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UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS

A guide for players,
parents and carers
For entry in 2026



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JAN 2026

Application deadline for the majority of courses.
(6pm UK Time)

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FEB 2026

Extra starts: if you've used all five choices and do not hold any options, you can add another choice.

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JUN 2026

Applications received by this deadline will be sent to universities and colleges.
(6pm UK Time)

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JUL 2026

Last day for applicants to add an Extra choice in their application.

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JUL 2026

Clearing opens for eligible applicants, and vacancies are displayed in UCAS' search tool.

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2026

BTEC and A-Level results.

APPLYING FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

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Applying Online

Register

Register for UCAS at www.ucas.com/apply and complete the online application form.

You should manually type 'League Football Education' as your place of education because it will not be listed and you can tick the box to confirm this.

Log in

Log in to complete filling in information about yourself such as funding options, residential status, any disabilities or special needs and your email address.

Course choices

Now you can choose up to five degree courses, there is no preference order and your universities will not see where else you have applied until after you reply to any offers you receive.



APPLYING FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Applying Online

Educational history

You should enter all of the qualifications you have a result for (this includes any which were ungraded) as well as any exams you are waiting to take and any qualifications for which you are waiting results.

If you are undertaking an additional A Level, you must add this on to your application as a part time course.

You may need to send results onto universities directly once you have received them so be sure to check this once you have made your course choices. You should manually type 'League Football Education' as your place of education and click 'Add' because it will not prepopulate.

You will then be asked for League Football Education's centre number, which is **45539**. Finally, when asked whether you are in full time or part time education, select the 'full time education' option.

Apprenticeship

In the education section, be sure to add in your Apprenticeship (SEP). You must select 'Advanced Apprenticeship England (Level 3)' and then manually type 'Sporting Excellence Professional Apprenticeship (SEP)'.

Employment history

Enter the details of up to five paid full-time or part-time jobs you have had. Include company names, addresses, job descriptions and start/finish dates. Any voluntary work should be mentioned in your personal statement.

Personal statement

This is your chance to show universities why you want to study the course and why you'd make a great student.

Reference and payment

Single application fee is no longer an option. All applications for undergraduate courses will be £28.95.



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University

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Cardiff Met
Football Club

Join One of the UK's **Most Ambitious** University Football Clubs



At **Cardiff Met University**, we take pride in delivering an outstanding dual career pathway that empowers talented footballers to excel academically and on-pitch.

Competing in the **top tier of Welsh domestic football** – the Cymru Premier, we're proud to be one of the **most unique and competitive** university-based clubs in the UK.

Our squads have competed in **Europa League qualifiers, lifted the BUCS National Championship, won domestic honours** and developed talent that has excelled in industry and the professional game.

Whether you're transitioning from an elite environment or seeking a fresh start in football and higher education, Cardiff Met provides talented athletes the perfect opportunity for **academic growth** whilst competing to perform on the European stage.

And with Cardiff Metropolitan University recently named as 'Welsh University of the Year'* , you'd be joining at a perfect time.



*Mail University Guide 2025



Chwaraeon Met Caerdydd
Cardiff Met Sport

Your Next Chapter Starts At Cardiff Met Football

As part of our Performance Programme, you'll gain access to:

- **Opportunities to qualify for major European competition**
- **UEFA Pro Licence Coaching.**
- **Expert Performance Analysis & Bespoke Conditioning.**
- **Lifestyle, Education and Nutritional support.**
- **Physiotherapy & Injury Prevention Services.**
- **Broadcast Coverage in Wales' Top Domestic League.**
- **The Archers Performance Centre.**



"Cardiff Met's dual career programme has provided the structure and support I need to thrive both on and off the pitch. After spells with Everton, Wrexham, and Cardiff City, I can't speak highly enough of the professionalism, coaching, and facilities at Cardiff Met. It's an inspiring environment for developing well-rounded, career-ready athletes—and I'm genuinely excited by the prospect of achieving qualified teacher status whilst competing for European qualification within Wales' top domestic league"

Ryan Reynolds

BA (Hons) Primary Education with QTS

Head to the Cardiff Met Performance Sport page for information about our Performance Sport Offer Policy.

Head to the Cardiff Met Performance Sport page for information about our Performance Sport Scholarships.



PFA Courses

- BSc (Hons) Sport: Coaching and Development at Manchester Metropolitan University
- BSc (Hons) Sport Science at Manchester Metropolitan University
- BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy at the University of Salford
- BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy at York St John University

These courses are subject to review and only run if adequate numbers of students register.

