

# WFA / UOK

OPPORTUNITIES FOR KENT  
STUDENTS (2024/25)

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# INTRODUCTIONS



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# MAIN OPPORTUNITIES



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- 1. 10-day intensive wildlife forensics training course + internship (min. 3 weeks, up to 2 months)**
- 2. Summer internships (min. 4 weeks, up to 6 months) + WFA course**
- 3. Year in Professional Practice/Industry + WFA course**

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# 1. Kent-exclusive wildlife forensics training course + internship

- ❑ Hosted @ WFA, Buffelsfontein Nature Reserve, Cape Town, South Africa
- ❑ 10-day intensive course
- ❑ Course will introduce you to wildlife forensics and provide you with the opportunity to learn and apply forensic skills in the context of varied wildlife crime scenes, and how collected evidence is analysed and ultimately presented in court
- ❑ Followed by unpaid internship @ partner of choice, min. 3 weeks, up to 2 months
- ❑ **Dates:**
  - 16-26 June 2024
  - 14-24 July 2024
- ❑ **Cost: £1,250**
  - Incl. local transport, meals, on-site accommodation, all activities, and local trips
  - Excl. flights & subsistence during internship



## 2. Summer internships + WFA course



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- Co-hosted @ WFA, Buffelsfontein Nature Reserve, Cape Town, South Africa & partner of your choice
- Min. 4 weeks
- Wide range of partners to choose from
- Internship is *unpaid*
- Must also complete one of the WFA's existing course offerings*
  
- Cost: £700 admin fee + flights & internship subsistence + cost of WFA course of your choice**
- **Admin fee incl. local transport to/from WFA, management of internship, and local support**

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### 3. Year in Professional Practice

- ❑ Co-hosted @ WFA, Buffelsfontein Nature Reserve, Cape Town, South Africa & partner of your choice
- ❑ Min. 19 weeks
- ❑ Wide range of partners to choose from; you can choose more than one for a wider range of experience
- ❑ Internships are often *unpaid*
- ❑ Kent fee for YIPP is often considerably lower than conventional fees (<£2,000)
- ❑ *Must also complete one of the WFA's existing course offerings*
  
- ❑ **Cost: Kent fee + £700 WFA admin fee + flights & internship subsistence + cost of WFA course**
- Admin fee incl. local transport to/from WFA, management of internship, and local support



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# FUNDING YOUR TRIP

- ❑ Up to £1,745 available through Turing Funding (depending on meeting qualification criteria) via International Partnerships Office
- ❑ Funding requires minimum duration abroad of 28 days
- ❑ More funding available for longer trips!!
  
- ❑ Who to contact? Jan Lowe (International Partnerships Officer) - [J.Lowe@kent.ac.uk](mailto:J.Lowe@kent.ac.uk) or Kent International Partnerships Office - [studyabroad@kent.ac.uk](mailto:studyabroad@kent.ac.uk)



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### 3. A UNIQUE COURSE

With the WFA Planetary Health Masterclass!

- A unique course with a multidisciplinary approach to solving wicked problems in wildlife crime through global health, forensics, law, business and leadership
- Cooperation and education are key! → inspire, create compassion and awareness.
- Students and professionals from different disciplines related to some of the biggest problems of wildlife crime:

1. Forensic students/professionals
2. Medical students/professionals
3. Law students/professionals
4. Business & leadership students/professionals

} Working together

- Pilot: 13-26 October @ the WFA



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WFA PLANETARY HEALTH  
MASTERCLASS





# SNEAK PEAK: WFA PLANENTARY HEALTH MASTERCLASS

## 2. WFA (2 weeks)

### 1. Online (2 weeks)

- Introduction to wildlife crime
- WFA e-learning
- Online, self-paced content split into four streams:

Forensics

Zoonotic diseases

Law

Business & Leadership

(All students have to complete the content for all streams)

- Content for each stream comprises:
  - 10min video introduction to stream
  - 30min podcast interview with stream lead
  - Selection of relevant historical and contemporary literature (academic, grey, and popular) exploring themes within stream
  - Series of short assessments to formatively test and reinforce knowledge gained

**DAY 1** – Welcome + programme orientation: defining the students’ roles, goals and learning objectives for the masterclass, with specific introduction to “wicked problems” in wildlife crime.

