

Foundation Degree (FdA) Sports Development & Coaching



Huish Business School offers a Foundation Degree (FdA) in Sports Development and Coaching in partnership with University College Plymouth St Mark & St John (UCP Marjon).

Why study for this foundation degree?

Sports development and coaching employers have helped to plan and design this degree so you can be sure that the knowledge, skills and understanding that successful students will develop on the course are relevant both to topping up to a full degree and also to entering this exciting industry.

Huish has an outstanding academic and sporting reputation and there are opportunities for students to be involved in the sporting programme both as a player [if you meet the age criteria] and possibly as a coach or official.

The course has already developed a very positive reputation with students and with local sports development and coaching organisations and offers clear benefits to those who choose to take their degree locally:

- As the timetable is delivered over 3 days you will be able to work during the rest of the week
- The course develops skills that are effectively transferable into both employment and further study
- Excellent study support is offered to all students to help maximise your performance on the course

What will I study?

The programme has been designed to give you what you need to be an effective employee in this wide ranging industry. This may be for example as a sports coach or in a more administrative role as an event manager or sports development officer.

The 2 year course consists of 12 modules.

Year 1

- Foundations in Sports Development
- Applied Health, Fitness and Nutrition
- Academic, Personal and Professional Development Planning
- Foundations of Coaching and Instructing
- The Organisation and Structure of Sport
- An Introduction to Performance Analysis

Year 2

- Sports and Leisure Policy
- Practical Sports Development
- Critical Investigations in Sport
- Placement Learning
- Managing Events
- Coaching Theory and Practice



How will the course be delivered?

The FdA in Sports Development and Coaching is a full-time course. It is delivered on 3 days per week over 2 years.

How will I be assessed?

The programme includes academic, practical and work based learning experiences, and there are a wide range of assessment methods. You will have written assessments such as essays and formal reports, and several oral and practical assessments. During the course you will have both individual and group assessments.

What do students say?



Ben Elliot

"I chose to study this course because I have a keen interest in coaching (particularly tennis) and I believe that the course will be a great help in developing and tuning my coaching skills and preparing me for a career in the sport industry.

I attended Richard Huish College for my A levels and was really pleased with both the quality of the teaching and my results so was very happy to continue my studies here. Also because the course is timetabled over 3 days it gives me the rest of the week to coach and work, meaning I get the same qualifications as someone who goes away to university.

The small group size means that the teachers have more time per student which can help improve understanding and grades."

Ben successfully completed his Foundation Degree in 2011 and is going on to study for the BA in Sports Development degree at UCP, Marjon.

What entry requirements do I need?

The standard entry requirement is 160 UCAS points. Entry requirements are flexible to allow experience in a related field to be considered.

How do I apply?

All applications are through UCAS to UCP, Marjon. Key information that you will need are: Institution Code – Marjon P63, Campus Code – T, and Course Code – CX63

Once the application has been received you will be invited to an Open Day at the Huish campus.

What can I progress onto?

Employment - there are a huge range of job opportunities in Sports Development and Coaching, for example Community Coach, Football Development Officer, Fitness Instructor or Event Manager.

Continuing Education - you can top up to a full Bachelor of Arts degree and then progress on to a Masters Degree or PGCE.

What else does the course offer?

- During the course you will have numerous opportunities to do 'real life' projects such as coaching courses, managing events and coaching in local schools.
- In year 2 you will do a full work placement which has led to offers of employment for former students – previous placement providers include King's College, Somerset FA and East Devon Tennis Centre.

What does it cost?

For September 2012 entry, the fees are £7800* per annum. Fees for international students are available on request. You may be able to apply for a bursary to subsidise your studies.

* Subject to confirmation.

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