steel toe cap boots (to be worn at the stud)
- Suitable sturdy footwear – i.e. boots, long or short for yard practicals
- Suitable smart clothing (dark coloured plain trousers) for working around horses including waterproofs
- White lab coat (needed for laboratory sessions)

In addition, students wishing to ride will also have:

- A pair of jodphurs or breeches (dark neutral colours)
- Riding boots/gaiters/half chaps
- Short whip and dressage whip
- Body protector (you are not permitted to jump without one); it should be a Level 3 BETA 2009 (purple and white label) or 2018 (black and blue label)

### **PLEASE NOTE**

No sleeveless tops, shorts or hoodies or scarves are allowed whilst working on the yard. If jeans are worn they must be smart (no rips or embellishments). This is a working yard with many users and visitors so all clothes must be smart, professional and adhere to Health and Safety guidelines at all times.

### Suggested Reading

Many students ask us to recommend books for them to buy or read before they start. All the books that you will need are available from the library once you are here so there is no need to rush out and buy any. Each module will have a suggested reading list including a number of books and as you progress through the course you will be encouraged to use fewer books and more journal articles in your reading, which again are available through the library.

If you are keen to buy books before you come, some of the books that have been recommended by previous first year students are:

Bishop, R. (2003) *The Horse Nutrition Bible: The Comprehensive Guide to the Feeding of Your Horse*. Newton Abbot, UK: David & Charles.

Dyce, K.M., Sack, W.O.O. and Wensing, C.J.G.J.G. (2010) *Textbook of veterinary anatomy*. (4th edn). London: Saunders.

Fraser, A.F. (2010) *The behaviour and welfare of the horse*. (2nd edn). CABI, Wallingford, UK.

McGowan, C. (2007) *Animal physiotherapy: assessment, treatment and rehabilitation of animals* [EBook]. Chichester: Blackwell.

Parker, R.O. (2012) *Equine science*. 4th edn). Clifton Park, N.Y.; Andover: Delmar; Cengage Learning. R.M. (2013) *Principles of Animal Locomotion*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.