

PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION

The Programme Specification is designed for prospective students, current students, academic staff and potential employers. It provides a concise summary of the main features of the programme and the intended learning outcomes.

SECTION A: DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMME AND AWARD

Programme Title	BA (Hons) Sports Business and Sports Law
Awarding Body	Buckinghamshire New University
Teaching Institution / Programme Location	UCFB – Wembley (London)
Faculty	Design, Media & Management
Name of Final Award	Bachelor of Arts with Honours, BA (Hons)
NQF/FHEQ Level of Qualification	Level 6: Bachelor's degree with honours
QAA Subject Benchmark Statement(s)	QAA Subject Benchmark Statement for Business and Management (2015) QAA Subject Benchmark Statement for Hospitality, Leisure, Sport and Tourism (2008) QAA Subject Benchmark Statement for Law 2015
UCAS Code	1N46
Course Code(s)	BS1SBL1FW
Mode of Delivery	Full Time
Length of Study	3 years
Number of Intakes	1 - September
Regime of Delivery	Campus Based
Language of Study	English
Programme Accreditation	n/a
Month and Year valid from	01 September 2016
Publication & Revision Dates	01 September 2016

Programme Introduction

During this programme, students will gain an insight and understanding of the relationship between law and the sports business industry, in terms of sports governance and administration.

Football is regulated by a complex pattern of law and regulation. Sports executives not only need to conform to the regulations established by the authorities, but they must also use their understanding of the legal framework to ensure compliance with the law of the land; and protect the business from risk.

This degree links the commercial and legal aspects of the sports business, understanding the ramifications of an industry which is increasingly affected by legal regulations, bringing football in line

with other sectors. Students will gain an insight and understanding of the relationship between law and the sports business industry, in terms of sports governance and administration.

Modules will focus on sports business, domestic and EU sports law, the role of sports governing bodies and international sports business governance. Students will also explore the legal challenges regarding the use of social media within the industry, recent case studies regarding drug abuse and racism in sport and the legal issues surrounding safety in sports stadia and of spectators ('The Green Guide').

The broad spectrum of subjects covered, including domestic and international player contracts, loan agreements, transfer negotiations, disciplinary and regulatory problems, intellectual property rights, product endorsement and sponsorship deals, will help students to apply theory to live projects to develop their employability skills and provide them with a balanced undergraduate degree in Sports Business & Sports Law.

Distinguishing Features of the Programme

This award would be the first choice for students who have a specific interest in working within professional and amateur sports clubs, governing bodies, agencies, sports stadia and sporting facilities and organisations that are focused on good governance and adherence to regulatory systems. Students will be taught by leading figures in sports management and sports law. UCFB is able to draw on a range of first-class partners and on the goodwill of other institutions to secure the services of leading academics and authorities in this industry to support the programme and the core curriculum teaching staff.

The core business modules provide students with functional business management and administrative knowledge that will support post graduate study and employability upon graduation. Year 1 will develop students' academic and professional skills and this is reflected in the weighting of individual assessments. Year 2 assessments combined with work experience opportunities aim to build upon Year 1 to enhance future employability. Year 3 places an emphasis on students to achieve high levels of academic and autonomous competencies. Here, students will also receive advice and guidance on how they can follow up specific elements of the programme in post graduate study or applications for employment.

The core academic curriculum is directly related to the student tuition fees. The Complementary Curriculum is an 'added value' provision to the paid element of the degree programme. Opportunities to increase employability will be provided through masterclasses, industry workshops, and the Executive Guest Speaker Programme. The Executive Guest Speaker programme is designed to expose students to career insights from successful industry professionals and to provide students with networking opportunities. This balanced and tailored approach to learning enhancement provides an award that is fit for purpose

Distinguishing Features

- Professional sport business environment in two world class stadia campus locations
- Industry guest lecturers and wider networking opportunities
- Unique Complementary Curriculum to enhance learning and understanding
- Dedicated Employability & Enrichment team for opportunities to apply for unique work experiences and internships

Admission Requirements

The programme seeks to recruit students from diverse educational and social backgrounds who demonstrate both the ability and motivation to benefit from the programme. The programme welcomes applications from those with a wide variety of educational qualifications and will consider on merit applicants with no formal qualifications.

The standard entry requirements for the programme are as follows: Use the bulleted list below and give information on each of the headings provided.

- **Entry qualifications (GCSE's, A' Levels etc.)**

All applicants should hold a minimum of GCSE grades A*-C in Maths and English.

Applicants will be permitted to count UCAS points from any qualifications on the UCAS Tariff point scale, provided that they achieve at least two C graded A levels or equivalent (e.g. Merit grades in a BTEC National) as part of their qualifications.

Applicants sitting an IB will be asked to achieve 30 points overall.

Applicants who do not meet these minimum requirements may be permitted to attend an Assessment Day.

