

Horticulture

Pre-Entry Level, Entry Level, Level 1, Level 2

Choosing to study in the horticulture department gives you skills which you can use as a hobby or to work for yourself or others.

In the classroom

The Marjorie Gill Horticultural Centre at Treloar College has a well-equipped commercial glasshouse, a dedicated horticulture teaching area and a wonderful sensory garden.

Outside the classroom

Whichever course you choose, there is great emphasis on practical application – growing vegetables in an allotment or producing plants to take home.

Through your studies you may work:

- on contracts to produce plants for the League of Friends of Treloar's for the Spring Plant Sale and the Treloar's Parents' Association for their Summer Fete
- in the Plant Shop, selling the plants you have grown to members of College staff

The Horticulture department currently offers work experience on-site and in the local area.

Programmes of study

We offer a range of classes and courses in Horticulture.

You may study:

- non-vocational programmes aimed at enabling you to develop your interest in Horticulture. These programmes are internally accredited
- nationally recognised qualifications at:
 - Pre-Entry Level
 - Entry Level
 - NPTC Level 2
 - NPTC Level 3

Entry requirements

There are no set entry requirements for these courses; entry is through assessment of your interest and aptitude in the subject.

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ASDAN Towards Independence Horticulture

This is a module from the Towards Independence programme.

It involves:

- growing plants
- an awareness of related health and safety issues
- preparing, cooking and eating produce
- gardening with fragrant and textured plants in the Sensory Garden

Within these sessions we place emphasis on:

- communication
- social skills
- work to enhance self-esteem

ENTRY LEVEL BTEC Certificate in Skills for Working Life:

Growing Plants Unit

If you choose this course you will learn about:

- plant propagation
- caring for plants
- preparing plants for sale
- health and safety
- making a profit from selling plants

Horticulture Enterprise

If you join this group you will learn about and practise:

- a range of nursery production activities
- methods of seed sowing
- vegetative propagation techniques.

The group is responsible for marketing the plants it produces.

The course has an emphasis on:

- numeracy
- money-handling skills
- costing / profit calculations

NPTC Certificate in Skills for Working Life: Horticulture

You can study this course at Level 2 and, if you choose, you can progress to Level 3. It is a flexible programme that you can blend with others. You can study anything from one morning to two full days per week.

You will work on developing a wide range of skills, and use these to gain accreditation through one or more of the following areas:

- allotment gardening
- garden maintenance
- nursery production

Horticulture for Fun

A part-time (afternoon) programme for students who are keen to do Horticulture as a hobby.

You will be introduced to:

- concepts of nursery production
- seed sowing and taking cuttings
- growing plug plants and bulbs
- basic floristry
- enterprise

We keep a photographic diary of your work week-by-week and you are encouraged to take your work home.