

Course Specification

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Core Information

Awarding Body / Institution:	University of Wolverhampton		
School / Institute:	Institute of Human Sciences		
Course Code(s):	SR035H01UV SR035H31UV	Full-time Part-time	3 Years 6 Years
Course Title:	BSc (Hons) Football Coaching and Performance		
Hierarchy of Awards:	Bachelor of Science with Honours Football Coaching and Performance Bachelor of Science Football Coaching and Performance Diploma of Higher Education Football Coaching and Performance Certificate of Higher Education Football Coaching and Performance University Statement of Credit University Statement of Credit		
Language of Study:	English		
Date of DAG approval:	21/Sep/2020		
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Course Specification valid from:	2018/9		
Course Specification valid to:	2024/5		

Academic Staff

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Course Information

Location of Delivery:	University of Wolverhampton
Category of Partnership:	Not delivered in partnership
Teaching Institution:	University of Wolverhampton
Open / Closed Course:	This course is open to all suitably qualified candidates.

Entry Requirements:

Entry requirements are subject to regular review. The entry requirements applicable to a particular academic year will be published on the University website (and externally as appropriate e.g. UCAS)

Distinctive Features of the Course:

1. Placement modules allow you to gain hand on experience and receive mentorship within professional environments, including opportunities with some of our key partners such as Wolverhampton Wanderers, Walsall FC, West Bromwich Albion and WLV Sport FC.
2. The first two years of our football coaching degree will prepare you to complete the Football Association (FA) Level 1 and Level 2 qualifications (although completion of these qualifications will require additional tasks outside of the degree programme).
3. This degree is delivered by academic staff who are Union of European Football Association (UEFA) qualified coaches, coach educators, and who have extensive applied knowledge and experience from grassroots to international level.
4. Our employability modules enable you to explore careers in football coaching and engage in career development planning that prepares you for graduate-level employment in the football industry or elsewhere.
5. Each year you will have opportunities to participate in career development activities and network with employers from sports businesses, sport development and performance sport.
6. This course has been endorsed by the Chartered Institute for the Management of Sport and Physical Activity (CIMSPA). The course has been mapped against employer-set professional standards of a Coach, meaning that you will be equipped with the competencies and skills needed to meet the requirements of potential employers.
7. The course has been designed in line with The International Council for Coaching Excellence (ICCE) coaching degree standards. On completion of this course you should, therefore, have the knowledge and skills required to meet the sector standards for employment in certain specific roles, as well as a range of other related roles.
8. You will have the opportunity to transfer to a sandwich placement year in a coaching or football related context, with a partner club or organisation. Our sandwich placement option allows you to take a full-year work placement, which can be undertaken abroad. A number of students in our department have been successful in securing places on these schemes in countries such as Spain, France, Canada and the US.

Educational Aims of the Course:

BSc (Hons) Football Coaching and Performance degree will give you the skills and experience to help gain employment in the football industry as a coach within an academy, performance, community or grassroots setting, as a football performance specialist. You will also be well prepared for a range of coaching and related roles within the wider sport and physical activity sector. The course has been designed through consultation with West Bromwich Albion, Wolverhampton Wanderers and Walsall FC, as well as The Football Association (FA) Coach Educators to identify the skills and qualities needed to work in the football industry. Our unique coaching course combines a football specific degree with the opportunity to apply your knowledge in industry through our excellent placements with our partner clubs, at home or abroad. You will study all disciplines of football coaching, covering modules in; pedagogy, coaching science, and performance analysis, all of which are taught both theoretically and in a range of practical contexts.

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A good graduate of this course will be able to:

1. Coach a wide range of participants in a magnitude of different settings (e.g., academy, school, performance, community).
2. Use the industry experiences gained through placement modules and apply them into a range of work settings.
3. Use knowledge learnt from the course to help inform current and future coaching practice

Use transferable skills taught throughout the course to pursue a career within the football industry and in a range of coaching and related roles within the wider sport and physical activity sector.

Intakes:

September

Major Source of Funding:

Office for Students (OFS)

Tuition Fees:

Tuition fees are reviewed on an annual basis. The fees applicable to a particular academic year will be published on the University website.