- **Non-academic entry requirements (interview, portfolio, audition)**

An Assessment Day will be used for applicants who demonstrate potential but do not meet the minimum offer requirements. The Assessment Day comprises a Literacy test, Numeracy test and an academic lead interview.

All applicants will be provided with an opportunity at the Assessment Day to meet and discuss their suitability for the programme with the academic team. All applicants are also provided with information relating to student services, with whom they can make contact, should they require additional support or advice as well as information related to appropriate bursaries and funds.

- **UCAS points**

Applicants will be asked to achieve 280 UCAS points overall for 2016.

Following research into similar level programmes and their entry requirements, UCFB will request 300 UCAS points from 2017 onwards (120 UCAS points under the newly revised UCAS points scheme)

- **IELTS**

Applicants from non-majority English speaking countries will be asked for a English qualification which tests Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing and will be asked to achieve IELTS 6.0 overall.

In cases where an applicant does not require a Tier-4 visa, equivalent English tests may be accepted.

- **Knowledge and Skills**

Applicants should demonstrate a clear interest in their chosen subject and be able to rationalise clearly why they have selected this programme of study along with an ability to study and thrive in an academic environment. This will be assessed primarily through their personal statement and reference and may be explored further through an interview (if required).

Employability Statement / Career Prospects

Career prospects for graduates of the BA (Hons) Sports Business and Sports Law degree programme at UCFB include not only qualifying as a lawyer through further study but governance roles, paralegal work within sport organisations and sport management roles for teams, clubs and athletes.

UCFB's unique personal development programme monitors each student throughout the three years. It means we get to know each student's needs and expectations. This ties in with students' career development, ultimately leading to them finding the right place in the football and sport business. For those who wish to extend their studies at the end of their degree, opportunities to study at Masters Level will be encouraged.

Professional Statutory and Regulatory Body Accreditation

n/a

SECTION B: PROGRAMME AIMS, OUTCOMES, LEARNING, TEACHING AND ASSESSMENT METHODS

Programme Aims

The main educational aims of the programme are to:

- Prepare students for a business career in the sports industry.
- Provide students with a detailed knowledge of the sports industry, with particular reference to its structure, principal stakeholders, governance and regulation.
- Enable students to develop the communication, analytical and problem solving skills demanded for career advancement in the sports industry.
- Provide students with knowledge and understanding of core business and management concepts.
- Provide students with knowledge and understanding of the legal system and core legal and governance concepts, frameworks and values.
- Enable students to confidently apply legal and governance concepts, frameworks and values in different sports settings.
- Utilize distinctive delivery locations and professional relationships to provide students with unrivalled opportunities to engage with industry throughout the programme.

Programme Learning Outcomes

Table 1: Programme Learning Outcomes and Mapping to Modules

On successful completion of Level 6 BA (Hons), a graduate, will be able to demonstrate the achievement of the following learning outcomes:

Programme Learning Outcomes to Individual Modules				
K	Knowledge and Understanding	Core modules (code) Level 4	Core modules (code) Level 5	Core modules (code) Level 6
K1	Evaluate core business, management and sports law concepts in the context of the sports industry.	FB454 FB473	FB566	FB654 FB665 FB668
K3	Evaluate the role and influence of sports governing bodies and other principal stakeholders at national and international levels.	FB473	FB566	FB665 FB668
K4	Synthesise core legal and governance concepts, frameworks and values.	FB461 FB463	FB565 FB569	FB665 FB654
K5	Explain the main institutions of English legal system and their application in European law.	FB461 FB463	FB565 FB569	FB665 FB654
K6	Evaluate key areas of civil and criminal law and their application to the sports industry.	FB461 FB463	FB565 FB569	FB654 FB665 FB699
K7	Evaluate the legal structure and context of sport governing bodies and the impact of regulation on the sports industry	FB461 FB463 FB473	FB565 FB566 FB569	FB654 FB665
C	Intellectual/Cognitive Skills			
C1	Analyse the structure, operation and regulation of the sports industry.	FB454 FB463 FB473	FB566	FB665 FB668
C3	Demonstrate an understanding of key legal documents written in a complex technical language.	FB461 FB463	FB565 FB569	FB654 FB665
C5*	Critically evaluate arguments, assumptions, abstract concepts and data, to make judgements, and to frame appropriate questions to achieve a solution, or identify a range of solutions to a problem.	n/a	n/a	FB699
C6*	Demonstrate independent research, making use of scholarly reviews and primary sources.	n/a	n/a	FB699
P	Practical Skills			
P1	Select, justify and apply business and management tools and techniques to propose solutions to a range of management problems in the sports industry.	FB463 FB473	FB566	FB668 FB699
P2	Locate and apply relevant primary and secondary legal sources.	FB461 FB463	FB565 FB569	FB665 FB668

