

CORPORATE AND ACADEMIC SERVICES

PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION

Part 1: Basic Data		
Awarding Institution	University of the West of England	
Teaching Institution	Hartpury College	
Delivery Location	Hartpury College	
Study abroad / Exchange / Credit recognition	None applicable	
Faculty responsible for programme	Hartpury	
Department responsible for programme	Sport	
Modular Scheme Title	Sport	
Professional Statutory or Regulatory Body Links	None	
Highest Award Title	BSc (Hons) Sports Studies	
Default Award Title	None	
Fall-back Award Title	None	
Interim Award Titles	BSc Sports Studies	
UWE Progression Route	None	
Mode(s) of Delivery	FT / PT	
Codes	UCAS: C603	JACS: C600
	ISIS2: C603	HESA:
Relevant QAA Subject Benchmark Statements	Hospitality, leisure, sport and tourism	

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Part 2: Educational Aims of the Programme

This programme aims to:

- Recognise the diversity of prior learning opportunities experienced by programme entrants through evaluation of appropriate entrance pathways and offer guidance on module choice dependant on individual prior experience;
- Develop at honours degree level, transferable knowledge and skills which reflect academic developments in the sports industry and current best practice in enhancing the experience of sports participation;
- Develop capability in the exploration, analysis and evaluation of sports-based issues and concepts including contextual awareness of ethical and environmental issues;
- Provide students with the opportunity to unify conceptual and analytical frameworks with practice through a variety of contexts appropriate to the sports industry;
- Assist students in achieving personal development and competence, adaptability, self-confidence and critical self-reflection through critical enquiry and independent judgement;
- Encourage continuing academic and professional development to equip students to become life-long learners;
- Produce graduates with a strong academic and vocational background and who are competent in applying relevant techniques to meet the needs of various clients within the sports industry.

Programme requirements for the purposes of the Higher Education Achievement Record (HEAR)

The BSc (Hons) Sport Studies programme recognises the interdisciplinary nature of the sports industry. For this reason, the programme is designed to allow students to develop at honours degree level in a specific sports industry area. Throughout the programme, students are exposed to a variety of learning methods and types of assessments and the programme is designed specifically to allow students to explore and critically evaluate sports industry practice in an area specific to their key career aims and thereby develop skills to be a successful sports graduate.

Part 3: Learning Outcomes of the Programme

The award route provides opportunities for students to develop and demonstrate knowledge and understanding, qualities, skills and other attributes in the following areas:

Learning Outcomes:	Applied Research Project	Professional Development in Sport	Investigative skills for the successful undergraduate	Injury Prevention and Rehabilitation	Sports Sponsorship and Brand Development	Media, Technology and Communication in Sport	Performance Analysis	Contemporary Practice in Sports Conditioning	Sport Science for Coaches	Contemporary issues in Sports Education	Special Populations	Sports Injury Assessment	Sport Psychology in Action
A) Knowledge and understanding of:													
The concepts, principles, guidelines and issues related to practising in the sports industry		√		√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
The current technical language and practices within the chosen areas of study appertaining to the sports industry	√	√		√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
The social, economic and political contexts of the sports industry		√			√	√		√	√	√	√		
Processes that guide the development of an independent piece of research	√	√	√										

Part 3: Learning Outcomes of the Programme

The interdisciplinary nature of sport science support mechanisms and the wider support team		√		√			√	√	√			√	√
(B) Intellectual Skills													
Demonstrate critical reasoning analysis and analytical ability within the chosen areas of study appertaining to the sports industry	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Evaluate and apply theoretical concepts in a work-related context			√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		√	√
Apply problem solving techniques in a work related context		√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		√	√
Synthesise data/information and interpret research findings within the chosen areas of study appertaining to the sports industry	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		√	√
Demonstrate the planning, execution and reporting of original work	√	√	√										
(C) Subject/Professional/Practical Skills													
Demonstrate an ability to use relevant theories and concepts in practical situations		√		√			√	√				√	√
Demonstrate an ability to produce work of graduate standard	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Use relevant methodologies to support the production of original work	√	√	√										
Identify and evaluate the impact of ethical constraints on the skills and techniques used within the sports industry	√	√						√	√				√
(D) Transferable skills and other attributes													
Independently plan, conduct and report a programme of original research	√		√										
Communicate effectively in formal and non-formal scenarios using a variety of means	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Demonstrate proficiency in the use of information technology	√	√	√		√	√	√	√	√	√	√		
Manage time and workload	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Demonstrate work-related skills	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√

Part 4: Student Learning and Student Support

Teaching and learning strategies to enable learning outcomes to be achieved and demonstrated

At UWE, Bristol there is a policy for a minimum average requirement of 12 hours/week contact time over the course of the full undergraduate programme. This contact time encompasses a range of activities as described below. In addition a range of other learning activities will be embedded within the programme which, together with the contact time, will enable learning outcomes to be achieved and demonstrated.

