

## **Frequently Asked Questions for Equine Degree courses at Enniskillen Campus - September 2026 intake**

### **Q1. How do I apply for CAFRE Higher Education courses?**

For all full-time **Higher Education** courses i.e. degree programmes after A- Levels , Leaving Certificate or equivalent you must apply through [UCAS](#).

For the **part-time** Higher Education Certificate in Equine Science and Management course you apply directly to CAFRE through the 'apply for this course' on the [website course page](#).

### **Q2. What happens if I miss the UCAS application deadline of 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026?**

Whilst we encourage all those interested in studying at CAFRE to apply before the deadline if you miss this you can still apply through UCAS. We will consider late applications if we are not oversubscribed. All UCAS applications received after 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026 are entered into 'Clearing' and are subject to course space availability.

### **Q3. Can I apply to CAFRE after my Junior Certificate?**

No. Students must be studying for or have their Leaving Certificate (Ordinary or Higher, not Foundation) before they can apply to CAFRE. Applied Leaving Certificate is not considered.

### **Q4. Can I apply to CAFRE with a QQI qualification?**

CAFRE welcomes applicants with QQI Level 5 or Level 6 qualifications gained in Ireland. You should check the course entry requirements and use the table available at [Undergraduate Entry Requirements](#) to identify what you need to gain from your QQI qualification to meet the course specific requirements.

If there are any subjects that are required to be studied at A-Level, they will also need to be studied as part of your QQI qualification. In relation to the GCSE English and Maths at grade C requirement, we accept the Communications unit (5N0690) with a grade of Pass, we also accept the Mathematics unit (5N1833) with a minimum grade of Pass.

## **Q5. Where do I get my Unique Learner Number (ULN)?**

You will have received your Unique Learner Number through your school. The Unique Learner Number (ULN) is a **10-digit reference number** which is used to access the Personal Learning Record of anyone over the age of 13 involved in UK education or training. If you do not remember it or have mislaid it, please contact your school.

## **Q6. Are there interviews to get onto a course?**

For those applying to degree courses we can hold career advisory discussions on request. These make sure you have applied for the right course, fully understand the entry requirements, including work experience, and answer any questions you may have. The discussion can take place on campus, over the telephone or using video call technologies such as Teams or Zoom.

If you are under 18 years of age you should have a parent(s) or guardian with you.

## **Q7. What are the minimum grades required in English and Maths to get onto degree programmes?**

The minimum standard of English and Maths to get on to the course is a Grade C at GCSE.

The equivalent of this is an O4 in Irish Leaving Certificate (2017) or a C2 in Irish Leaving Certificate (pre-2017). If English and Maths are completed at Higher a minimum of a H6 is acceptable.

We also accept passes in Essential Skills qualifications in Communication and Numeracy at Level 2.

For those who have completed QQI qualifications in Mathematics a pass in unit 5N1833 is acceptable and in English Communications Unit 5N0690 with a minimum of merit is also acceptable.

## **Q8. How much does it cost to study at CAFRE?**

Details of the fees and funding support for Higher Education – Honours Degrees and Foundation Degrees courses at CAFRE can be [viewed here](#).

## **Q9. When do courses begin?**

Higher Education induction usually occurs during the second week in September. The first teaching week for Higher Education courses is normally the third week in September. The academic calendar is available on the college website under the [‘Student Life’ tab](#).

## **Q10. How are courses delivered?**

CAFRE’s BSc (Hons) and Foundation Degree in Equine Management courses include both classroom and practical learning opportunities. As CAFRE’s ethos is ‘learning by doing’ we want to make sure that you can enjoy the benefits of learning in our state-of-the-art, modern facilities and make the most of your time as a CAFRE student.

## **Q11. Do I need to purchase anything in advance if I get an offer on a course?**

Yes, you will require specific Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) before you come to CAFRE. However, do not purchase anything until you have a definite offer for a place on the course. Once you have accepted the offer you will be informed exactly what PPE you need to purchase.

Some elements of your course will involve online learning activities. Although desktops with internet access are available for use on campus, we recommend that you bring your own device (BYOD). Further device information is available on the [‘Student Life – Learner Policies’](#) tab on the website.

You will receive further details when your place on a CAFRE course is confirmed. Again, we strongly advise you do not purchase any equipment until you get an official confirmation of a place on a CAFRE course.

## **Q12. When will accommodation bookings become available for 2026-2027?**

[Accommodation booking](#) will open in early summer 2026. Applications will be made online on the CAFRE website under the ‘Student Life’ tab.

### **Q13. How much does accommodation cost?**

Accommodation cost varies depending on the type of accommodation and if you are on a catering package. Please visit [accommodation pages](#) for detailed information.

### **Q14. Is transport assistance available?**

yLink is a free smartcard for all 16-23 years olds using Translink services within Northern Ireland. You get third off Translink bus travel in Northern Ireland.

Apply for a free card using this link <https://www.translink.co.uk/ylink>.

Students travelling on bus Eireann can receive up to 15% off fares, and the yLink card is suitable to use for this.

### **Q15. How far away is the bus station from the college/ how much does a taxi cost from the station?**

The bus depot is approximately 2 miles away from the campus. Taxi transfers cost approximately £6-8. Free transport from campus to the bus depot is offered on Friday lunchtimes for students to facilitate journeys home.

### **Q16. Can I bring my horse if I am studying an equine course at Enniskillen Campus?**

Student livery is available at Enniskillen Campus.

All horses must be over 4 years old, no stallions are permitted and horses must be registered in the student's name (parents / guardians name is also accepted)

All horses must have at least the first two Influenza and Tetanus vaccinations and subsequent boosters must be kept up to date when on site. Public liability insurance is also required. British Horse Society (BHS) Gold Membership covers this.

Livery space is limited, but usually all those that wish to (and have the necessary documentation up to date) can bring their horse/ pony, even for part of the academic year.

### **Q17. Is there a 'uniform' for students? Are there any rules for what you can wear?**

CAFRE branded clothing is available to order online. The items offer good value for money and can be [viewed using this link](#). It is recommended that students have one piece of this for visits and trips. There are rules regarding clothing on the yards to reflect health and safety requirements – no jewellery, no hoodies, no trainers etc.

### **Q18. Are you allowed piercings?**

No jewellery, including those for piercings, are allowed when you are involved in practical yard duties or riding. Jewellery may be worn in the classroom.

### **Q19. Do you have to wear a hairnet or body protector when riding?**

Yes, a hairnet is a good way to keep your hair tidy when riding and should be worn under an appropriate riding hat. Hair must be tied up when on the yard. Back protectors must be worn when riding over fences or raised poles.

### **Q20. What level of riding is required for the riding modules?**

For Higher Education riding modules, as a guide you should be at BHS Stage 2 standard (<https://youtu.be/MlyfS47BwB8>), you are not required to hold the qualification. All those wishing to ride must take and be successful in the campus riding assessment. Please note the weight limit for riding is 89kg (14 stone), including tack and equipment.

All courses include a non-riding option.

### **Q21. What equipment for riding is required?**

The equipment list for riding is available [here](#). This equipment is compulsory for all riding classes. Again, we strongly advise you do not purchase any equipment until you get an official confirmation of a place on a CAFRE course.