Technical data

How Do Our Tuition Fees Compare?:

Course Start:
Begin your course at anytime.
None - Our course levels are an indication of the depth of learning you should receive.
Endorsed Qualification from TQUK - Training Qualifications UK, an Ofqual Approved Awarding Organisation - Completed written assignments, plus final exam (N.B. Some courses have Final Project alternative).

Course Qualification (Study Option A):
Certificate of Attainment from ADL - Completed written assignments only - no final exam.

Course Qualification (Study Option B):
UK Course Credits: 10 - U.S. Credit Hours: 3 - when compared to regulated courses.

Comparative Credits Information:
100 hours approx. Course hours given are a guide only. Work at your own pace with no assignment deadlines or completion date. You are in control!

Course Duration and Deadlines:
Personal tutor/mentor support from industry relevant professionals throughout your whole course. Mentors are contactable by e-mail, telephone and through the online classroom. They provide assistance with your course material, plus discuss, explain and give advice when needed.
Suitability for Self Employment and Small Businesses:

Our courses are ideal for sole traders and small business owners and their staff. Customer confidence in what you can do will determine how successful you are in getting clients. Completing one or more of our courses for the service you have to offer, will give you the tools to grow your business.

Recognition of Your Course By Employers:

We aim to achieve the correct balance between your qualification being recognised and providing you with the in-depth learning, to empower you to succeed. Select study option A when enrolling, so an employer can check the status of the awarding organisation for your qualification on the Ofqual Register.

Recognition of Your Course By Universities:

Previous students have used their qualification to get into university. However each one will have its own entrance criteria and acceptance may also depend on your other qualifications and experience.

Designing Your Own Qualification:

Bundle up your choice of related courses to form your own qualification. Choose from a Diploma (6 courses), Advanced Diploma (8 courses) and Higher Advanced Diploma (12 courses).

How Can I Enrol?:

Online via eCommerce, by completing our Online Application Form, or by calling us on +44 (0) 1227 789 649. Lines open 9am till 5pm Monday to Friday, excluding Bank Holidays and between Christmas and New Year.
Farm Management course online. Home Study Farm Management. Learn successful management of farming business through this Distance Learning Course. Animal rearing and crop production are only part of the picture in successful farming good management skills are also vital.

So a team of experts from the UK and Australia were enlisted, under the leadership of renowned horticulturalist John Mason to develop this course. You will learn how to analyse, diagnose and make management decisions related to a farm business. A thorough and comprehensive Online course in farm management.

This course will enable you to learn to analyse, diagnose and make decisions related to management of a farm business. It relates to managing all resources, including; production, staff, physical resources, and natural resources. You learn strategic planning, whole farm planning, and how to prepare a business plan.

Learning Goals: Farm Management
BAG104

To develop strategic planning methods for an agricultural business
To prepare a Farm Business Plan
To develop methods for assessing the operations of a Farm Business
To analyse the viability of different production enterprises
To develop strategies for managing different farm production enterprises:

- assessing profits
- risk analysis
- cost efficiency
- quality standards
- financial records

To plan the management of human resources in a farm business
To develop methods for managing the physical resources of a farm business
To develop methods for managing the natural resources of a farm business:

Develop methods for managing the natural resources of a farm business, covering topics:

- landcare programs
- erosion control
- soil degradation
- salinity
- soil acidification
- chemical residues
- compaction

Lesson Structure: Farm Management BAG104

There are 8 lessons:
1. Strategic Planning

- Planning procedures
- The policy formulation approach
- Strategic management approach
- Initial strategy approach
- Farm business structures
- Management plans
- Financial terminology and the money market
- Finding finance
- Rural finance sources
- Financial terminology and record keeping
- Contract law; Elements of a simple contract; Offers; Acceptance; Consideration
- Strategic plans
- Trusts

2. Business Plans

- Farm Planning
- Quality management systems
- Whole farm planning
- Preparing a business plan
- Integrated production plans

3. Business Assessment

- Business goals; factors involved in business assessment
- Considering factors affecting your business
- Drawing conclusions

4. Viability Analysis

- Assessing profit
- Risk analysis and managing risk
- Standards
- Cost efficiency
- Cost of production
- Quality and quantity standards
- Financial records
- The bookkeeping process
- End of period accounting
• Cash flow
• Example of budget
• Sensitivity analysis

5. Management Strategies

• Organising the workplace
• Scheduling
• Production systems
• System variables
• Animal production systems
• Lot feeding
• Cropping systems
• Polyculture
• Office systems
• Computers
• Business diversification
• Value adding

6. Human Resources

• Supervision
• Organisational structures
• Leadership
• Workplace changes
• Interviewing
• Recruitment and staff induction
• Giving instructions
• Managing human resources
• Work scheduling
• Occupational Health and safety
• Duty of care
• Protective equipment
• Dealing with chemicals
• Handling tools and equipment
• Safety auditing

7. Physical Resources

• Managing equipment, machinery and buildings
• Managing physical resources
8. Natural Resources

- Engineering efficiency
- Animal structures
- Regulations and legislation
- Land Care programs
- Rehabilitation
- Trees
- Erosion control
- Soil degradation
- Salinity
- Soil acidification
- Compaction
- Chemical Residues
- Water management
- Water quality
- Irrigation and watering systems

Your learning experience with ADL will not only depend on the quality of the course, but also the quality of the person teaching it. This course is taught by Aleksandr Klyashitsky and Juliette Harris. Your course fee includes unlimited tutorial support throughout from one of these excellent professionals. Here are their credentials:

Aleksandr Klyashitsky
BSc Engineering Physics (Honours, University of Alberta, Canada)

Aleksandr focused on lasers, optics and software research during and after his degree. He went on to work in a Canadian laser gas detection company where he published some of his research and focused on optimizing the optics and software of the next generation product. After working in this field for a few years, Aleksandr started tutoring engineering, physics, chemistry and maths to students in and just before University, with which he now has a few years experience. Aleksandr is very interested in sustainable technologies which has shifted his focus to researching and learning modern and traditional farming and natural building methods around Europe.
Juliette Harris

BSc Hons Biology (University of Sussex)

Juliette has over 10 years experience in teaching and private tutoring. As an undergraduate, she contributed to published research on the behaviour of an endangered bat species, though her main areas of interest and specialization are genetics and cellular biology. After 7 months in the rainforests & reefs of Central America, Juliette began her teaching career at prestigious private school, Brighton College. She soon returned to Central America, heading up a field-trip for A-level students. She has been private tutor & exam coach to a range of students with very diverse backgrounds, aptitudes and expectations. More recently, Juliette has enjoyed working with adults with learning difficulties and enormous barriers to education. Juliette currently splits her time between England and Bulgaria, where she works as a teacher and missionary.