These courses are partly subsidised by The PFA, although a contribution may also be required from each student towards tuition costs for each year.

If you are interested in any of the programmes mentioned, please ensure that you contact the PFA Personal Development Department.

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IN ACTION.
ONLY AT USW.**



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PRIFYSGOL ORAU
YN Y DU**

**CANLLAW PRIFYSGOLION
Y GUARDIAN 2026**



**USW IS
RANKED IN THE
TOP 50
UNIVERSITIES
IN THE UK**

**THE GUARDIAN
UNIVERSITY GUIDE 2026**

Mae Chwaraeon yn PDC yn cynnig cyfleusterau rhagorol, o gae 3G maint llawn dan do i ystafelloedd cryfder a chyflyru a labordai perfformiad. Mae partneriaethau â sefydliadau fel Cymdeithas Bêl-droed Cymru, hyfforddiant arbenigol ac ysgoloriaethau, yn golygu y gallwch astudio, ennill profiad a chystadlu ar bob lefel.

Darganfyddwch fwy

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CHWARAEON](http://WWW.SOUTHWALES.AC.UK/CY/CHWARAEON)**



Sport at USW offers outstanding facilities, from a full-size indoor 3G pitch to strength and conditioning suites and performance labs. Partnerships with organisations such as Football Association Wales, expert coaching and scholarships, mean you can study, gain experience and compete at every level.

Find out more

WWW.SOUTHWALES.AC.UK/SPORT



WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR APPLICATION?



HARTPURY
SPORT

Football Academy

Home of Hartpury FC



As a talented footballer you'll have the chance to train and play in a high performance environment that replicates a professional club. Hartpury has an outstanding track record of developing players as well as preparing them for life and careers beyond their sport.



6 English Schools FA
National Champions



6 English Colleges FA
National Champions



BUCS

6 BUCS University
National Champions

75

International representatives
(ECFA, ESFA, England Uni's)

40

Professional contracts
signed worldwide

DREAM. NURTURE. ACHIEVE

We'll help you balance your studies and your football commitments. As part of our performance squad, you'll benefit from an extensive, high-level games programme which includes Step 4 (National League system), BUCS and ECFA fixtures, as well as FA Cup, FA Trophy and FA Youth Cup competitions.

The highest quality teaching, access to specialist coaching, multi-million pound facilities and support services.

FINANCING UNIVERSITY LIFE

Going to university costs a lot of money but that shouldn't stop you - there are lots of different options available to make it affordable and realistic.

Here is a guide to tuition fee loans:

Student	Tuition Fee Loan
Full-time	Up to £9,535
Part-time	Up to £7,145

Source: <https://www.ucas.com/money-and-student-life/money/student-finance/undergraduate-tuition-fees-and-student-loans>

Correct at time of writing.



SUPERSTAR STUDENT Rodri | Man City

During his final two years in Spain, and his first two at City after signing in 2019, the classy midfielder was enrolled at Universidad de Castellon in eastern Spain. Rodri described why further education is an experience like no other.

“I always say the same thing; it’s a unique experience in your life and you have to live it.

“I enjoyed it because I finished training and then I open my brain and stuff in other things and maybe to forget the pressure and this kinds of things that sometimes is tough to deal with and it was great.

“For me, it was the best time of my life.”

FINANCING UNIVERSITY LIFE

Student Loans

A Maintenance Loan – a loan that you can use for living costs if you are a full-time undergraduate student and those on initial teacher training courses. It comprises a:

Here is a guide to maintenance loans:

Full-time student	Loan*
Living at home	Up to £8,877
Living away from home, outside London	Up to £10,544
Living away from home, in London	Up to £13,762
You spend a year of a UK course studying abroad	Up to £12,076

Source: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/student-finance-how-youre-assessed-and-paid/student-finance-how-youre-assessed-and-paid-2025-to-2026>

Scholarships and Bursaries – Offered by the university where you plan to study.

Extra Financial Help – if you have financial hardship, a disability or children or adult dependants you need to support while you study.

Outside of England...

If you live in Wales – you can apply for finance through Student Finance Wales.

Find out at the website:

www.studentfinancewales.co.uk

If you live in Scotland – your application for student finance will be dealt with by the Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS).

