

Joining Instructions for MSc Advanced Wildlife Conservation in Practice

Before you arrive

We will start sending out UWE Bristol IT account information once you have met the conditions of your offer, so keep an eye out for the email – it will be sent to the email address you provided us during your application.

1. **Make sure you've activated your UWE Bristol IT account:** Follow the instructions to activate your account. **Once your account has been activated, please be aware that all future emails from the university will only be sent to your UWE Bristol email address.** You can check it easily through myUWE (my.uwe.ac.uk) or Microsoft's Office365. You might want to go ahead and set your email up on your mobile device, ready for the academic year.
2. **Complete your online registration** through myUWE (my.uwe.ac.uk).

It is essential that you follow the steps above to complete your registration. You will not be able to access Blackboard (your Virtual Learning Environment) and myUWE (your student portal) until you have registered.

Please visit the Registration webpages for further information on how to register.

Mandatory sessions

Your course induction is compulsory, so don't make any other plans.

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| Date: | 14th January 2019 |
| Time: | 10:30 am |
| Location (map): | Institute of Conservation Science and Learning at Bristol Zoo Gardens |
| You'll need to bring: | Photo ID (passport/driving licence) to collect your UWE ID card |

Please note: These joining instructions are provided on the assumption that you will meet the conditions of your offer and be eligible to take up your place. They are not confirmation of an offer.

On arrival:

Please report to the admissions desk at Bristol Zoo, explain that you are starting this course and ask them to direct you to the Institute of Conservation Science and Learning. Once you reach the Institute, the way to the appropriate room will be signposted.

Registration session:

There will be a registration session during your course induction. You must attend this session to confirm your attendance and complete your registration. You will be able to speak to university staff about any registration or fee payment queries and collect your student ID card.

As well as your student card, you will also receive an access card for the Institute of Conservation Science and Learning. This requires a £5 deposit, so please make sure you have this available.

Course information to help you prepare

Keep checking your Welcome Website (welcome.uwe.ac.uk) as you may receive further information before the start of term.

Teaching timetables

Your teaching timetable will be available under the 'Courses' tab on myUWE. You will not be able to access your timetable until you have received your UWE login details.

If your timetable doesn't appear or you have any queries please follow the Self Help Guide in myUWE which will explain what you should do next.

Preliminary Reading

The course is intensive in nature, so some pre-reading and refreshing of your existing knowledge is a great idea for all students before they start the programme, particularly if it is some time since you completed your undergraduate degree.

Connecting with the group - We have set up a Facebook group for the class of 2019.

This has some important information and pre-reading as well as allowing you to get to know some of your new colleagues before you arrive. Please join this group before you join course. We will maintain it through the year, posting relevant opportunities, news and publications etc. If you would prefer not to use Facebook, please email the course leader, Mark Steer (mark.steer@uwe.ac.uk), to request any **information**.

Timetable - You will be taking a different set of modules depending on whether you are on the full- or part-time route, so each student will have a personalised timetable that will be

available online once you start the course. Your research project, for those doing it this year, runs throughout the year, occurring under the supervision of academic researchers at the University or Zoological Society. During February, there will be a three-day intensive project block where attendance of everyone taking the project module this year will be required. You will get more information on this during induction.

All modules have a module handbook (online) that details all the information you need about that module, including:

- Module content
- Lecture times and dates
- Tutorial times and dates
- Assessment topics and submission deadlines

Assessment - ALL modules require you to undertake at least two pieces of coursework. This may be an essay, case study or a poster presentation on a specified topic. In all cases, you will be given clear instructions as to what is required. These pieces of work are submitted throughout the year and you will be provided with deadline dates far in advance of the submission date. None of the modules will require you to undertake an examination.

Additional information for you

- All new starter information is available for you at www.uwe.ac.uk/newstudents
- You might want to visit [The Students' Union at UWE](#) website for details of their welcome events and activities
- Don't get lost! There is [campus information](#) online. Room numbers on your timetable are written out as 'Level Block Room', for example 2B025 is Level 2 of B Block, Room 025
- Keep a note of the [term dates for academic year 2018/19](#). Students starting in January have Teaching Block 2 first, then Teaching Block 1 in the following autumn.

Who to contact if you have questions

For any questions about your application please contact Admissions on 0117 32 83333 or email admissions@uwe.ac.uk. For general university questions, including the support we offer or help with fees and funding, please contact the Information Point.

For any questions about the course, please contact the course leader:

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