Year	Status	Mode	Amount
2020/1	H	Full Time / Sandwich	£9250.00
2020/1	Overseas	Full Time / Sandwich	£12250.00
2020/1	H	Part Time	£3050.00
2020/1	Overseas	Part Time	£6125.00
2021/2	H	Full Time / Sandwich	£9250.00
2021/2	Overseas	Full Time / Sandwich	£12950.00
2021/2	H	Part Time	£3100.00
2022/3	H	Full Time / Sandwich	£9250.00
2022/3	Overseas	Full Time / Sandwich	£13450.00
2022/3	H	Part Time	£3120.00

PSRB:

SR035H01UV (Full-time)

Professional Accreditation Body:

Chartered Institute for the Management of Sport and Physical Activity

Accrediting Body:

Chartered Institute for the Management of Sport and Physical Activity (CIMSPA)

Accreditation Statement:

Endorsed by the Chartered Institute for the Management of Sport and Physical Activity (CIMSPA).

Approved	Start	Expected End	Renewal
18/Jul/2020	18/Jul/2020	17/Jul/2022	17/Jul/2021

SR035H31UV (Part-time)

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Course Structure:

September (Full-time)

Full time and Sandwich Undergraduate Honours students normally study 120 credits per academic year; 60 credits semester 1 and 60 credits semester 2.

Part time students study alongside full time students. However, they do not study more than 80 credits in each academic calendar year.

Module	Title	Credits	Period	Type
4SR056	Introduction to Sport in Higher Education	20	IN YR	Core
4SR043	Football Coaching Practice	20	IN YR	Core
4SR024	Sports Coaching and Pedagogy	20	IN YR	Core
4SR044	Applied Principles and Techniques in Football Coaching	20	IN YR	Core
4SR039	Performance Analysis in Football	20	IN YR	Core
4SR023	Coaching in Context	20	IN YR	Core

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Module	Title	Credits	Period	Type
5SR035	Sport & Physical Activity Industry Experience	20	IN YR	Core
5SR048	Sport Science for Football	20	IN YR	Core
5SR011	Coaching Philosophy in Practice	20	IN YR	Core
5SR036	Sports Event Management	20	IN YR	Core
5SR045	Football Coaching and Performance	20	IN YR	Core
5SR030	Tactical Trends in Football	20	IN YR	Core

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Module	Title	Credits	Period	Type
6SR019	The Professional Project	40	IN YR	Core
6SR031	Coaching with Diverse Populations	20	IN YR	Core
6SR042	Problem-Based Learning for Sports Coaching	20	IN YR	Core
6SR030	Advanced Football Coaching	20	IN YR	Core
6SR020	Professional Practice	20	IN YR	Core

Please note: Optional modules might not run every year, the course team will decide on an annual basis which options will be running, based on student demand and academic factors, to create the best learning experience.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment

Academic Regulations Exemption:

Formal decisions/recommendations made by AFRSC:

Undergraduate Sport Portfolio.

Section 1.2.3 - Exemption for delivery outside the standard University Academic Calendar in order to facilitate teaching over four consecutive blocks of study in each academic year.

APPROVED.

Reference Points:

UK Quality Code for Higher Education
University Policies and Regulations
Equality Act (2010)

Overview of Assessment:

