

Syllabus

Darley
Flying Start

Darley International Student Programme

Introduction

Darley Flying Start is a two year full-time management training programme for the thoroughbred industry. It combines a dynamic range of lectures, visits and hands-on experience. There is continual assessment throughout the course which includes appraisals and a challenging series of projects, assignments and examinations on the theoretical and practical material covered. Darley Flying Start has developed links with established universities and training providers worldwide who deliver and certify business and equine modules. Trainees who reach the standard required will be awarded the Flying Start Diploma on completion of the course.

Horse Management

Practical horse management takes place in Ireland, England, Kentucky, Australia and Dubai. Trainees are involved in the running of thoroughbred breeding and racing operations at each location. This includes daily care of horses along with some exposure to the administration and management aspects involved. There are skills assessments in the areas of horse care and handling, veterinary and farriery.

Business Management

Management modules are delivered in blocks throughout the programme culminating in an enterprise and business planning skills module. Trainees develop a broad range of management skills and produce their own business plan as a final assignment.

Thoroughbred Industry

Lectures are scheduled to take place in each country. These are delivered by Darley personnel, professional training providers and by industry leaders in the relevant topics.

Visits and Work Placements

To broaden the scope of the course trainees are exposed to as much of the industry as possible at each location. This entails visits to studs, training yards, sales complexes, racecourses, veterinary hospitals and research facilities. Key personnel at these locations give a behind the scenes insight into the inner workings of their operations. Individual work placements are organised for trainees throughout the course.

There is a significant element of self-study of prescribed course materials.

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Horse Management

Practical Horsemanship

Horse Handling
Stable Management
Grooming
Clipping
Health Care and Bandaging
Feeding and Exercise Routines
Horse Transportation
Fitting Saddlery
Yearling Breaking
Health and Safety
Conformation Evaluation

Sales Preparation

Yearlings
Broodmares and Foals
Two-Year-Olds In Training
Sales Conditions
Sales Consignments

Veterinary

Anatomy and Physiology
Fertility and Reproduction
Routine Veterinary Care
Exercise Physiology
Clinical Pathology
Radiography
Equine Surgery and Aftercare
Wind Soundness
Orthopaedic Problems of the Young Horse
Blood Analysis
Dystocia
Equine Neonatal Care
Equine Dentistry
Equine Physiotherapy
Import, Export and Quarantine Regulations

Nutrition

Chemical Composition of Feeds
Digestive System
Ration Formulation
Feeding for Performance
Body Condition Scoring and Horse Weight Management

Stud Management

Care of Mares and Foals
Foaling
Teasing and Documentation
Stallion Care
Pasture Management
Stallion Psychology and Management
Design of Stud Facilities
Waste Management
Stud Administration and Records
Nomination Sales

Racehorse Training

Racehorse Management
Fitness Programmes
Racing Injuries and Lameness
Therapies and Rehabilitation
Track Surfaces
Race Conditions and Race Planning
Handicapping and the International Classifications

Farriery

Anatomy of the Leg and Foot
Practical Foot Care and Shoeing
Corrective farriery
Shoeing the Problem Horse

Pedigree Analysis

Pedigree Conventions and Catalogue Standards
Pedigree Evaluation
Pedigree Databases
Stallion Statistics and Stallion Selection
Mating Decisions

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Business Management

Finance

Bloodstock Accounting and Taxation
Funding, Loans and Banking
Budgets and Management Accounts
Financial Statements
Bloodstock Valuations
Currencies and Fund Transfers
Employee Pensions and Benefits

Human Resource Management

Legal Issues
Recruitment and Selection
Training and Development
Motivation and Retention
Conflict Resolution
Appraisals
Health and Safety
Customer Management

Legal/Insurance

Legal Issues in Breeding and Racing
Stallion Contracts and Syndicate Agreements
Equine Mortality and Fertility Insurance
Property and Personal Insurance
Employer's and Public Liability Insurance
Property Transactions
Dispute Resolution

Marketing and Advertising

Principles of Marketing and Advertising
Market Research
Advertising
Promotion
Sales
Marketing Horses to Domestic and International Buyers
Stallion Performance Statistics and Marketing

Personal Development

Communication Skills
Presentation Skills
Psychology of Success
Personal Development Planning
Career Planning
Leadership Skills
Negotiation Skills
Occupational First Aid

Information Technology

Microsoft Windows
Computer Networks
Horse Management Software
Website Design
Digital Photography and Photoshop

Enterprise Development

Enterprise Skills
The Business Plan
Sourcing Finance
Company Structures
Running a Successful Business
Business Ethics

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Thoroughbred Industry

- International Breeding and Racing
- The Economics of the Horse Business
- Racing Administration
- Industry Associations
- Regulation of Racing
- Steward Accreditation
- Shuttle Stallions
- Industry Statistics
- Thoroughbred Auctions
- Bloodstock Agency
- Racecourse Management
- Bookmaking and Betting

Certification

- University College Dublin, Ireland
- University of Kentucky, USA
- University of Arizona, USA
- University of Sydney, Australia
- BHEST, UK
- TAFE, Australia
- Order of Malta, Ireland



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UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY
College of Agriculture
Equine Initiative

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The University of Sydney
Faculty of Economics and Business
Management Education Programs