

# University Prospectus

## 2023-24



**FOUNDATION DEGREE IN SPORTS COACHING  
WITH FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT & PERFORMANCE**

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# AN ACTIVE, WORKING DEGREE IN A PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL CLUB RESULTING IN GENUINE, EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



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# Meet The Team



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**Mark Guildea**  
Head of Education  
*Wycombe Wanderers Foundation*

#### **Mark Guildea WWF Head of Education:**

“The football industry is incredibly competitive and can be challenging for young people to get a ‘foot in the door’ and gain full time roles within community or professional sport. This foundation degree is a great opportunity for aspiring coaches to gain an academic qualification, whilst also gaining industry experience which can set them apart when chasing future employment. Students are given the unique opportunity

of working alongside our professional coaches to put their academic learning into practise, giving them that first-hand experience in the industry that many clubs including Wycombe Wanderers then look for in the recruitment process. Having gone successfully through the programme participants are then at the front of the queue for opportunities at WWFC.”





**Gemma Dunn**  
Lecturer in Sport and Physical Education  
*Buckinghamshire New University*



"I am passionate about developing the next generation of coaches and place a strong emphasis on continuing development so that we can adapt to the ever-changing nature of the game. This degree is an exciting partnership with the WWF to practice and enhance your skills in an applied setting, gaining invaluable experience to support your future careers."

Gemma is part of the BNU team delivering the academic content of this course and bring a wealth of experience and high level sporting pedigree, having studied and performed at D1 level in the USA as a student.

"A university should be a  
place of light, of liberty,  
and of learning."  
Benjamin Disraeli







# What Will You Study?

This is a two-year foundation degree aimed at you if you already work, or would like to work, in the football development and coaching sector. The programme offers you an opportunity to combine academic study with workplace learning.

Students will develop a theoretical knowledge in key underpinning aspects of sports coaching (physiological, psychological and pedagogic aspects of the discipline). A significant aspect of the Foundation Degree is the strong vocational focus through which students are consistently encouraged to relate theory to practice both in their work and playing/competition experience.

The programme focuses on the contextual and operational challenges facing the football industry with an aim to developing sports coaches who might engage with individuals, communities and organisations to promote participation opportunities, develop athletes, and contribute to the betterment of people's lives through football. It will help you to establish and maintain networks to organise and run sport events. Students will learn how to create, implement and evaluate important sport policy related to health, wellbeing, and social inclusion.

## Level 4

- SES4001 Introduction to Coaching (20 credits)
- SES4002 Sport in Society (20 credits)
- SES4003 Developing Professional Identity (20 credits)
- SES4004 Introduction to Sport and Exercise Psychology (20 credits)
- SES4005 Human Systems and Movement (20 credits)
- SES4009 Introduction to Research in Sport (20 credits)

## Level 5

- SES5001 Coaching Pedagogy in Practice (20 credits)
- SES5006 Applied Research Project (20 credits)
- SES5007 Inclusive Practice in Sport and Physical Activity (20 credits)
- SES5013 Performance Analysis (20 credits)
- SES5023 Football Operations and Events Management (20 credits)
- SES5025 Working in Football Development and Performance (20 credits)





# Teaching

You will be enrolled as a student at Buckinghamshire New University and will be able to access all of the facilities available to students including library, sports hall, gym, human performance laboratory, sports injury clinic, support services and computing facilities. You will have access to all aspects of student life and training opportunities through the award winning student union, from sports teams to social events.

You will have access to an online library, blackboard and other learning materials, and will spend a time at the USW Sport Park to complete practical teaching. You will complete coaching (work based learning) that is managed through tutorials and a mentoring programme.

FDS Sc Sports Coaching aims to provide a balanced programme of study that equips learners with real life experience in the sports sector, industry knowledge and

experience. Learners will develop academic, cognitive, critical and transferrable skills which will create culturally aware, prepared and responsive graduates.

The course takes a blended learning approach underpinned by classroom-based, in-person teaching of current theory (both at the university campus and at WWFC), concepts and research, delivered through a mix of lectures, interactive seminars and workshops, small-group activities and debates. Learners will be supported at every stage by e-learning material. This formal teaching activity will be enhanced by opportunities for work-based learning with Wycombe Wanderers FC.

