

MSc, Postgraduate Diploma and Postgraduate Certificate

Sports Coaching

This programme will support you to take your coaching to the next level by becoming a theoretically informed and evidence-based reflexive practitioner.

You'll benefit from a range of academically stimulating and industry-relevant modules, blending theory, practical and placement experiences to develop your coaching practice. The programme is delivered by lecturers who are also coaching practitioners in a variety of performance settings, coach educators for national governing bodies and coach within our Hartpury clubs.

Key Information

Course Duration: 1 year full-time; part-time options available

UC **UCAS Code:** MSTSCSXX

Level of Study: Master's and PhDs

Typical Offer: 2:1 honours degree (2:2 applicants considered individually)

Course information

Overview

The course is ideal for recent graduates, coaching practitioners in high-performance sport and those in development coaching roles. Our contextualised learning environment also caters for those who want to engage in professional development, with career aspirations in education.

As an MSc student, you'll undertake a significant piece of applied research, contributing new knowledge to an area of your own work or wider coaching environment.

With both full and part-time learning options, you could study alongside existing employment or other commitments.

Entry requirements

Academic

2:1 honours degree in a relevant subject. Students with 2:2 and relevant experience will be considered on a case by case basis.

Non-academic

Students with non-relevant qualifications but with sufficient work experience or professional experience will be considered on an individual basis.

International

In addition to the academic qualification an IELTS 6.5 or equivalent is required.

Please contact us for further information.

Employability

You'll be required to work in a coaching role alongside your studies as part of your placement. This can be a pre-existing coaching context, or we can support students to secure a role in our own performance and development sports teams on campus, but this cannot be guaranteed.

Career destinations for the degree include:

- Professional sports coach
- PhD study
- School sport coach
- University or college lecturer
- Community or developmental coach

How you'll study

We're committed to supporting you to fulfil your unique potential while you're here so that you can achieve your personal and professional goals.

Duration

One year, full-time

You can study each of these qualifications full-time and subsequently complete each within one year.

Two-three years, part-time

Alternatively, we offer flexible part-time options to help students to manage their studies alongside other commitments. These options can be tailored to suit your own needs, enabling you to complete your qualification in two or three years. Please enquire for further details.

Your support network

You'll benefit from a strong support network from day one. This will range from your lecturers, supervisors and personal tutor to our specialist academic (Achievement and Success Centre), employability (Innovation, Careers and Enterprise) and wellbeing teams.

Your learning experiences

You'll experience a range of teaching methods to strengthen your understanding of topics, including lectures, workshops and practical sessions.

Qualifications and modules

MSc degree

The course has been designed to engage you in the process of applying theoretical principles to your practice, enabling you to develop as an academically informed reflective practitioner.

Industry-informed and relevant modules will support you to develop a deeper understanding of coaching, coach education and high-performing coaching environments, focusing on the practical nature of the discipline.

You'll be encouraged to focus on your existing coaching context, with opportunities to tailor your assessments to help meet the demands of your professional role.

Postgraduate Certificate and Postgraduate Diploma

These qualifications form part of and are at the same level as the full master's degree. They provide the ideal opportunity for you to develop your professional expertise via shorter part-time qualifications to fit around commitments, whilst allowing flexibility to progress each qualification through to the next level, including the full master's degree.

Postgraduate Certificate

The Postgraduate Certificate includes the initial group of core modules.

Postgraduate Diploma

The Postgraduate Diploma includes these core modules alongside focused research in a coaching context that could reflect your current role or future ambitions.

Modules

The programme architecture provides a blend of theory, practical and reflection-based sessions, alongside the student's placement, these combine to allow a comprehensive and personally contextualised learning experience.

Module credits

Upon successful completion of your modules you'll gain academic credit that accumulates towards your award. The marks you gain may contribute towards your final master's degree differential award (pass, merit or distinction).

Compulsory modules

Deconstructing Coaching Practice (Cert, Dip, MSc)

This module will provide students with a platform to deconstruct their coaching practice using theory. Here, students will experience a theory-practice-reflection iterative cycle, which enables them to challenge their existing practice, improve their self-awareness with the aim to become theoretically-informed and practically-aware practitioners.