Scheduled learning includes lectures, seminars, tutorials, project supervision, demonstration, practical classes and workshops; fieldwork; external visits; work based learning. Scheduled sessions may vary slightly depending on the module choices made.

Independent learning includes hours engaged with essential reading, case study preparation, assignment preparation and completion etc. Scheduled sessions may vary slightly depending on the module choices made.

Description of the teaching resources provided for students

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It is of paramount importance that the Hartpury student feels supported through their educational journey which dictates the existence of a comprehensive framework of supporting documentation. Alongside the University of the West of England documentation that indicates University regulations and procedures, students receive a student planner from the Associate Faculty which introduces 'student life at Hartpury' and 'academic life at Hartpury' along with an academic year diary for the students' use.

A programme handbook detailing the programme aims and an overview of the programme, programme team biographies, the assessment schedule, guidelines for written work (faculty wide), citations and references, assessment offences and study/examination preparation are also provided to all students. In support of this, students receive a guide for each module that they study on the programme which provides information on the module aims and learning approach, the module timetable (scheme of work), a guide to study tours and visits relevant to the module and assessment guidelines. Each module guide also contains the current module descriptor and the component B assessment brief.

The Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) is an electronic resource accessible remotely which is administered by the programme and module teams, providing students with access to academic materials relevant to their active modules and programmes and has the capability to be used as an online test of knowledge for students through the various online testing functions embedded into its infrastructure, alongside having discussion forum capabilities. Students can be kept up to date with information via the notice board areas on the VLE or via the SMS text service which the Associate Faculty has engaged with.

Students are also strongly encouraged to engage in two face-to-face tutorials with their allocated personal tutor per semester of study which serves to support their academic development. Student advisors are also in place as an additional recognition of the demands placed on students who provide support in other factors that might impinge on the academic journey alongside the College Welfare Officer and the counselling service which is provided by student services.

The learning and teaching strategy of the Associate Faculty provides the opportunity for students to engage in a number of different learning environments: It is understood that people learn through different means, so a range of methods are used including but not limited to lectures, debates, laboratory (practical and computer based) sessions, practical application forums, work placements (including working within the local community to support ongoing sports initiatives) and seminar/discussion sessions centred around current published literature. Assessment also comes in many guises in order that students experience a range of opportunities in which they may excel from written assignments and written examinations through to coaching and clinical based competency assessments.

The Hartpury library service is very supportive of the academic disciplines within the Field of Sports Science and provides an extensive range of paper (book and periodical) and electronic based (e-book, periodical and database) resources relevant to the subject. The library service is in constant contact with the programme team to provide up-to-date, relevant material which supports the students' academic journey.

Description of any Distinctive Features

The BSc (Hons) Sport Studies programme provides graduates of sport-related Foundation Degrees or HNDs with the opportunity to gain an Honours degree level qualification in one year. Students from a range of backgrounds are invited to join the programme.

The programme ensures that students will gain appropriate Honours degree research skills by engaging in the 30 credit Applied Research Project module and a Professional Development module alongside a range of modules which can be tailored from the Field of Sports Science catalogue to guide study in a direction of interest to the student. Compulsory modules are in place to ensure that students have a

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conceptual understanding of how they will fit into the sports industry as practitioners, with option modules allowing students to tailor their degree towards a discipline of interest to them. The map allows for 90 credits to be tailored to the students' area of interest. All modules of study are supported by a range of facilities such as the Human Performance Laboratory and the training facilities (power gym, cardiovascular gym, rubber crumb and sports pitches) within the Hartpury Academy of Sport.

Students can engage in athlete testing and reporting which is a key element to the way in which any professional will strive towards improving absolute performance levels or they may choose the management based modules which will provide knowledge and experiences to support the next generation of facility managers. Work-related learning is key to many modules and the experience is overseen by the teaching staff who have themselves worked at the cutting edge of the sports industry in their area of specialism, whether this be in sport psychology, sports therapy, sports conditioning or sports coaching and education.

Part 5: Assessment

Approved variant to University [Academic Regulations and Procedures](#)

Assessment Strategy

Assessment strategy to enable the learning outcomes to be achieved and demonstrated:

Assessment of knowledge and understanding is through a variety of formative and summative means in accordance with industry expectations. Assessment is a key part of learning, not least because of the valuable feedback it provides for students and tutors. Students are assessed in a variety of ways, including practical assessments, coursework, written and practical examinations and oral presentations. Students develop and practice many transferable and specific skills for working within the sports industry. Assessment completed may vary for each student depending on module choices.

