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Course information for applicants

This information applies to the course as it will be delivered to students starting the course in 2027/28.

Information provided here was confirmed on 20/05/2026

General information

Programme code

PSLAW

Target award

If you complete this course successfully you will be eligible for the award of:

PGCert Sport Law

Delivery mode

- ☒ On campus
☐ Distance learning

Where you will study

The majority of teaching will be at Headingley campus but on occasion may be at City campus.

Awarding body

Leeds Beckett University

Regulator

Office for Students

Level of qualification

Level 7 of the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications

Course duration

If you are made an offer of a place on the course, your offer letter will include the start date.

This course can be studied:

12 months part-time

Entry requirements

Admissions criteria are available on the online prospectus entry for this course.

If you have previous relevant qualifications or experience, you could be exempt from certain parts of your course.

Recognition of prior learning (RPL) allows you to start your course at a point appropriate to the learning and skills that you may have developed in a professional, vocational or community setting.

Find out more here: <https://www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/student-information/course-information/recognition-of-prior-learning>

If you have questions about entry requirements and admissions, contact AdmissionsEnquiries@leedsbeckett.ac.uk

Course fees

Course fees and a breakdown of any additional costs is included on the online prospectus entry for this course.

If you have questions about fees for this course, contact Fees@leedsbeckett.ac.uk

Timetable

This course is block delivered.

You will receive your full timetable for the year during induction week.

What you will study

Course aims

The professional sports industry has rapidly evolved, with increasing commercialisation driving the expansion of legal roles across clubs, foundations, and governing bodies. With the increase of law firms unveiling sports practice desks and the demand for in house legal counsel around the world, this PG Certificate reflects the sector's growing complexity and influence across political, economic, and legal spheres. To lead effectively in this dynamic environment, sports executives must possess both legal and governance acumen. The Postgraduate Certificate in Sport Law is the UK's only programme of its kind, designed to equip professionals with cutting-edge expertise in governance, sport law and the many intricacies this specialism demonstrates due to its self-regulatory status. Students who successfully complete the course will have developed a critical understanding of the context in which the law operates, acquired an appreciation of the factors and variables which shape the relevant area of legal study, and developed an ability to analyse and criticise the relevant area of law have acquired the ability to apply the relevant area of law in practice.

Teaching and learning activities

As a Postgraduate Certificate in Sport Law award, the emphasis on the programme is to develop specialised knowledge and skills appropriate to a Level 7 award reflecting critical review and analytical application. As such the learning and teaching approach will involve the dissemination of legal concepts within the teaching environment and requires students to independently apply these concepts in their assessments. Within the programme, students will be provided with the tools to undertake the process of effective Level 7 writing and critical consideration of the law being applied to characteristics of sport organisations, Governing bodies and associations. The programme will combine expert content delivery from the teaching team and guest presenters from the world of sport law. The teaching sessions will provide historical background demonstrating the progression of the specialism of sport law.

Common teaching and assessment approaches throughout all stages of the Postgraduate Certificate in Sport Law: The overriding characteristic of the student learning experience is guided self-study. Guidance comes through interaction with relevant academic staff via the detailed course materials which are designed for self-study, via telephonic and email communication, and via the study day programme.

Sessions will be interactive, and formative feedback will be an aspect of the learning approach embedded within this learning and teaching approach.

Summative assessments are professionally and academically appropriate to level 7 combining vocational and academic development, which is progressive through the progression to completion of the Postgraduate Certificate in Sport Law.

Teaching will be informed through the latest thinking in relation to each specialised module and appropriate guest speakers from these fields are included in the teaching programme.

Feedback and evaluation will be undertaken and used to inform on-going programme development, and the student experience.

Course structure

This information is correct for students progressing through the course within standard timescales. If you have to repeat study or take time out during your course, you may be taught alternative modules which meet the overall course learning outcomes.

The option modules listed may vary. Those listed here are likely to be offered in a typical year.

Level 7

Compulsory modules

Module title	Credits	Teaching period
Foundations of Sport Law and the Sport Regulatory Regime	15	Year 1
Contemporary Perspectives on International Sport Law	15	Year 1
Representing the Athlete-Player	15	Year 1
Total number of credits of compulsory modules:	45	

Option modules

Module title	Credits	Teaching period
Integrity in International Sport	15	Year 1
The Sport Participant and the Courts	15	Year 1
Total number of credits of elective modules a student must enrol on:	15	

Assessment and feedback

The balance of assessment may change depending on which option modules you choose.

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On this course students will be assessed predominantly by coursework with some practical assessment.

Workload

You can expect to spend a total of 100 hours learning per 10 credits.

Typically, a student on this course can expect to divide their time like this:

Overall workload	Level 7
Teaching, learning and assessment	144 hours
Independent study	456 hours
Placement study	0 hours