Throughout the two levels of study learners are encouraged and enabled to form relationships with external partners including local, regional, national and international providers to build networks in the longer term and essential vocational knowledge including experience in the shorter term. Work based learning will be supported by a mentoring system and personal tutor support.

In addition to academic qualifications students will work towards UEFA C qualifications and supporting CPD courses.

#### Staff:

- Dr Ben Clayton
- Dr Fiona McCormack
- Jade Hewitt
- Gemma Dunn
- Lauren Tufton



# Entry Requirements

The specific assessment methods are determined at modular level and are designed to reflect the course aims and learning outcomes, to equip learners with industry knowledge academic, critical and transferrable skills, which will create culturally aware, prepared and responsive graduates for an inclusive and socially conscious sport industry.

While there is a varied diet of assessment at all levels, it is predominantly based on coursework and practical assessments and, where possible, is designed to mirror 'real world' coaching, sport development, or physical education activities, such as designing, implementing and evaluating coaching programmes and community initiatives, applying for funding, appraising policy, and reflecting on practice. All modules will include feedforward opportunities and ample time for assessment preparation; feedback on all assessments will place emphasis on progression.

## **Entry Requirements:**

All applications will be assessed on an individual level. Standard requirements are 56-80 UCAS points from either two A levels or a BTEC diploma or Extended Diploma.

If you do not meet the entry requirements you may, if you have relevant professional experience, still be invited for interview, where you will be required to demonstrate the necessary knowledge and understanding for entry onto the course.

Previous study, professional and / or vocational experiences may be recognised as the equivalent learning experience and permit exemption from studying certain modules in accordance with our accreditation of prior learning (APL) process.

## **Entry Requirements:**

Full time £9250

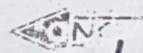
## **Resources**

<https://www.bucks.ac.uk/life/facilities/human-performance-exercise-and-wellbeing-centre/human-performance-laboratory>

<https://www.bucks.ac.uk/life/facilities/human-performance-exercise-and-wellbeing-centre/sports-and-wellbeing-clinic>

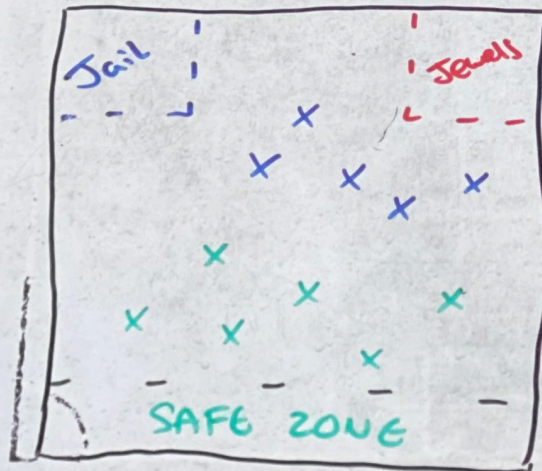
<https://www.bucks.ac.uk/life/student-success-and-support/library>





L.O - To use our ABC's to beat a defender.

### Jail Break



- Aim of the game is to collect all jewels or catch the robbers.
- If you get tagged you must go to Jail.
- Collect the Jewels and get them back into the safe zone.

### key words

Teamwork  
Communication  
movement





# The Opportunity

**Nathan is a graduate of Bucks New University, graduating with a first-class honours degree in Football Development and Coaching.**

Nathan now works full time, as part of the Wycombe Wanderers Foundation team, delivering various projects within Buckinghamshire including Fit Chairboys, coach education workshops and Walking Football. "I really enjoyed my time at Bucks New University, it gave me a knowledge base and core set of skills that have enabled me to enter full time employment in the football industry."

**Nathan Jopp, Bucks New University Alumni and Wycombe Wanderers Foundation**





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For more information or to apply



<https://www.bucks.ac.uk/courses/foundation/fdsc-sports-coaching-football-development-and-performance>

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