**DAY 2** – Introduction to the WFA and links to Zoonotic Diseases, Law, Society, Leadership, and Business

**DAY 3-5** – Focus on poaching (Day 3 = Mammals, Day 4 = Marine wildlife, Day 5 = Plants).

**DAY 6** – The Forensic Approach to Poaching and Wildlife Crime: Masterclass Case

**DAY 7-9** – Zoonoses, wildlife crime, and the role & influence of business

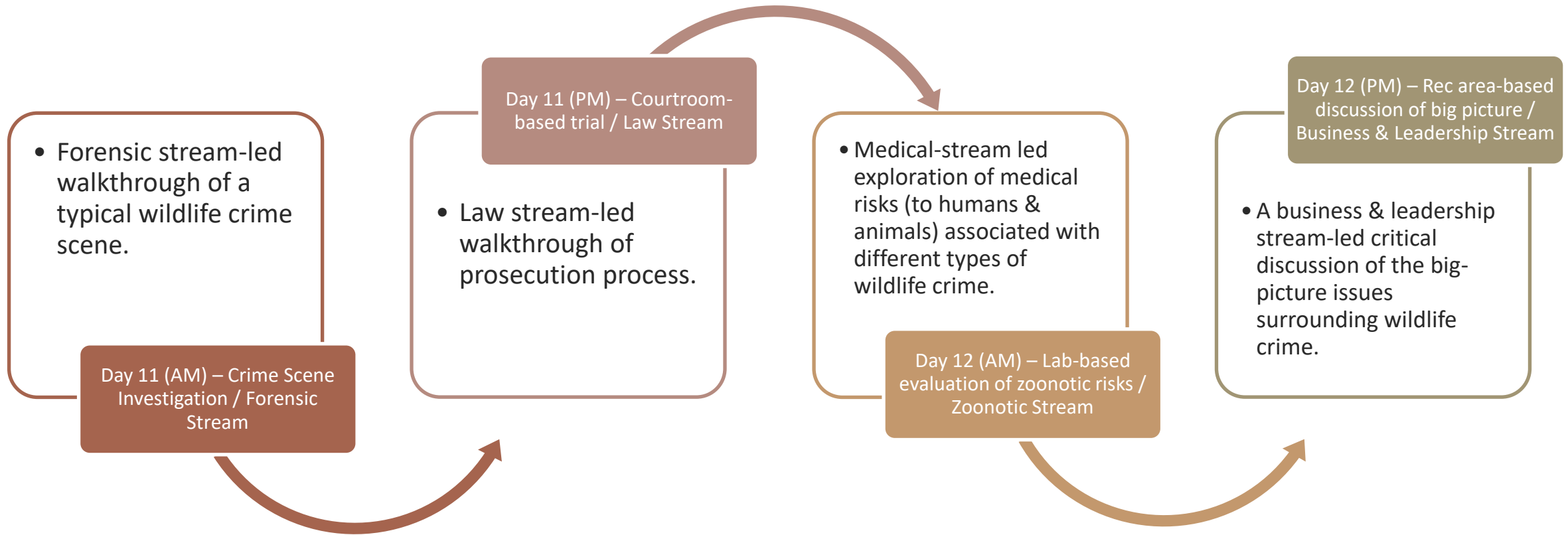
**DAY 10** – Society and Culture in Wildlife Crime and Illegal Wildlife Trade

**DAY 11-12** – Masterclass Case Focus

**DAY 13** – Presentations

**DAY 14** – Reflection, feedback, and head home  
Incl. field trips

# 3.1 CURRICULUM DESIGN *Masterclass Case Focus – a closer look*





**SO, WHAT ARE  
YOU WAITING  
FOR? – SIGN UP  
HERE!**