

AIRLINGUEE EQUINE STUDIES & HORSEMANSHIP COURSES IRELAND

Vocational & Further Education (FET) Prospectus

Duration: Academic Year (Sept – May) **Location:** Ireland **Framework:** QQI/NFQ Levels 5 & 6

STUDY PATHWAYS & CAREER PROGRESSION

QQI / NFQ Aligned

Our equine programmes offer structured vocational pathways designed for international students seeking practical, industry-focused qualifications. Combining direct hands-on yard experience with rigorous academic training, students can progress from general horsemanship to specialized breeding management.

STUDY PATH 1: General Horsemanship & Performance

Level 1 Horsemanship
(Sept – May)



Level 2 Horsemanship
(Coaching & Yard Mgmt)



Equestrian Employment
(Yards, Centres & Facilities)

STUDY PATH 2: Breeding & Stud Management

Level 1 Equine Breeding
(or Horsemanship Prereq)



Level 2 Stud Management
(Advanced Equine Breeding)



Stud Farm Employment
(Breeding & Sales Yards)

LEVEL 1: GENERAL HORSEMANSHIP CURRICULUM

Foundational

Provides a robust foundation in equine care, practical yard operations, and riding instruction. Running from September to May, this course prepares students for entry-level work or progression to Level 2.

Stable & Yard Routine

Daily practical facility management, tool safety, animal handling, and baseline horse welfare routines.

Work Practice & Placement

Supervised practical industry placement hours in active Irish equestrian training facilities.

Professional Communications

Client interaction, professional reporting, riding school protocols, and workplace collaboration.

Sport Horse Riding Instruction

Equitation fundamentals, flatwork, jump training mechanics, and basic instructional delivery techniques.

EQUINE ELECTIVE MODULES (LEVEL 1 HORSEMANSHIP)

Anatomy & Physiology

Horse Breeding Intro

Conformation & Evaluation

Equine First Aid

Equine Nutrition

Young Horse Training

Racehorse Care & Exercise

Animal Welfare

Saddlery & Tack Fitting

Grassland Basics

LEVEL 1: EQUINE BREEDING CURRICULUM

New Section

Delivers an introductory technical foundation in thoroughbred and sport horse stud farm operations, basic reproductive biology, foal care basics, and youngstock handling for students entering the commercial breeding sector.

Intro to Stud Yard Operations Daily routines for broodmares, youngstock, biosecurity, turnout safety, and stud hygiene standards.	Basic Equine Reproduction Overview of mare and stallion reproductive anatomy, seasonal breeding cycles, and heat detection.
Youngstock Handling & Halter Care Early handling protocols, leading foals/weanlings, farrier preparation, and safety in turnout.	Stud Placement & Practice Supervised practical placement hours on active Irish stud farms, observing breeding routines.

EQUINE ELECTIVE MODULES (LEVEL 1 BREEDING)

Intro to Pedigrees & Genetics

Foaling Season Assistance

Equine First Aid & Health

Pasture Management Basics

Mare & Foal Nutrition

Equine Conformation

Record Keeping & Software

LEVEL 2: ADVANCED HORSEMANSHIP CURRICULUM

New Section

Designed for Level 1 graduates seeking supervisory roles, advanced equestrian facility management, elite riding development, and formal equestrian coaching credentials.

Subject Area	Core Topics & Skills Covered
Advanced Riding & Performance	Precision flatwork, jumping technique, cross-country mechanics, horse fitness conditioning, and performance sport horse development.
Yard Supervision & Operations	Staff leadership, daily scheduling, feed ordering, equipment maintenance, health & safety compliance, and yard budget planning.
Equestrian Coaching Practice	Lesson plan formulation, group instruction methodologies, rider safety management, coaching assessment, and exam preparation.
Equine Sports Science & Health	Advanced biomechanics, exercise physiology, equine sports injuries, physical therapy, and rehabilitation protocols.

LEVEL 2: BREEDING & STUD MANAGEMENT CURRICULUM

Advanced

Subject Area	Core Topics Covered
Horse Breeding & Stud Mgmt	Breeding programmes, mare/stallion selection criteria, reproductive management, pedigree analysis, and stud record-keeping.
Equine Reproduction	Reproductive cycles, pregnancy diagnosis, ultrasound monitoring, endocrinology, and modern assisted breeding technologies.
Foaling & Mare Care	24/7 monitoring systems, recognising dystocia, immediate foal care, broodmare nutrition across gestation, and colostrum management.
Youngstock & Sales Prep	Weaning protocols, parasite control, yearling preparation for bloodstock sales, sales grooming, and hand-presentation skills.

EDUCATIONAL FRAMEWORK ALIGNMENT

FET / QQI

Our qualifications align strictly within the Irish national system and international vocational recognition structures to ensure clear progression for global students.

Term	Context & Scope	Application in Course Content
Further Education & Training (FET)	Official Irish educational terminology managed by SOLAS & ETBs across QQI Levels 1–6.	Used for official certification, transcript generation, and progression onto Irish higher education degrees.
Vocational Education & Training (VET)	Internationally recognised term for job-specific, practical skills training.	Used for international student recruitment, visa documentation, and global employer recognition.

ADMISSIONS, ACCREDITATION & STUDENT SUPPORT

Restyled

Professional Accreditation Along with QQI certification, courses prepare students for recognized practical exams: • BHS (British Horse Society): Stages 1 & 2 (Care, Riding, Coaching) and BHS Ride Safe Award. • AIRE (Association of Irish Riding Establishments): Riding school instructional standards and yard safety badges.	Entry Requirements • Level 1 Entry: Secondary education completion, basic practical horse care experience, minimum B2 CEFR English proficiency. • Level 2 Entry: Pass grade in Level 1 Horsemanship/Breeding or recognized prior learning (RPL) equivalent.
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Accommodation & Living Options in Ireland		
Full-Board Host Family Curated local family immersion. Private room, breakfast, packed lunch, and evening meal.	On-Site Yard Lodging On-site en-suite rooms or shared cottages at selected partner yards for morning yard access.	Student Residences Independent shared housing or guest lodges with communal kitchens and living spaces.

AIRLINGUEE EQUINE STUDIES & HORSEMANSHIP COURSES Annual Academic Intake: September – May Location: Ireland	Web: www.airlinguee.com Email: info@airlinguee.com
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