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Poultry



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Poultry

Course Information

Why study Poultry Production?

The UK poultry industry is one of the most successful British food industries, producing over 850 million chickens and 30 million turkeys every year. Together with over 10,000 million eggs, the annual retail turnover of the British Poultry Industry is in excess of £3 billion. The UK has the world's leading breeders supplying the local market and exporting millions of eggs and birds to all points of the globe.



Rapid growth of the Poultry Industry has resulted in a demand for poultry graduates across a wide range of disciplines, from cutting edge research in laboratories to modern production management techniques.

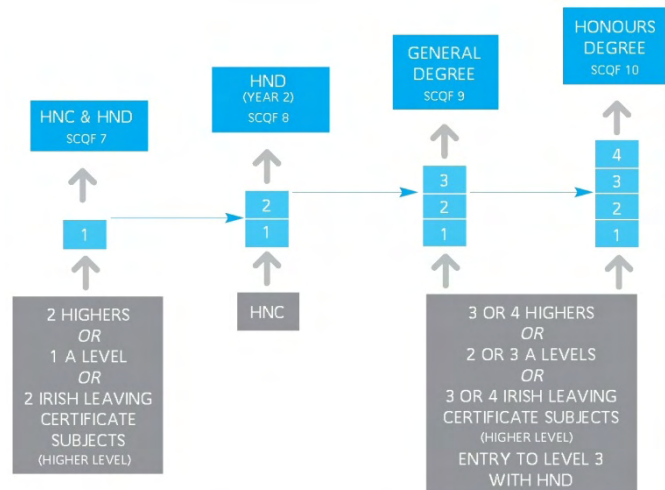
SAC's unique poultry course has been designed following detailed discussions with the Poultry Industry and is regularly updated to ensure that when you complete your course, your employment opportunities within this dynamic industry are maximised.

The poultry industry is world wide, and the programme content ensures that your qualification will be just as relevant no matter where in the world you want to work. In fact SAC's poultry programmes have one of the highest proportions of overseas students, with 40% of the enrolled students over the last four years from outside the UK.

Qualifications to suit your needs

Our role is to help you achieve your true potential. This is why we have designed many of our courses to allow progression from one academic level to the next, with the possibility of a qualification at the end of each academic year (HNC, HND, degree, or Honours degree).

If, for some reason, you do have to leave before achieving an Honours degree, you needn't leave empty handed. Similarly, you may enrol for the HNC or HND, and as long as your performance is good enough, you can transfer to the degree course without any loss of time or repeated years.



SAC also makes provision for holders of many HNCs or HNDs from elsewhere to transfer to the second or third years, as appropriate, of a suitable HND or degree.

Poultry at SAC: which Courses Where?

Awards Available:	Campus		
	Aberdeen	Ayr	Edinburgh
HNC Poultry Production	✘	✔	✘

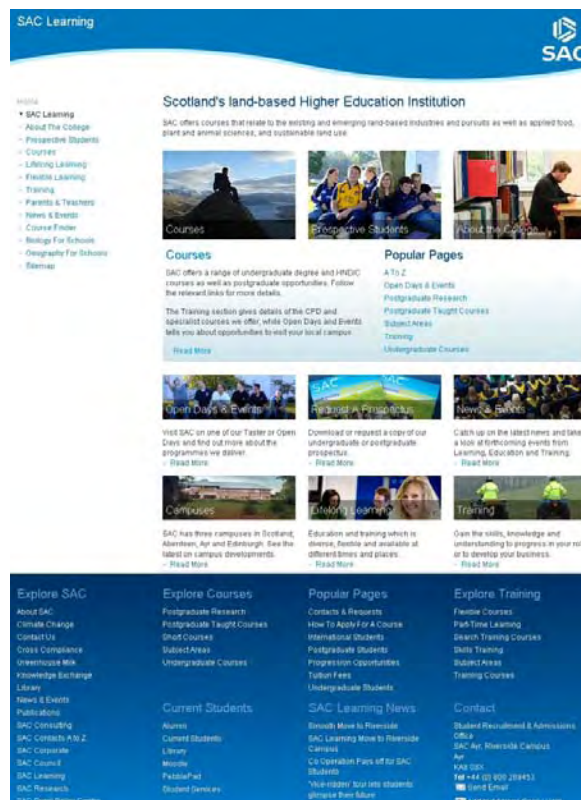
SAC... a unique institution

SAC – the Scottish Agricultural College – is Scotland's specialist higher education institution for courses that relate to the existing and emerging land-based industries and pursuits, applied food, plant and animal sciences and sustainable land-use.

SAC offers courses in a wide range of subject areas, all related to how we make use of the land and environment around us: Agriculture, Science, Green Technology, Horticulture, Environment, Conservation, Business, Sport and Tourism courses are on offer at our three campuses in Aberdeen, Ayr and Edinburgh.

SAC offers HNC, HND and degree courses, and our degrees are awarded by the prestigious universities of Glasgow and Edinburgh.

In addition to its role in education, SAC has an innovative and leading research and development programme and runs an international advisory and consultancy service. This all means that as a student at SAC you are taught by a team of staff including lecturers, researchers, advisers and consultants. They will provide up-to-the-minute information and insight into the commercial world beyond the College environment. We believe no other education institution can offer this combination of expertise and experience.



