



University
of South
Wales

Foundation Degree in Community Football Coaching and Development

With optional third year BSc
(Hons) in Community Football Coaching
and Administration



INTRODUCTION

Are you passionate about a career in the sport industry? The Foundation Degree in Community Football Coaching and Development provides an opportunity to gain an industry recognised coaching award while being affiliated to Barnsley Football Club and Barnsley FC Community Trust.

This award-winning sport coaching and development course at the University of South Wales, designed in conjunction with the English Football League In The Community, develops the skills and qualities that are required to work within professional sport clubs community departments or national governing bodies in areas of growth such as social inclusion, community coaching and sport development.

You'll learn about children and youth coaching, football coaching, sport development, social inclusion, and sports management skills. You will be based predominantly at Barnsley FC Community Trust, with a minimum of five days a year at the USW Sport Park, a £3.7m state-of-the-art coaching and performance development centre in Pontypridd, Wales.



Barnsley FC Community Trust coaches delivering training and fixtures on our football and education program!

What you will study

A two-year Foundation Degree Community Football Coaching and Development will be based at Oakwell Stadium with lectures, seminars and tutorials delivered on site and via provided material. It can be topped up to a full degree by completing a third year making your qualification a BSc in Community Football Coaching and Administration.

This football coaching and development degree allows students to study all sub disciplines of coaching and gain valuable industry recognised qualifications. The course will teach you aspects of generic child and youth coaching, football coaching, sport development, social inclusion, and sports management skills. There will be further opportunity to apply your knowledge with an extensive work-based learning programme provided by the trust, working within specific roles and real-life sport projects.

Year One: Foundation Degree Sport Coaching and Development

- Academic Research and Study Skills
- Introduction to Sports Coaching
- Introduction to Sport Science for Coaching
- Introduction to Sports Development
- Managing Sport
- Sport Development in Practise

Year Two: Foundation Degree Sport Coaching and Development

- Project Management
- Sport Placement (double module)
- Community Sport Development
- Physical Education and School Sport
- Sports Coaching and Leadership

There is the option to progress to a third year which would take you to a full BSc Community Football Coaching and Administration degree.

Trust football coaches using their knowledge to enhance the students learning on the Football and Education Program.



You will be enrolled as a student at the University of South Wales and have access to a range of learning materials. Also, you will spend a minimum of five days per year at the University of South Wales High Performance Centre at the USW Sport Park and receive full accommodation during these teaching blocks.

You will have access to an online library, blackboard and other learning materials, and will spend time at the USW Sport Park to complete practical teaching modules. You will complete coaching (work-based learning) that is managed alongside your learning. The work-based learning programme will be completed with Barnsley FC Community Trust however external work-based learning is also available.

In year two you will complete up to 200 hours of coaching (work-based learning) that is managed through weekly tutorials and a comprehensive mentoring programme.

Also, you will study towards relevant sport related industry recognised qualifications and will have numerous opportunities to undertake additional vocational awards.

Assessment

Learning and teaching methods include lectures, interactive workshops, practical sessions, work-based learning, tutorials and online delivery methods. This range of teaching and learning approaches ensures that you gain a wide variety of skills.



Barnsley FC Community Trust Foundation Degree students delivering coaching sessions on our Football and Education program. Macy Lunn (Left) EFL C lead coach, Blake Smallman (Right) lead analyst.

Course Details

University of South Wales

The USW have a brand-new specially designed sporting performance facility that focuses on rugby and football coaching. It includes a specialist centre for strength and conditioning with 12 lifting platforms, providing a high-performance environment for aspiring athletes.

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Their full-size indoor 3G pitch is built to the FIFA Pro standard and World Rugby 22 standard. It will guarantee training all year round for rugby, football and coaching students. USW are the only university in England and Wales to offer this facility.

You'll also find a notational analysis suite and over 30 acres of playing fields, including five floodlit pitches. They have a sand-dressed astroturf pitch, as well as a full-size FIFA approved 3G pitch. In addition to these all-weather pitches, there are six grass football pitches, three grass rugby pitches, and a large changing pavilion.

