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## WHY EQUINE STUDIES?

The equine industry is growing and in addition to the fundamental jobs based around the practical care of horses, there is a vast range of exciting career routes you can consider. Our alumni are in many differing areas of the industry. Completing equine based studies not only ensures you can correctly and capably look after equines in your care but gives you a better understanding of the industry itself. By incorporating something you love into your studies it makes learning much more fun!

## USE WISH LISTS

The university you choose must have all the aspects you are looking for. By writing down all the things that are important to you for the university or college to provide, be that excellent livery services or support for a learning difficulty, and prioritise which are the most important. Then make sure your chosen college ticks these boxes. You may need to compromise on some areas that are lower on priority lists.



## GETTING ADVICE

Advice from those close to you can prove invaluable when making life decisions. Talk to friends and family and allow them to help you through the process. Also speak to advisors and students at the institutions you're interested in, they can often give you the best advice and thoughts on the courses and experience. Consider if there are any specific courses or qualifications you need for your career and if the college provides these additionally if they are not part of the course.



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## EXPERIENCE & OPPORTUNITIES

Think about how much time you want to spend in a practical environment. The course contents can often tell you how many practicals you may have. If you want more hands-on experience, then make sure your college provides the opportunity for riding and has access to horses. At University Centre Myerscough we have practical elements designed to provide ample hands-on skill development.

## STAYING HOME OR LIVING IN

If you decide to stay at home, make sure your college is not so far away that travelling will become exhausting and expensive. Remembering as full time students you may be expected to be in four or five days a week and some days may not be full timetable (in 3rd year you'll be thankful of time to do assignments). For equine students horses are often a consideration, will you have onsite livery or if offsite are you close enough not to cause problems for your study.



## SUPPORT & GUIDANCE

The support and guidance facilities available to students can often be a deciding factor. Luckily, in equine settings unless mixed with other cohorts numbers are usually smaller. Accessibility to staff and services is also a key element of university life, knowing if you have any problems someone is able to help can always be reassuring. Careers guidance is also a key area students like to know about and many tutors have key industry contacts to help with this. At University Centre Myerscough as well as running our own careers sessions we have a dedicated careers zone onsite where you can gain advice on jobs, CV's and interview techniques.