Application Details



Application for full-time study on HNC, HND and degree (BA/BSc) courses is through UCAS (www.ucas.ac.uk). Please consult the SAC web site or prospectus for further details.

Codes for UCAS application are as follows:

- Institution code name: SAC
- Institution code: S01
- HNC Poultry Production 324D HNCPP

Those wishing to study part-time, or who wish to study individual modules as short courses should contact SAC for more information.

Methods of delivery and assessment

SAC is heavily involved with the industry on a daily basis, and it is very aware that classroom activities alone will not provide the variety of experience needed for the very dynamic poultry industry. The delivery of Units will be by a combination of lectures, tutorials, and farm-based practical classes, discussion groups and industrial visits. Facilities will also be provided to allow you the option to undertake specialist training programmes in non-poultry topics as we believe the wider your experience the more highly prized you will be in the world of work.

Entry Qualifications

For the **HNC** the normal requirements are: 2 Highers (CC) or 1 A-level pass or completion of: SWAP Access to Science, or appropriate level 2 Vocational Qualification or poultry industry experience. Mature applicants without formal qualifications are also invited to apply.

Contact Details:

Students wishing to study part-time or obtain specific programme advice should contact:

In Aberdeen:	In Ayr:	In Edinburgh:
N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Lorraine Hannah01292 886171lorraine.hannah@sac.ac.uk	N/A

Open Days



2011 Open Days are as follows:

- Saturday 10th September - Open Morning (10.30am-1.30pm)
- Wednesday 12th October - Open Afternoon (1.30-4.30pm)
- Wednesday 23rd November - Open Afternoon (1.30-4.30pm)

Applicant days are held in early 2012 for those applicants holding offers.

Please book your place through our web site at www.sac.ac.uk/opendays

2012 Open Days are as follows:

- Saturday 8th September - Open Morning (10.30am-1.30pm)
- Wednesday 10th October - Open Afternoon (1.30-4.30pm)
- Wednesday 21st November - Open Afternoon (1.30-4.30pm)

Visit Us:

Open days and evenings are held regularly and we encourage those interested in this course to attend in order to speak to staff, meet students, and see the facilities. In addition, each campus hosts a taster day each year. This is your chance to be a SAC student for the day. Details are available on the web site.

For more information please contact one of the Student Recruitment Officers or book through the web site. If you are unable to attend one of the open days, please contact us so that we can make alternative arrangements for you to visit.

General information and details about open days and taster sessions are available from:

In Aberdeen:	In Ayr:	In Edinburgh:
Student Recruitment Officer SAC Aberdeen Craibstone Estate ABERDEEN AB21 9YA Tel: (01224) 711189 Email: aberdeen@sac.ac.uk	Student Recruitment Officer SAC Ayr, Riverside Campus University Avenue AYR KA8 0SX Tel: (01292) 886196 Email: ayr@sac.ac.uk	Student Recruitment Officer SAC Edinburgh West Mains Road EDINBURGH EH9 3JG Tel: (0131) 535 4391 Email: edinburgh@sac.ac.uk

Career Prospects

On successful completion of the awards within the programme, students are likely to gain employment in the operation and management of:

- Production units
- Hatchery Units
- Poultry Processing
- Feed Manufacture
- Inspection Services
- Technical Support
- Equipment Supply
- Quality Assurance

and options for further advanced education.

SAC's graduate employment rate is 92%.

Student Profile

Tristan Nichols is a recent graduate in HNC Poultry Production.

Tristan comes from a small family owned and fully integrated poultry business in North-West Tasmania. "I have worked on our farms most of my life and been involved in rearing parent stock, producing hatching eggs, hatching day old chicks and broiler production, right through to the processing and packaging stages. To further my experience I also worked for a while on a rearing farm in Queensland. It was then I decided that I wanted to stay with poultry as a career and I also wanted to further my academic knowledge of poultry production.



I decided to come to SAC because of its worldwide reputation, even as far afield as Tasmania! I have found the course demanding but very enjoyable and campus life is great fun with social events happening throughout the year.

Tristan has also been lucky enough to have been selected for a new Scholarship introduced this year by PD Hook a large poultry company operating throughout the UK. On successful completion of the HNC, Tristan will begin his 12 month placement with the company. During this time Tristan will have the opportunity to work in all areas of the business i.e. Rearing, Breeding and Hatcheries.

"At the moment I am enjoying my time here at SAC and concentrating on my academic studies, but I am very excited about the opportunity that PD Hook has given me and look forward to my placement year"

HNC Poultry Production

Course Content:

- 1 year full-time.
- Poultry Meat Production Systems
- Poultry Egg Production Systems
- Poultry Health
- Poultry Welfare and Behaviour
- Poultry Nutrition and Feed Formulation
- Avian Physiology
- Production and Incubation of Hatching Eggs
- Poultry Buildings and Mechanisation
- Pollution and Waste Management – an Introduction
- Business Management – an Introduction
- Information Technology Applications Software 1
- Graded Unit (project)