Learning Outcomes	Modules
BHONS01 Demonstrate knowledge of the underlying concepts and principles associated with your area(s) of study, and an ability to evaluate and interpret these within the context of that area of study	4SR039 Performance Analysis in Football 6SR040 Football Placement 5SR035 Sport & Physical Activity Industry Experience 5SR046 Developing Research Skills 6SR040 Football Placement
BHONS02 Demonstrate an ability to present, evaluate and interpret qualitative and quantitative data, in order to develop lines of argument and make sound judgements in accordance with basic theories and concepts of your subject(s) of study.	4SR044 Applied Principles and Techniques in Football Coaching 6SR041 Preparation for Graduate Employment 5SR048 Sport Science for Football 6SR041 Preparation for Graduate Employment
BHONS03 Evaluate the appropriateness of different approaches to solving problems related to your area(s) of study and/or work	4SR023 Coaching in Context 4SR024 Sports Coaching and Pedagogy 6SR042 Problem-Based Learning for Sports Coaching 5SR044 Sports Coaching: Theory to Practice 6SR042 Problem-Based Learning for Sports Coaching
BHONS04 Communicate the results of your study/work accurately and reliably, and with structured and coherent arguments	4SR043 Football Coaching Practice 4SR056 Introduction to Sport in Higher Education 6SR030 Advanced Football Coaching 5SR030 Tactical Trends in Football 6SR030 Advanced Football Coaching
BHONS05 Demonstrate the qualities and transferable skills necessary for employment requiring the exercise of some personal responsibility	6SR019 The Professional Project 5SR035 Sport & Physical Activity Industry Experience
BHONS01 Demonstrate a critical understanding of pedagogical, scientific and football coaching methods to effectively communicate with a variety of audiences in a range of settings	
BHONS02 Integrate and assimilate the knowledge, skills and experiences gained during the programme into a thorough appreciation of the issues and operational contexts of sport coaching and pedagogy	
BHONS03 Critically reflect on theoretical and conceptual knowledge, along with the experience developed on your course, to enhance employability and transferrable learning skills within a sports coaching and football context	
BHONS04 Apply critical and innovative problem-solving abilities through thoughtful and effective collaboration and discussion with peers and external partners	
BHONS05 Critically evaluate how theory and concepts can both inform and be informed by practice	
BHONS06 Accurately deploy research skills in order to work with higher levels of autonomy to collect, interpret, and evaluate relevant data utilising established techniques of analysis and enquiry in a sports coaching and football context	
BHONS01 Demonstrate knowledge and critical understanding of the well-established principles of your area(s) of study, and of the way in which those principles have developed with an understanding of the limits of your knowledge, and how this influences analyses and interpretations based on that knowledge.	
BHONS02 Demonstrate the ability to apply underlying	

concepts and principles outside the context in which they were first studied, including, where appropriate, the application of those principles in an employment context

Modules

BHONS03 Demonstrate knowledge of the main methods of enquiry in the subject(s) relevant to the named award, and ability to evaluate critically the appropriateness of different approaches to solving problems in the field of study

BHONS04 Use a range of established techniques to initiate and undertake critical analysis of information, and to propose solutions to problems arising from that analysis

BHONS05 Effectively communicate information, arguments and analysis in a variety of forms to specialist and non-specialist audiences, and deploy key techniques of the discipline effectively

BHONS06 Demonstrate the qualities and transferable skills necessary for employment, requiring the exercise of personal responsibility and decision-making and undertake further training, developing existing skills and acquire new competences that will enable them to assume significant responsibility within organisations.

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Teaching, Learning and Assessment:

Learning activities on this course will include:

- Lectures
- Seminar discussion
- Practical sessions
- Workshops
- Work-based learning
- Tutorial support
- Independent reading of core and supplementary material from books, journals and electronic sources
- Canvas (VLE) structured on-line tasks and independent study
- Peer coaching
- Problem solving, reflection and decision making
- Assessment preparation workshops

Assessment methods on this course will include:

- Practical
- Presentation

- Research
- Portfolio
- Report
- Coursework
- Project

The assessments are focussed upon the application of theory to practice with an emphasis on portfolios, reports, presentations and coursework, rather than being based solely upon exams and essays. Level 4 introduces you to key pedagogical and football coaching concepts which are understood and explored in both theoretical and practical environments, with a focus upon the technical. At Level 5 you begin to apply the understanding developed at Level 4 to multi-disciplinary environments, with a specific focus on tactics and strategies for football and how they impact on the role of a sports coach. At Level 6 you start to engage in personal development and the emphasis is on the self as a football coaching practitioner. Throughout the three years, you are encouraged to develop ideas for future directions for the subject and develop skills and experience to help prepare for employment.