P3	Develop a defensible legal argument in a sports context.	FB461 FB463	FB565 FB569	FB665 FB668
T	Key/Transferable Skills			
T1	Engage in critical thinking, analysis, synthesis and decision making.	FB454 FB461 FB463 FB473	FB565 FB566 FB569 FB550	FB654 FB665 FB699 FB668
T2	Communicate information clearly and coherently in a range of forms relevant to intended audiences.	FB454 FB461 FB463 FB473	FB565 FB566 FB569 FB550	FB654 FB665 FB699 FB668
T3	Work harmoniously and productively with others to achieve shared outcomes	FB454 FB461 FB463 FB473	FB565 FB566 FB569 FB550	FB654 FB665 FB699 FB668
T4	Manage time effectively to meet deadlines and achieve performance targets.	FB454 FB461 FB463 FB473	FB565 FB566 FB569 FB550	FB654 FB665 FB699 FB668
T5	Identify, access, evaluate and apply electronic resources to address problems and questions.	FB454 FB461 FB463 FB473	FB565 FB566 FB569 FB550	FB654 FB665 FB699 FB668
T6	Collect, analyse, interpret and apply numerical data using relevant software packages and presentation methods.	FB454 FB461 FB463 FB473	FB565 FB566 FB569 FB550	FB654 FB665 FB699 FB668

Please list here modules identified as being non-compensable (when a learning outcome is only met by one module or is the dissertation or equivalent) if applicable:

- FB699 Research Project

On successful completion of Level 6 BA Ordinary,

Graduates will have achieved the majority of the learning outcomes specified above for the full Honours award with the exception of those marked with a *.

The above learning outcomes will be demonstrated by the achievement of the 120 credits listed at Level 4 for this programme plus the 120 credits listed at Level 5 for this programme and 60 credits at Level 6 (excluding the dissertation or equivalent).

On successful completion of Level 5 DipHE, a graduate, will be able to demonstrate the achievement of the following learning outcomes:

- Demonstrate knowledge and a critical understanding of the well-established principles of sports business & sports law, and of the way in which those principles have developed;
- Apply underlying concepts and principles outside the context in which they were first studied, including, where appropriate, the application of those principles in an employment context;
- Demonstrate knowledge of the main methods of enquiry in the subject(s) relevant to the named award, and ability to evaluate critically the appropriateness of different approaches to solving problems in sports business and sports law;

- Demonstrate an understanding of the limits of their knowledge, and how this influences analyses and interpretations based on that knowledge;
- Apply a range of established techniques to initiate and undertake critical analysis of information, and to propose solutions to problems arising from that analysis;
- Effectively communicate information, arguments and analysis in a variety of forms to specialist and non-specialist audiences, and deploy key techniques of the discipline effectively;

The above learning outcomes will be demonstrated by the achievement of the 120 credits listed at Level 4 for this programme and the 120 credits listed at Level 5 for this programme.

On successful completion of Level 4 CertHE, a graduate, will be able to demonstrate the achievement of the following learning outcomes:

- Demonstrate knowledge of the underlying concepts and principles associated with their area(s) of study, and an ability to evaluate and interpret these within the context of that area of study;
- Present, evaluate and interpret qualitative and quantitative data, in order to develop lines of argument and make sound judgements in accordance with basic theories and concepts of their subject(s) of study
- Discuss the appropriateness of different approaches to solving problems related to their area(s) of study and/or work
- Communicate the results of their study/work accurately and reliably, and with structured and coherent arguments

The above learning outcomes will be demonstrated by the achievement of the 120 credits listed at Level 4 for this programme.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Methods to achieve the Programme Learning Outcomes

How will students learn

This programme is delivered at Worldclass sporting venue(s), providing first class facilities in a professional environment reflective of that in which students aspire to work. Being located in such venues gives students regular opportunities to apply their learning and to observe the relevance of the programme to professional practice.

A diverse range of learning and teaching approaches are used as appropriate to each module. Across the programme students benefit from regular contact through lectures, seminars, workshops, tutorials and practical sessions. In addition to timetabled classes for each module, students will also attend a weekly personal tutorial session. Some of these tutorial meetings will be conducted in a group, with others conducted one-to-one contact with a tutor. Proactive use of the VLE and mobile technologies engages students with the broader knowledge base upon which the programme is built. Integration of theory and practice is consistently emphasised to support authentic learning, wherever possible utilizing problem-based approaches, live case studies, and client challenges. 'Complementary Curriculum' also enhances understanding and skills development, through for example high profile guest speakers and industry visits that reinforce the interdisciplinary nature of the profession.

Students participate in an induction programme which includes introductions to key academic and support staff, the structure and delivery of the programme, training in the use of the VLE, introductions to learning resources and skills support, and a range of familiarization activities. Induction also enables students to meet the other members of their programme and to learn about extra-curricular opportunities.

