



UNIVERSITY OF  
GLOUCESTERSHIRE

at Cheltenham and Gloucester

# BSc (HONS) SPORTS DEVELOPMENT



Offering a distinctive combination of classroom, practical and industry-based modules, this course helps you understand, question and analyse sport and its role in the community.

The course aims to help students develop a critical understanding of the theory that underpins the field. There is also the opportunity to develop learning through an extensive range of placements (at all three levels of the course) with sport and community organisations. You could play a role in our unique social enterprise, owned and run by students, which co-ordinates and runs sports development initiatives with partners across the county.

You will develop excellent intellectual and transferable skills, which will prepare you for employment in this progressive and dynamic field, or for work and life in other related sectors. We promote innovative teaching and learning that creates a positive environment for students, and encourages individuals to develop within and beyond the curriculum.

This course offers a number of joint study opportunities. The combination with coaching provides a particularly popular and highly vocationally relevant route.

# International Development Centre

## BSc (Hons) Sports Development

Level I	Introduction to the Sociology of Sport and Exercise	Activity Leadership	Sport and Exercise Placement I	Introduction to Coaching Principles	Option
	Sports Organisations	Academic Study Skills for Sports Development	Coaching Practitioner Skills	Introduction to Exercise and Health Development	Option
Level II	Research Methods	Sports Development Planning and Experience	Sport and Society	Public Health and Health Promotion	Option
	Sport and Social Exclusion		Football and the Community	Ethics and Morality in Sport I	Option
Level III	Contemporary Issues in Sports Development	Youth Culture and Active Leisure	Exercise and Mental Health	Dissertation	Option
	Participation and Partnership	Social Education	Performance Sports Development		Option

**Please Note:** This course map is for a single honours degree.

### ILLUSTRATIVE MODULES

**Introduction to the Sociology of Sport and Exercise** examines the role of sport and exercise in modern society. Emphasis will be given to the range of theoretical approaches employed by social scientists in examining such issues as 'race', gender and class in sport and exercise. This module will be of value to those of you who have an interest in sport and exercise and their role in contemporary society.

**Sports Organisations** provides you with an introduction to the structure and function of organised sport provision in the context of the United Kingdom. The content of this module forms the foundation context for other modules in the Course, both at this and higher levels, providing directional signs for further study.

**Sport and Society** examines a range of issues in sport from a sociological perspective. Emphasis will be given to explanations of the role of sport in contemporary society, and builds upon the approaches studied at level 1.

**Football and the Community** considers the range of settings and forms in which football is played, and also investigates alternative approaches to the delivery, organisation and ownership of the sport in the future. This module uses the context of association football to explore the concepts of identity, empowerment, citizenship and community development

**Youth Culture and Active Leisure** draws upon perspectives from a range of social science disciplines including sociology, criminology and psychology to examine the role active leisure plays in youth culture.

**Placement Modules** provide an opportunity for you to develop your practice based learning and experience, and to relate your academic studies to practice. Opportunities exist with a wide range of partner agencies and organisations, and placements are available at all three levels of the Sports Development programme.

**Option Modules** allow you to choose from a selection of modules – a full list of modules can be seen at [www.glos.ac.uk/courses/undergraduate/spv](http://www.glos.ac.uk/courses/undergraduate/spv) and then selecting 'Detailed Course Information.'

### STAFF PROFILE

#### Philip Shirfield BSc (Hons), MSc, PGCHE

*Course Leader – Sports Development / Senior Lecturer in Sports Development*

Philip is the Course Leader on the BSc Sports Development degree. Prior to working in Higher Education, Philip worked in Sports Development with Nottingham City Council, and then as a Senior Development Manager for Sport England in the North West region.

Areas of teaching include sports policy and practice, partnership development and the planning, delivery and evaluation of sports development based work. He is also involved with the placement programme and works with local partner agencies. Research interests lie in the potential role that sport plays in individual and community well-being and development.

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### STUDENT PROFILE

#### Julia Ladbrooke

*BSc (Hons) Sports Development*

"The university has a friendly, clean and modern environment and the sports facilities are first class. If you choose to take them the opportunities are there to excel in your chosen subject to a very high level.

The expertise from the staff is second to none so I have high aspirations for myself for the future. The life experience and work based experience I have gained so far, and will continue to gain, alongside the academic work I hope will provide me with all I need for the future.

I have enjoyed volunteering in the local community. I have been an active member of the women's football team and the women's basketball team since my first year. The university has given me a stable job as a student ambassador which I really enjoy whilst being able to earn on campus.

I hope to stay and get a good job in the local community as a development officer whilst studying for a masters here."

### Benefits of the Course

- Unique student-owned enterprise
- Development, coaching, leadership and placement opportunities
- Close links with a wide range of partner agencies and other local authority partners

### Entry Requirements

- Applicants should have completed High School with good grades. Some students may have to complete an international foundation course before progressing to the bachelors degree
- IELTS 6.0 overall (5.5 in writing) or equivalent

### Mode of Attendance

Full-time

### Duration

3 years

### International Fees for 2010/11

Annual Tuition Fee £8,615

### Career Paths

- Local authority sports development officer
- Olympic agencies
- Sport and leisure facilities
- Sports' national governing bodies
- Work within Sport England

### Enquiries and Applications

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