USW facilities are regularly used by international professional teams, such as the Wales national football team and Cardiff City Football Club, as well as the touring New Zealand, South Africa and Australia rugby squads. This confirms the high quality of their pitches and the versatility of their equipment.

USW staff have worked in the industry for many years and have experience of coordinating and managing sport in both local authorities and national governing bodies. Many continue to work as Coach Educators (UEFA) and high-performance coaches.

This course has been recognised with national Collaborative Award for Teaching Excellence (CATE) from the Higher Education Academy (HEA) and was shortlisted for a Times Higher Education Leadership and Management Award 2018 in the 'Outstanding Digital Innovation of the Year' category.

Barnsley FC Community Trust



Barnsley FC Community Trust are the official charity partner of Barnsley Football Club. Foundation Degree staff will mentor students and facilitate learning from classrooms based at Oakwell Stadium, Indoor Centre (Grove Street).

Work based learning will predominately take place at the community trust building and at the clubs training ground (Oakwell Stadium), dependent on placement.

Entry Requirements

Entry criteria detail typical offers but USW considers all applications on an individual basis which means that they could make offers based on qualifications, personal profile and experience. Combinations of qualifications are acceptable and other qualifications not listed may also be acceptable..

Typical A-Level Offer

DD to include at least one A Level in Science, Mathematics, Physical Education or Psychology but to exclude General Studies. Level 1 in football coaching or equivalent foundation level football coaching qualification from a football (NGB)

Typical Welsh BACC Offer

Grade D and D at A Level to include at least one Science, Mathematics, Physical Education or Psychology subject but to exclude General Studies.

Typical BTEC Offer

BTEC Diploma Merit Pass in a relevant subject.

Typical IB Offer

Pass IB Diploma or two IB Certificates at Higher level.

Typical Access to HE Offer

Pass Science or Maths Diploma with 60 credits overall to include 45 level 3 credits all Passes

Additional Requirements

GCSEs: The University normally requires a minimum 3 GCSEs including Mathematics/Numeracy and English at Grade C or Grade 4 or above, or their equivalent, but consideration is given to individual circumstances.



Foundation Degree students helping the Barnsley Food Bank.

Fees and Funding

Full-time fees are per year. Part-time fees are per 20 credits. Once enrolled, the fee will remain at the same rate throughout the duration of your study on this course.

August 2025 - July 2026 Fees

Full-time UK and EU: £9,535

Full-time International: £16,200

Additional Costs

Students have access to a wide range of resources including textbooks, publications, and computers in the University's library and via online resources. In most cases they are more than sufficient to complete a course of study. Where there are additional costs, either obligatory or optional, these are detailed below. Of course, students may choose to purchase their own additional personal resources/tools over and above those listed to support their studies at their own expense. All stationery and printing costs are at a student's own expense.

Application

Please contact **Louis.ingledow.barnsleyfc.co.uk** to register your interest in pursuing this degree with Barnsley FC Community Trust and to book an informal conversation.

Careers

Graduates of the BSc/Foundation Degree in Community Football Coaching and Development can pursue careers as a performance coach; sports analyst; sports development officer; multi-skills sports coach; school sport coordinator; talent coach; club coach; participation coach; PE teacher; FE college lecturer; primary school teacher; coaches, workforce and coach education coordinators; sports management, National Governing Body officer and self-employed business managers.

With Barnsley FC Community Trust, there may be casual, part time and full-time community coaching opportunities. Graduates may wish to pursue careers in different areas of the business including education, community sport development, female football development, disability sport and health.

As a USW student, you will have access to advice from the Careers and Employability Service throughout your studies and after you graduate.

This includes one-to-one appointments from faculty-based Career Advisers, in person, over the phone or even on Skype and through email via the "Ask a Question" service. The USW also have extensive online resources for help with considering your career options and presenting yourself well to employers. Resources include psychometric tests, career assessments, a CV builder, interview simulator and application help. Their employer database has over 2,000 registered employers targeting USW students, you can receive weekly email alerts for jobs.

Their Careers service has dedicated teams: A central work experience team to help you find relevant placements; an employability development team which includes an employability programme called Grad Edge; and an Enterprise team focused on new business ideas and entrepreneurship.



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