

MSc Professional Development in Sports Coaching

Award on completion of programme: MSc Professional Development in Sports Coaching

Professional body accreditation: None

Location of study: Hartpury University.

Length of programme: One year accelerated full-time. Two years full-time. Part-time options are available.

Language of the programme: This programme is taught in English.

Entry Requirements:

General: At least a 2:2 in a Bachelor's Degree.

Those with significant and current experience in sport coaching, coach education, sport development, or teaching are welcomed.

Mature and international applicants: Mature and international applicants are welcomed. Mature applicants that are not applying for a programme straight from formal education will be expected to demonstrate suitability for the course.

In the case of international applications, we will attempt to establish the equivalency of qualifications and the same criteria and assessment is used as for home students. An IELTS English qualification of 6.5 is expected for international applicants without a GCSE Grade C or above (or 9 to 4 where numeric grades are being awarded) in English Language.

If you have completed learning towards a university level qualification, perhaps at another institution or with a professional body or have relevant work experience then you may be able to gain credit for this and / or enter the course at a later point than standard year one entry. For further information please contact our Admissions team, who will be pleased to help you.

Personalised offers will be made to each applicant based on their own merits. Non-academic and academic achievement will be considered.

Timetables: This programme has been specially designed to fit around those working or volunteering within the sector. As such timetables have been carefully designed and include a lot of flexibility. Timetables are normally available during registration. It is recommended that you discuss potential timetables and how this may fit alongside working or volunteering with a member of Hartpury staff in person.

Programme Composition: This programme is comprised of different modules, which focus on specific subjects. The modular structure of the programme gives you flexibility and choice and you can attend introductory sessions for optional modules before having to finally decide which ones you wish to study. We usually offer all optional modules available to students however if we believe that we are unable to offer a high quality student experience (which can be particularly affected by low student demand) then we may make the decision not to offer it. If an optional module will not be run, we will advise you as soon as possible and help you choose an alternative module. Our teaching is informed by research, and modules change periodically to reflect developments in the discipline. These changes are informed by both industry

and student consultation.

On completion and passing of these modules you gain academic credit that accumulates towards your award. The marks you gain for these modules may contribute towards your overall award mark and outcome. This programme offers students a mixture of classroom learning and independent research. Modules are generally based upon informal seminars facilitated by each module tutor and one-to-one tutorials allowing students to work around their other commitments. Some modules may bring in guest lecturers to provide topical and industry-relevant talks.

Compulsory Modules

- Professional Development Portfolio
 - Students will reflect on coaching techniques to develop effective leadership and management
- Coaching Craft
 - Understand coaching philosophy and coaching behaviours and decision-making
- Reflective Practice
 - Developing reflective practices and their use in coaching
- The Scientific Coach
 - Prepares students to review current research, and conduct their own research projects in the area of coaching.

Either:

- Coaching Work Based Learning Extended Project
 - Students will develop and undertake a project into an area of their work.

OR

- Postgraduate Dissertation
 - Students will develop and undertake a research project of their choosing

You also have to ensure you complete at least one module investigating a work-based learning topic.

Optional modules: These generally allow students to study areas of coaching they are particularly interested in and may be considering as contexts for future employment. These modules include pedagogy in practice, high performing environments and coaching work-based portfolio.

Assessment Method: You will be assessed through a mixture of written assignments, presentations, group conversations and video analysis of personal coaching practice. Many of the modules will be marked based on a mixture of assessment types, whilst others will be based solely on one type of assessment.

Discounts and special support associated with enrolling on the programme: Hartpury also subsidises optional short courses for a reduced cost that give students the opportunity to gain relevant experience and qualifications prior to graduation. These are in addition to the discounts Hartpury usually offers to its students, such as free Wi-Fi on site and Microsoft Office packages etc. There is lots of support available to you whilst you study including allocation of a personal academic tutor that you will meet for 1:1 sessions and other services detailed at: <https://www.hartpury.ac.uk/university/facilities/life-at-hartpury/student-support>

Costs associated with the programme: The cost of the programme will be £7000 per year for UK and EU students subject to government approval. International fees for this programme are £13000. We will only increase our fees in accordance with guidelines laid down by the Office for Students (OfS). Hartpury alumni are usually eligible for a 20% discount on full-time fees.

How do I join a Sports Academy?

If you would like to represent one of the Academy sports at Hartpury in the 2020/21 season then you must become a member of the Sports Academy.

The cost of the Sports Academy Membership fee for a HE student is currently £220 a year (this also includes a free student gym membership for the year).

How do I purchase Hartpury Sports kit?

Visit the Hartpury online shop which you can access via the Hartpury website, at: <http://estore.hartpury.ac.uk/> You may wish to purchase the kit which is relevant to your course or sport.

For part-time costs please refer to the Hartpury Fee policy:

<http://www.hartpury.ac.uk/about-us/governance-and-policies/governance-and-policies/>

For more information on the admissions policy, please visit:

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