

Course Title	BSc (Hons) Woodland Ecology and Conservation (With Sandwich Year)
Course URL	https://www.cumbria.ac.uk/study/courses/undergraduate/woodland-ecology-and-conservation-with-sandwich-year/
Course Fees	£9,250 (Annually)
Additional Costs	
<p>All students need to be aware that they will incur additional costs whilst on programme. The list below will provide you with an overview of additional costs.</p> <p>Books are reviewed annually and are therefore subject to change, course welcome information will provide you with an indicative list for the year.</p>	
Books and Journals	
<p>Students need to spend approximately £100 - £200 a year on text books, although this cost can be reduced considerably by sourcing second hand copies of books, or enquiring about student discounts from our local specialist forestry book supplier:</p> <p>Summerfield Books: http://www.treesource.co.uk/student-discounts/</p>	
Stationery	
<p>Stationery for your own personal use (pens, papers and folders, etc.). Printing posters and other materials.</p> <p>Whilst you will choose how much you need, expect to pay around £30 - £40 per year for these.</p>	
Clothing and Equipment	
<p>Field visits begin during welcome week and continue right through the year, so you will need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waterproof jacket and trousers (£150 - £200) • Walking boots (£50 -£100) • Warm hat and gloves (£30) • Other outdoor clothing e.g. thermals, fleeces, socks, walking type trousers etc. (prices vary) • Rucksack (ideally with waterproof cover) for day use. <p>There are lots of good outdoor shops in Ambleside and many give student discounts, so if you don't have some of these, you can wait for the first week. However, be as ready for the weather as you can be, in normal circumstances we like to get outside as much as possible, right from the first afternoon of induction week (hopefully you are looking forward to this aspect of your course).</p> <p>Within four weeks of starting the course, you will also need your own copy of: Matthews, R.W. and Mackie, E.D. (2006). Forest Mensuration: a handbook for practitioners. Forestry Commission, Edinburgh. http://www.treesource.co.uk/forest-mensuration%3A-a-handbook-for-practitioners~3744</p> <p>Please note that this book is listed as equipment as it is a tool you will need to be taught how to use (I still have to refresh my memory of how it works sometimes). Consequently, it is deliberately not listed under pre-course reading, it is our job to guide you through it. You will also be allowed to take it into an exam with you.</p> <p>Equipment can be purchased at outdoor and agricultural suppliers. For example: Stanton Hope – Forestry equipment supplier</p>	
Field Trips	
<p>Whilst transport to local day and half day field trip sites is provided, all National School of Forestry students usually go on two study tours during their courses. The first years go north to Scotland around Easter time to see upland conifer plantations and iconic Caledonian pinewoods. The second years go south to look at lowland broadleaved silviculture and traditional coppicing. Our</p>	

students usually describe these trips, meeting hosts who are forest industry and woodland conservation experts, on their own patch, as the highlights of their course.

The costs of these 5 day, Monday to Friday study tours, staying in Youth Hostels, or equivalent accommodation, are kept to a minimum. In recent years they have been subsidised by the University, but that cannot be guaranteed. Students should anticipate each trip costing up to £150 for travel and accommodation.

Woodland Ecology and Conservation students have the option of choosing an Applied Field Studies module instead of attending the second year study tour. In this case, they would be able to go to Gambia, or a similar destination, with students on other conservation courses. This study tour is a great option for anyone interested in conservation in the developing world, especially in tropical regions, but inevitably is a bit more expensive.

We have just started usually having a one or two night stay for final year students, which has been subsidised, but again, this cannot be guaranteed, however, this trip should cost no more than £50 for travel and accommodation.

Other

Placement year

Additional costs for the placement year depend upon what kind of placement it is. Some placements pay a wage, others offer free accommodation, others just a training budget. Some provide a car or use of a pool vehicle, for others you need your own transport. If you do not already have a driving licence, be aware that you will have to learn to drive in order to have any realistic hope of obtaining a placement, or a future job.

If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch with me, Andrew Weatherall. I am your course leader and I am really looking forward to meeting you.