

What is the course about?

Gain the knowledge and skills you need to work with plants - from maintaining turf as a groundskeeper, to caring for plants as a gardener, to designing gardens and parks as a landscape artist. You will learn at College and gain practical experience that will give you an edge in the world of work.

You may have some experience in horticulture or have gained your Level 2 qualification. You want to develop the skills to be a more senior worker or manager working in gardening, landscaping or groundskeeper, or to prepare for higher-level training.

You will gain in-depth insight into the techniques and science of horticulture and study subjects such as plants, pests and diseases, creating plant displays and putting together a landscape design brief. You will also gain plenty of practical experience in your choice of skills, from maintaining different types of sports turf to pruning shrubs and trees.

This qualification is for anyone interested in a horticultural career such as a gardener, landscaper or grounds person.

What are the entry requirements?

The level 2 qualification in Horticulture.

Mature entrants (over 18) may be allowed entry if they can demonstrate that they have an equivalent to the academic criteria.

As applications for this course are usually high and available student spaces are strictly limited, you are encouraged to make an application to College as soon as practicable. Please include a copy of your GCSE results/expected grades where possible.

Final selection for the course is via interview.

What subjects will I study?

The course is broken down into units and includes but not restricted to:

- Land-based work experience
- Establish and maintain plants outdoors
- Business Management in the Land-Based Sector
- Understand the Principles of Sustainable Management of Turf
- Introduction to Land-Based Machinery Operations
- Setting out from a plan
- Manage Amenity Turf

How will I be assessed?

The course commences September. Each unit is split into practical and theory elements. Self-study is part of the course and you will also be set written assignments that will require some research and time management.

What are my progression and career options?

Level 4 Horticulture qualification and roles such as:

- Groundsman/greenkeeper
- Gardener
- Garden Centre worker
- Manager
- Landscape designer

Who should I contact?

Please contact the Programme Area Secretary on 648205 or email applications@ucm.ac.im.