Find out at the SAAS website:

www.saas.gov.uk

If you live in Northern Ireland – your application for student finance will be dealt with by Student Finance NI. To find out more, visit the Student Finance ni website:

www.studentfinancenl.co.uk

If you live in the Republic of Ireland – you can apply for finance through Student Finance IE. Find out more at the website:

www.studentfinance.ie

For further information, visit: www.gov.uk/studentfinance

You can also contact the Student Loans Company for advice:
www.slco.uk

UCFB

UNIVERSITY CAMPUS OF FOOTBALL BUSINESS

KICK OFF YOUR CAREER IN THE SPORTS INDUSTRY

Turn your passion for football into a career with the **University Campus of Football Business** where you can study a wide range of courses with access to **iconic stadiums**.

Over 90%* of UCFB graduates find **full-time employment within 6 months** of graduating with **62%** of those working in football and sport

* UCFB internal Graduate Census undertaken 6-9 months after course completion (45% response rate)



Premier League



EFL

UCFB have had graduates at **20 out of 20** Premier League clubs, and at **92 out of 92** professional football clubs



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The course has been exceptional for learning so many skills within the industry. The lecturers and module leaders have all really guided me on my journey, and I wouldn't be where I am now without the help that UCFB has given me.

Rio Rosenberg

BA (Hons) Football Business and Media alumna. Now Women's Content Creator at Chelsea FC



Scan here for more information and how to apply or visit **UCFB.ac.uk**



UCAS TARIFF TABLE

This reference table shows the current UCAS tariff points (2025) for the Sporting Excellence Professional (SEP) apprenticeship, BTEC Nationals (Extended Diploma, Diploma, Extended Certificate) and A-Levels.

Qualification	Grade	UCAS Points
Sporting Excellence Professional (SEP)	Pass	64
BTEC National Extended Diploma (3 A-Level equivalent)	D*D*D	168
	D*D*D	160
	D*DD	152
	DDD	144
	DDM	128
	DMM	112
	MMM	96
	MMP	80
	MPP	64
	PPP	48
BTEC National Diploma (2 A-Level equivalent)	D*D*	112
	D*D	104
	DD	96
	DM	80
	MM	64
	MP	48
	PP	32
BTEC National Extended Certificate (1 A-Level equivalent)	D*	56
	D	48
	M	32
	P	16
A-Level	A*	56
	A	48
	B	40
	C	32
	D	24
	E	16



University of Brighton



FIND OUT MORE



STUDY SPORT AND EXERCISE AT BRIGHTON

Brighton offers a wide range of sport-related degrees in areas including:

- exercise, health and rehabilitation science
- physical education teaching
- physiotherapy
- podiatry
- sport and exercise science
- sport coaching
- sport journalism
- sport management
- strength and conditioning

We also offer sports scholarships with benefits that include:

- free access to our sport facilities
- financial support
- physical performance testing
- strength and conditioning support
- reduced rate access to physiotherapy support and sport massage treatments
- a mentor to help with lifestyle management
- links to external clubs through our extensive partnership network



UNIVERSITY SPOTLIGHT



University of
Lancashire

UK Football Programme

Located in the North West of England, we are right at the heart of a high concentration of elite football clubs. With established links both regionally and across the UK, we work in strong collaboration with professional football. Our sporting environment enables players to continue developing their performance alongside an outstanding learning environment.