Reconstructing Coaching Practice (Dip, MSc)

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Postgraduate Industry Placement Experience (Cert, Dip, MSc)

This module will bridge the gap between your academic preparation and the real-world environment. You'll be required to source and complete 200 hours of industry-based placement in a pre-approved environment.

Reflective Practice (Dip, MSc)

Developing critical reflective practices and their use in coaching.

The Scientific Coach (MSc)

Prepares students to review current research and conduct their own research projects in the area of coaching.

High Performing Environments (Cert, Dip, MSc)

Students will develop a critical understanding and appreciation of high-performance leadership and how to build and sustain a high performing environment.

Sports Coaching Extended Project (MSc)

This is a portfolio module allowing students to create assessment outputs such as review reports and presentations that represent both coursework within their course pathway and resources for their workplace colleagues, line management and wider organisation.

Teaching modes

The modules contain a mixture of scheduled learning – lectures, workshops, practical sessions and online delivery – alongside independent learning. Students are expected to dedicate at least two to three hours of independent study per contact hour.

The course is taught in English.

	Contact learning	Placement learning	Independent learning
MSc degree	12%	11%	77%
Postgraduate Diploma	13%	17%	70%
Postgraduate Certificate	11%	33%	56%

Teaching contact time

Teaching contact time and method will vary depending on the module that you are studying.

Assessment and Feedback

You'll be assessed through a mixture of practical exams and written assignments. 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.

Feedback will be given in written form, with the option to discuss all feedback with academic staff.

	Written exam	Practical exam	Coursework
MSc degree	0%	29%	71%
Postgraduate Diploma	0%	31%	69%
Postgraduate Certificate	0%	25%	75%

Timetables

This master's course is made up of two semesters, within which you'll study compulsory and optional modules on different topics.

Semesters normally consisting of 12 weeks of scheduled teaching and then assessment weeks, with an overview below:

- Scheduled teaching takes place on a Monday and Tuesday 10:30-12:30 and 13:30-15:30.
- This condensed tailored timetable allows students to study flexibly around existing work-life and sporting commitments, coach/play in the morning via our Sports Academy and/or allow for those students who are required to travel.

 **[View term dates](#)**

Fees and funding

Please visit our [student finance page](#) for information on tuition fees and student loans, as well as non-repayable grants, bursaries and scholarships, eligible to different groups, to support with study costs.

Studentship scheme

Our [Postgraduate Studentship Scheme](#) provides a fantastic development opportunity, enabling you to complement your postgraduate study with important real-world research within a paid position at Hartpury.

Performance Sports Academy membership

Find out costs and details for joining one of our performance Sports Academy teams.

[Explore Sports Academies](#)

Hartpury gym

Find out about [costs and details for joining the Hartpury gym](#).

[Discover more](#)

Accommodation and living costs

Please [visit our student accommodation page](#) for details.

 **[Fees & finance](#)**

Further course details

Our [*Resource Library*](#) is where you'll find all the essential details about Hartpury University's courses. It includes *Programme* and *Module Specifications*, along with *Course Information Sheets* for every course. You can easily download a complete revision history for each of these, clearly showing the dates changes were made.

Course Information Sheets: These are PDF versions of the course webpages. They provide an overview of the course, what to expect during your studies, and the topics covered.

Programme Specifications: These are detailed, validated documents containing academic specifics for each programme. They include descriptions of the programme, its aims, learning outcomes, year and module structure, as well as teaching, learning, and assessment strategies.

Module Specifications: Each Programme consists of several Modules. Our Module Specifications outline the topics covered and the expected outcomes for students studying each Module.

 **Resource library**

Meet the programme manager

Dr Martin Longworth is a Senior Lecturer in Sports Coaching and Physical Education.



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World-class facilities

Develop hands-on expertise and undertake research in our over £10 million Sports Academy, enabling our students to learn using some of the most advanced technologies in

the UK.

Develop your practical skills using industry-standard equipment that's utilised by professional coaches to enhance strength, power, speed and injury prevention qualities.

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of student feedback. We reserve the right to make necessary changes and will notify all offer-holders of changes as and when they occur.