Each module has a VLE site, which provides support for module-level learning, links to further resources, and information relating to directed and self-directed study.

How will students be assessed

A range of assessment types are used across the programme, as appropriate to each module to engage students across the range of intellectual and professional knowledge and skill areas expressed in the programme learning outcomes. Assessment is predominantly continuous, employing items such as academic essays, reports, case study analyses, presentations, client challenges, portfolios, reflective writing as well as practically-oriented items such as the production of marketing plans and business plans. Examinations and time-constrained assessments are also used to support students' development of key skills including time management and the ability to work individually. Applied assessment tasks are used as far as possible to enable students to link theory with practice, thereby assessing knowledge and understanding alongside subject-specific skills and key skills. Collaborative working is incorporated where appropriate to enable students to engage in projects of a scale and/or complexity greater than would be achievable individually. Collaborative working also reflects the professional context and supports development of skills for example in communication, negotiation, leadership, and project management. Multiple opportunities are provided for students to benefit from formative feedback from both tutors and peers, for example through class discussions, informal presentations and submission of draft work.

Work-Based / Placement Learning

n/a

SECTION C: PROGRAMME STRUCTURE(S) AND HOURS

Table 1: Programme Structure Table

Programme Title		BA (Hons) Sports Business & Sports Law									
Course Code		BS1SBL1FW									
Mode of Study		FT									
Credit Value		UK	360			ECTS			180		
Module Code	Module Title	QCF/FHEQ Level	Course Stage / Year	Status in Award ([C]ore / [O]ptional)	Credit Value	Assessment Regime			Semester Taught *		
						Written Exam %	Coursework %	Practical %			
Level 4											
FB473	Understanding Sport Business	4	1	C	30	50%	50%		1		
FB454	Fundamentals of Accounting and Finance	4	1	C	30	60%	40%		2		
FB461	Introduction to Law	4	1	C	30	50%	50%		1		
FB463	Introduction to Sports Law	4	1	C	30	50%	50%		2		

Level 5									
FB550	Research Methods	5	2	C	30		70%	30%	2
FB566	Managing Sports Organisations	5	2	C	30	50%	50%		1
FB569	The Regulation of Safety and Deviance in Sport	5	2	C	30		50%	50%	1
FB565	Legal Issues in the Governance of Sport	5	2	C	30	50%	50%		2
Level 6									
FB699	Research Project	6	3	C	30		100%		SB
FB668	Strategic Management	6	3	C	30		60%	40%	1
FB654	Employment Law and Sport	6	3	C	30		40%	60%	1
FB665	Regulating the Business of Sport	6	3	C	30	40%		60%	2

*Modules will have a suffix of FW if taught at Wembley and ET if taught at Etihad

Table 3: Breakdown of Contact Hours

Year of course	Scheduled Learning and Teaching Activities	Guided Independent Study	Placement / Study Abroad	Total
Year One	324	876	0	1200
Year Two	312	888	0	1200
Year Three	217	983	0	1200
Total	853	2747	0	3600

SECTION D: ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS

This programme complies with the approved University regulations *Academic Assessment Regulations* and procedures as detailed on the University website.

The following modules will be non-compensable: **(if not applicable, please state this under the bullet points)**

- FB699 Research Project

The calculation of this award will be **level 5 33% and level 6 67%**

Exit Awards Available

Exit Award Type	Award Title	Credits Achieved
Certificate of Higher Education	Sports Business and Sports Law	120 Credits
Diploma of Higher Education	Sports Business and Sports Law	240 Credits
Ordinary Degree	Sports Business and Sports Law	300 Credits

SECTION E: FURTHER INFORMATION

Reference Points

The following reference points were used when designing the programme:

- QAA Subject Benchmark Statement for:
 - Business and Management (2015)
 - Hospitality, Leisure, Sport and Tourism (2008)
 - Law (2015)
- QAA Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (2014)
- University Academic Qualifications Framework
- Recommendation and feedback from external subject academic and industry professional

Annual Review and Monitoring

This programme will be monitored annually through the University's Programme Review and Enhancement process, which is a continual cycle of review and enhancement. This process is supported by both the periodic review of departments and the periodic re-approval process for individual programmes. All processes are completed in consultation with students via the Students' Union or student representatives.

Student Voice Feedback

All students will be provided with the opportunity to provide feedback to UCFB on a regular basis. This includes feedback formally via the programme representative who meets with the programme leader on a monthly basis. The programme representative also attends the student council meeting which takes place every 6 weeks, chaired by the Assistant Head of the Campus to raise and discuss concerns of the student cohort. There are also opportunities informally to provide feedback, through students' personal tutors, with whom students can meet on a weekly basis or through their module leaders.

The re-approval of this programme is scheduled for academic year: 2021-22

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