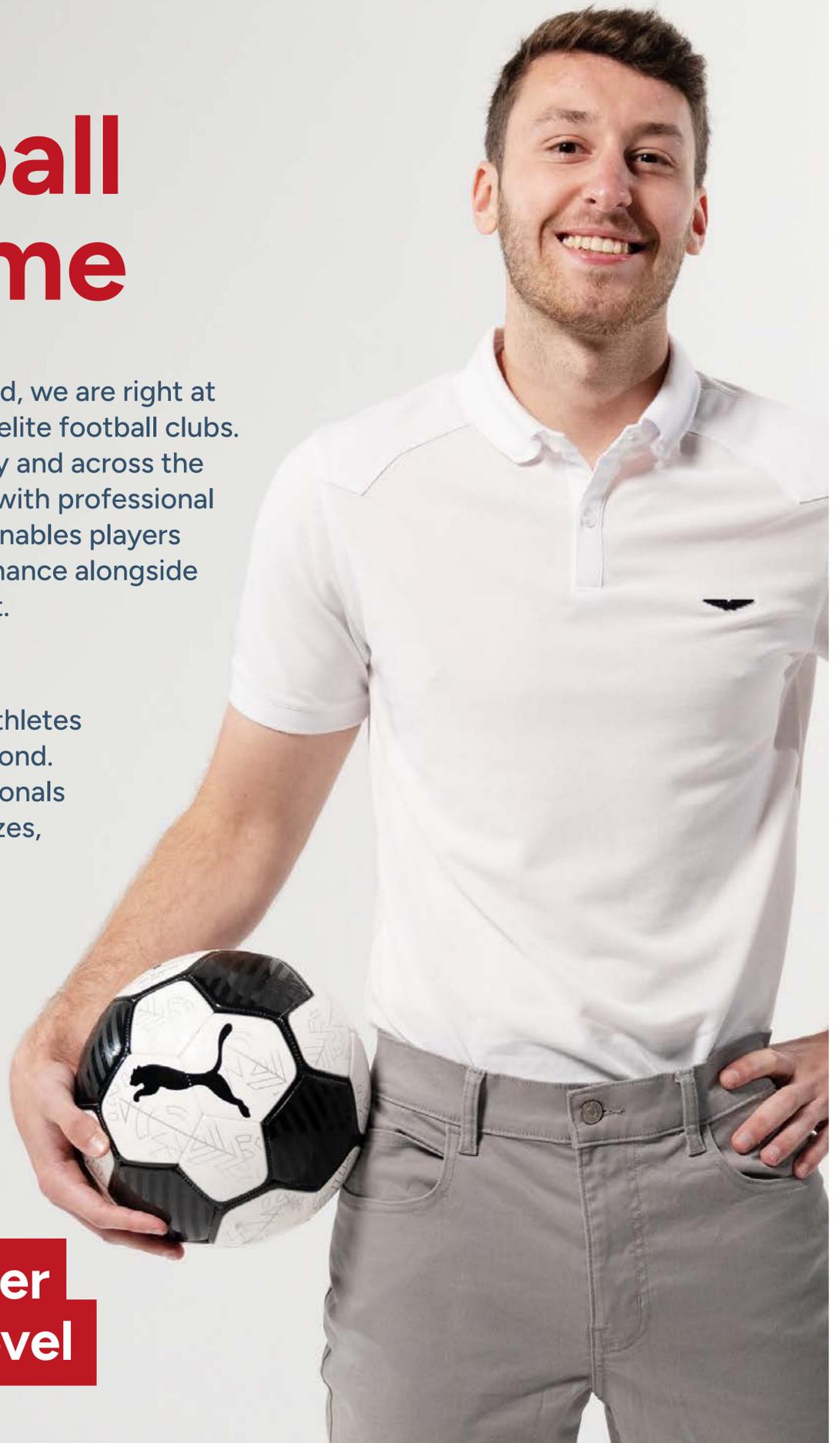
Jump into the sports industry

Get hands-on experience with top athletes and clubs in the North West and beyond. Learn directly from industry professionals and benefit from our smaller class sizes, offering more personalised support and top opportunities.

Join our sports community

Become part of our vibrant community, with access to state-of-the-art sports labs, Sir Tom Finney Sports Centre and our Sports Arena.

**Making sport better
on every level**



High performance sports scholarships

Available for outstanding players and students up to £5,000.

We are also a TASS Dual Career Centre.



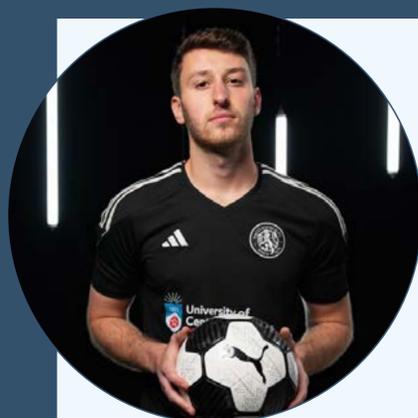
Football Player Development Pathway:
Delivered in Partnership with Macclesfield Football Club.

Train and play alongside your degree studies

Structured programme developing you as a player

Includes coaching, scouting, performance analysis and physical therapy

Time scheduled to support training, conditioning, fixtures, and recovery



“University has opened doors for me through what they’ve taught about the sports industry. My experience has shown me how a football club works and helped towards me achieving my dream position.”

Dan, BSc (Hons) Sport Business Management
- Football Player Development Pathway graduate

“Topics covered are massive for building your attributes as a well-rounded sports industry professional.

The industry experience I gained at university was priceless, allowing me to progress into a career I am passionate about.”