Assessment on certain modules has been designed to allow you to select an area which relates to your interest, graduate destination or your community/real world interests. For example, the Level 5 research proposal and final year project allow you to select your own topic area (provided it links to staff expertise in the department) and to choose from a range of project submission formats.

Assessment Methods:

At the University of Wolverhampton, a variety of modes of assessment will be used to support and test your learning and progress and to help you develop capabilities that are valued beyond your University studies and into your working life. Your course may include a variety of assessment activities:

Written examinations (including online examinations, open and closed book examinations and quizzes)
 Coursework (for example, essays, reports, portfolios, project proposals and briefs, CVs, poster presentation)
 Practical (for example, oral and video presentations, laboratory work, performances, practical skills assessment)

In the final year of your undergraduate degree, and at the end of your postgraduate degree, you are likely to be expected to write an extended piece of work or research, such as a dissertation or a practice-based piece of research.

Student Support:

General University support:

The University Library is the key source of academic information for students. The Library provides physical resources (books, journal, DVDs etc.) and offers a range of study areas to allow you to study in the environment that suits you best: Social areas, quiet and silent areas. It also provides access to wide range of online information sources, including eBooks, e-Journals and subject databases.

The Library also provides academic skills support via the Skills for Learning programme. If you are based on campus then you can attend workshops or ask for one-to-one help on a range of skills such as academic writing and referencing. You can also access a range of online skills material at: www.wlv.ac.uk/lib/skills.

Course Specific Support

- You will study a module designed to facilitate your transition into Higher Education at the start of level 4.
- Your course will be overseen by a Course Leader and you will also be allocated a Personal Tutor. You can book 1-to-1 appointments with them via our online Student Appointment Management System (SAMS).
- Specific assessment support will be factored into each module.
- If you have disabilities and/or specific learning difficulties you can gain a wide range of support from Student Support and Well Being.
- Higher Education academic skills will be embedded throughout the curriculum, with a focus on these skills in the following modules: 4SR056 Introduction to Sport in Higher Education, 4SR043 Football Coaching Practice, 5SR046 Developing Research Skills, 6SR041 Preparation for Graduate Employment
- You will be allocated a supervisor for your final year project.

Employability in the Curriculum:

This course will prepare you for employment in a range of roles within the Sport and Physical Activity sector, which contributes approximately £40 billion to the UK economy each year and employs approximately one million people. Professional Standards for roles in this sector are developed by the Chartered Institute for the Management of Sport and Physical Activity (CIMSPA). The University of Wolverhampton is working in partnership with CIMSPA, demonstrating our commitment to the ongoing development of the sector Professional Standards. This course is endorsed by CIMSPA against the Coach professional standard.

You will have the opportunity to develop professional skills and attributes throughout your studies. Our employability modules enable you to explore sports coaching and sport related career pathways and engage in career development planning that prepares you for graduate-level employment in a competitive industry. As part of these employability modules you will reflect on the experiences and skills you have gained in order to articulate your readiness to work in the football and sport industry.

Placement modules are a leading feature of the course allowing you to gain hands-on experience and mentoring in an applied setting. These settings include the option to work with our partner clubs (e.g., Wolverhampton Wanderers, West Bromwich Albion, Walsall FC, AFC Telford and our University team, WLV Sport FC. The skills gleaned from your experiences on placement will then be applied in the third year of your studies where you will have the opportunity to obtain experience in a professional environment of your choice. You can also choose to transfer to an optional sandwich placement year in a football coaching context. These extensive work experiences will lead towards obtaining the University of Wolverhampton Enterprise & Employability Awards and will serve to support your future career planning.

The University provides annual opportunities through its Career Development Week to obtain additional qualifications to support your employability. There are also further opportunities to follow National Governing Body Qualifications provided within and alongside the degree course to supplement your professional skills and career plans.

The Wolverhampton Enterprise and Employability Awards (WEEA) will be embedded in the modules below;

- 4SR039 Performance Analysis in Football
- 5SR035 Sport & Physical Activity Industry Experience
- 6SR041 Preparation for Graduate Employment

Upon successful completion on these modules and your course you may be eligible for the WEEA certificate.



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