In line with the College's commitment to facilitating equal opportunities, a student may apply for alternative means of assessment if appropriate. Each application will be considered on an individual basis taking into account learning and assessment needs. For further information regarding this please refer to the VLE.

The programme encompasses a range of **assessment methods**, these are detailed in the following assessment map:

Assessment Map for BSc (Hons) Sports Studies

		Type of Assessment*									
		Unseen Written Exam	Open Book Written Exam	In-class Written Test	Practical Exam	Practical Skills Assessment	Oral assessment and/or presentation	Written Assignment	Report / Project	Dissertation	Portfolio
Compulsory Modules Level 3	Applied Research Project								A (100)		
	Professional Development in Sport										A (100)
	Investigative skills for the successful undergraduate			A (50)					B (50)		
Optional Modules Level 3	Sports Sponsorship and Brand Development						A (100)				
	Media, Technology and Communication in Sport							B (50)	A (50)		
	Sports Injury Assessment						A (100)				
	Performance Analysis						A (100)				
	Contemporary Practice in Sports Conditioning										A (100)
	Sport Science for Coaches		A (100)								
	Contemporary issues in Sports Education						A (50)		B (50)		
	Special Populations		A (100)								
	Sport Psychology in Action								A (100)		
	Injury Prevention and Rehabilitation						A (50)		B (50)		

*Assessment should be shown in terms of either **Written Exams**, **Practical exams**, or **Coursework** as indicated by the colour coding above.

Part 6: Programme Structure

This structure diagram demonstrates the student journey from Entry through to Graduation for a typical **full time student**, including:

Level and credit requirements

Interim award requirements

Module diet, including compulsory and optional modules

ENTRY		Compulsory Modules	Optional Modules	Interim Awards
	Year 3	Applied Research Project (UINV3S-30-3) Investigative Skills for the successful undergraduate (UINV4Y-15-3) Professional Development in Sport (UISV45-30-3)	Students normally required to select 45 credits from the optional year 3 modules listed below; Sports Sponsorship and Brand Development (UISV53-15-3) Media, Technology and Communication in Sport (UISV43-15-3) Performance Analysis (UISV45-15-3) Contemporary Practice in Sports Conditioning (UISV3W-15-3) Sport Science for Coaches (UISV4B-15-3) Contemporary Issues in Sports Education (UISV3V-15-3) Special Populations (UISV55-15-3) Sport Psychology in Action (UISV4A-15-3) Injury Prevention and Rehabilitation (UISV3X-15-3) Sports Injury Assessment (UISV4D-15-3)	<u>BSc Sports Studies</u> Credit Requirements: 300 credits at level 0 or above of which not less than 280 are at level 1 or above, not less than 100 are at level 2 or above and not less than 60 at level 3 or above. *Please note that this would not be available to students having completed all their HE level 1 (4) and HE level 2 (5) learning outside UWE regulations. <u>TARGET AWARD</u> <u>BSc (Hons) Sports Studies</u> Credit Requirements: 360 credits at level 0 or above of which not less than 340 are at level 1 or above, not less than 200 are at level 2 or above and not less than 100 at level 3 or above. This must include all compulsory modules.

Part time:

The following structure diagram demonstrates the student journey from Entry through to Graduation for a typical **part time student**.

A part time option for students allows them to combine modules which suits their requirements. These requirements may include time restraints such as working, family commitments and logistical concerns. Any combination of modules (apart from modules which have prerequisites) can be taken.

Part 7: Entry Requirements

The University's Standard Entry Requirements apply with the following additions/exceptions*:

Applicants must provide evidence of passing either a Foundation Degree or an HND in a sport related subject.

It will be expected that entrants to the programme have:

appropriate prior learning to National Qualification Framework level 5 in sport-related study which may include (but is not limited to):

- exercise physiology;
- sport psychology;
- sport biomechanics;
- sport development;

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- sports conditioning;
- sports coaching;
- sports therapy;
- performance analysis;
- physical activity;
- sports management.

We also welcome applicants from a diverse range of backgrounds who do not have the entry requirements outlined above. The university will consider applicants on the basis of evidence of personal, professional and educational experience which indicates an applicant's ability to meet the demands of an undergraduate degree programme. Applicants with non-standard entry criteria will be reviewed on an individual basis. This will take the form of an individual interview with members of the programme team and possibly the completion of a set task such as a written assignment. Where appropriate experience or learning has been gained prior to enrolment on the programme RPL/RPEL may be possible.

Applicants whose first language is not English must also gain a minimum IELTS score of 6.0 prior to entry onto the programme.