Finn, BA (Hons) Sport Coaching graduate
Now Assistant Lead Phase Scout U9 - U14, Manchester United FC



Explore our Sports courses

- BSc (Hons) Football Studies
- BA (Hons) Leadership through Outdoor Adventure
- BSc (Hons) Nutrition
- BA (Hons) Physical Education and Sport
- BSc (Hons) Sport and Exercise Science
- BSc (Hons) Sport Business Management
- BSc (Hons) Sport Coaching
- BSc (Hons) Sports Therapy

Book your Open Day

Join us at our Preston Campus on:
Saturday 22 November 2025
Saturday 20 June 2026
Sunday 16 August 2026



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Admissions Service**
www.ucas.ac.uk

GOV.UK
www.gov.uk/browse/education

**The Professional
Footballers Association**
[www.thepfa.com/players/education/
funding](http://www.thepfa.com/players/education/funding)

**The Student Awards
Agency for Scotland**
www.saas.gov.uk

**Discover Uni - Compare UK
Universities and Colleges**
discoveruni.gov.uk

**British Universities
& Colleges Sport (BUCS)**
www.bucs.org.uk

National Union of Students
www.nus.org.uk

Student Finance Wales
www.studentfinancewales.co.uk

**Student Finance
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www.studentfinancenir.co.uk

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Student Loans Company
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Study, train, compete and achieve at
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- Opportunity to play in the Scottish Lowland League
- Access to world-class facilities, coaches and support staff
- Gain a degree alongside playing in a professional environment

Find out more:



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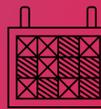
BRING IT

BRING YOUR AMBITION, CURIOSITY AND POSITIVITY AND STUDY A DEGREE IN BUSINESS, MEDIA, SPORT OR DIGITAL.



NO TRADITIONAL END-OF-YEAR EXAMS*

Assessment is practical and competency based. You learn it, then you prove it!



START STUDYING WHEN YOU'RE READY

Six intakes from September, November, January, February, April and June, you can choose to start whenever is best for you.



STUDY ONE SUBJECT AT A TIME

Depending on your course, you will study 4 or 6 study blocks a year, each lasting 6 weeks. You will study one module per block, allowing for focused learning.



STUDY IN THE MORNING OR IN THE AFTERNOON

Students study in the morning, 9am-1pm, or in the afternoon, 2pm-6pm, giving you time to fit life around your studies.



TALENTED ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Student athletes who are eligible for the scheme are assigned to our qualified Dual Career Coordinator (DCC), who will support you in balancing your studies amongst hectic sporting schedules.



VISIT WWW.UA92.AC.UK

*Some Exams are required for Accountancy courses

ABOUT UA92

A DELIBERATELY DIFFERENT APPROACH TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Part of the most successful Premier League football team of all time, Manchester United's Class of 92 - including Gary and Phil Neville, Paul Scholes, Ryan Giggs and Nicky Butt - formed the core principles that shape the UA92 experience.

DEGREES AWARDED BY LANCASTER UNIVERSITY

Academic rigour and academic league table rankings makes a Lancaster University degree highly sought after by employers.



CONTEMPORARY CAMPUS

Sports, Media and Digital students study at our contemporary campus in the heart of Old Trafford, whilst our Business students study at our brand new Business School in Manchester City Centre. Our campuses are equipped with the latest industry-grade technology, modern study spaces and digital learning resources. Their prime locations mean our students are well-positioned to benefit from all that Manchester has to offer.

BUILDING GREATER CONNECTIONS

Industry giants Manchester United, KPMG, Microsoft and TalkTalk not only co-develop our courses, but connect our students to industry through guest speakers, masterclasses and workplace opportunities.



MAKING IT WORK FOR YOU

Everyone's journey is unique. That's why we offer a number of different ways to study. Prepare for study with our 1-year Cert HE programme, get your degree in 2 years with our condensed Accelerated degrees or explore our traditional 3-year degrees which allow for a good work-life balance.

UNLOCKING GREATNESS

We put character and personal development at the core of your learning experience with a strong emphasis on building skills that employers want. It will empower your self-belief unlock character-defining experiences and prepare you for success beyond UA92.

EDUCATION FOR ALL

"Qualifications alone do not define you. Work experience, life skills and character are equally important. We believe higher education should be accessible to everyone, regardless of background or financial situation."

We also pride ourselves on students being assessed by continuous assessments instead of exams, and as a TASS Dual Career Accredited Site we've committed to providing academic flexibility to those pursuing their sporting career alongside studying."

Danielle Farrell,
Head of Sport 92

"Studying for a full-time degree alongside the pursuit of a professional football career was what I wanted to do after finishing college."

UA92 were very accommodating through their TASS programme in allowing me to balance both commitments effectively."

Overall, the accommodating and understanding approach UA92 take towards athletes helped me to manage and fulfil all my commitments."

Bader Al-Akkad,
BA Hons Sports Management (Accelerated)



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