Part 8: Reference Points and Benchmarks

QAA UK Quality Code for HE

Has been used to define the minimum level of achievement that students need to achieve to succeed on this programme and achieve the qualification. It has also been used to inform the academic quality of the programme and enhance the quality of the learning opportunities and the assessment methods used to measure achievement on the programme.

Relevant subject benchmark statements (Hospitality, leisure, sport and tourism (2008))

Have informed the characteristics of the subject matter and curriculum development of the programme, the programme learning outcomes and the attributes that a graduate of this programme should be able to demonstrate.

University Strategies and Policies: The Academic Regulations and Procedures

Has been used to ensure that the quality of learning, teaching and assessment on this programme adheres to the University's framework of academic regulations, procedures and working practices that enable the assurance of academic standards. The University's Policy on word count has also been used to inform the assessment strategy stated in Part 5 of this document and is detailed on the module descriptors.

University of the West of England 2020 Strategy

Has been used in designing this programme to ensure that the programme is: learning-centred; underpinned by sound health and safety practices and informed by research and professional practice; inclusive, flexible and accessible, exemplified in particular by the part-time and accelerated study routes; and, provides a diverse assessment diet. Furthermore, the programme aims to produce graduates who: know and value themselves as open-minded, reflective and inter-dependent learners, and participants, employees, self-employed professionals and entrepreneurs in global settings and as global citizens; and, reflect on their own learning and practice, who value others as collaborators in their learning and its exchange.

Assessment within the programme: is an integral part of a dynamic learning and teaching process and not separate from it; plays a key part in the rigorous setting and maintaining of academic standards; provides all students with the entitlement to parity of treatment; makes no distinction between different modes of study; ensures that progression is achieved by credit accumulation and the completion of pre-requisites and co-requisites; recognises different module learning in different forms of assessment; and, affords students the maximum opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge, skills, competencies and overall strengths through a variety of assessed activities.

This programme has been designed to ensure: that all work-based learning is assessed in accordance with the University's Academic Regulations; requirements and standards set out by professional bodies

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are met; provision of clear information regarding the responsibilities of each party to the learning contract or other agreement e.g. learner, university, and employer; students are adequately prepared for work based learning; support for the development of the learners in the workplace; that the learning is documented in a form that clearly identifies how it contributes to the overall aims and learning outcomes of the programme; regular audits are made of the contribution of partner organisations' abilities to meet the needs of the student and programme; that learning contracts or agreements are in place with their work-based partners; that clear strategies are in place to support the identification, negotiation and organisation of work based activities for students, commensurate with the student's learning needs and the significance of this learning to the programmes of which it forms a part; and, that all arrangements for work-based learning take full account of the requirements of equal opportunities, and health and safety legislation and University policies for the same.

Teaching, Learning and Scholarship Strategy

Has been used in designing this programme to ensure that the programme is underpinned by the five key principles which aim to enhance the student experience across the Associate Faculty. This programme will provide a high quality experience through a focus on student progression and achievement, academic currency and relevance, innovative delivery and assessment and feedback delivered by appropriately qualified staff who undergo Continuing Professional Development (CPD) that is linked to the UK Professional Standards Framework. The programme team will encourage and support individuals from diverse backgrounds and cultures to enable them to enter higher education and fulfil their potential. The programme adopts a fully integrated and collaborative approach to preparing students for future graduate level employment and to foster the inquiring mind-set, which will ultimately support lifelong learning for the benefit of both the graduate and wider society. The programme promotes an active scholarship culture that incorporates the scholarship of discovery, integration, application and inquiry-based learning that will transform students' understanding of knowledge and research. Students will be encouraged to develop knowledge exchange partnerships by fostering connections with each other as well as local businesses and other community partners.

Staff research projects:

The proposed modules for this programme are based on well-established teaching areas within the Associate Faculty. These modules will be taught by staff who are either research or consultancy active, or actively engaged in scholarly activity, and who bring their current experience to bear on their teaching.

Employer interaction and staff/student feedback:

Consultation has been conducted involving discussions about the purpose of the programme, its distinctiveness as a programme and the skills and knowledge needed to ensure the programme is current and relevant to employers. Examples of the related activities that have taken place include:

- Undergraduate Sports Staff Student Liaison Groups.
- Programme Development Team Meetings.

What methods have been used in the development of this programme to evaluate and improve the quality and standards of learning? This could include consideration of stakeholder feedback from, for example current students, graduates and employers.

- Undergraduate Sports Staff Student Liaison Groups.
- Programme Development Team

This specification provides a concise summary of the main features of the programme and the learning outcomes that a typical student might reasonably be expected to achieve and demonstrate if he/she takes full advantage of the learning opportunities that are provided. More detailed information on the learning outcomes, content and teaching, learning and assessment methods of individual modules can be found in module specifications, available on the [University's website](#).