

MSc

# Sports Business and Management

**Study mode**

Full-time

**Duration**

12 months

Apply by: **15 January 2027**Starts on: **25 January 2027**

## About this course

The MSc Sports Business and Management offers students a master's level understanding of the global business of sport – its organisations, stakeholders and the disciplines which make it operate successfully – with a business focus on the challenges and opportunities within the global sports business.

## Introduction

**Please note, if you're applying for January 2027 entry, your course welcome starts on 25 January 2027. Teaching starts on the 1 February 2027.**

Our MSc Sports Business and Management is ranked 1st in the UK, 3rd in Europe, and 14th in the world in the [2023 SportBusiness Postgraduate Rankings](#).

The programme provides students with the opportunity to study an MSc Sports Business and Management in a Russell Group University which has an excellent reputation and network within football, horse racing, cricket, rugby and other sports based on its provision of high-quality education in the business of sport over the past 15 years.

The MSc Sports Business and Management programme was designed in consultation with industry employers, including Liverpool and Everton Football Clubs, St. Helens RFLC (Rugby League) and Deloitte, to identify and incorporate the skills required by industry both now and in the future.

Modules cover the global context of sports business, sports marketing and sponsorship, sports operations and events, and leadership in sport.

In the capstone 'Sports Business Practice' module students will have opportunities to visit Premier League Football Clubs as well as high-profile sports businesses from cricket, rugby and other sports. Students will have access to excellent sports business speakers to enhance their understanding of the practical aspects of working in the global sports business market.

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## Accreditation

The University of Liverpool Management School is one of an elite group of institutions worldwide to hold the gold standard 'triple-crown' accreditation from AACSB, AMBA and EQUIS.

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### Accreditation in detail

#### AACSB

AACSB Accreditation Standards require a high quality teaching environment, a commitment to continuous improvement, and curricula responsive to the needs of businesses. This achievement means that the Management School meets specific standards of excellence. It also means it's committed to on-going improvement in delivering high quality education.

#### AMBA

AMBA is the highest standard of achievement in postgraduate business education. MBA students and graduates, business schools and employers all recognise it as a gold standard. AMBA's rigorous criteria and assessment process ensure that only programmes that demonstrate the highest standards in teaching, learning and curriculum design; career

development and employability; and student, alumni and employer interaction achieve accreditation.

## **EQUIS**

The School is also accredited by [EQUIS](#), which is the leading international system of quality assessment, improvement and accreditation of higher education institutions in management and business administration. Institutions that are accredited by EQUIS must demonstrate not only high general quality in all dimensions of their activities, but also a high degree of internationalisation and corporate connections.

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# Course content

Discover what you'll learn, what you'll study, and how you'll be taught and assessed.

## Semester one

During the first semester, you will undertake three compulsory modules of 20 credits each (60 credits in total).

## Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
SPORTS MARKETING AND SPONSORSHIP (ULMS857)	20
SPORTS OPERATIONS AND EVENTS (ULMS859)	20
THE GLOBAL CONTEXT OF SPORTS BUSINESS (ULMS856)	20

Programme details and modules listed are illustrative only and subject to change.

## Semester two

During the second semester, you will undertake three compulsory modules of 20 credits each (60 credits in total).

## Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
SPORTS LEADERSHIP AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT (ULMS898)	20

<b>Compulsory modules</b>	<b>Credits</b>
SPORTS FINANCE AND ECONOMICS (ULMS897)	20
SPORTS STRATEGY AND GOVERNANCE (ULMS899)	20

Programme details and modules listed are illustrative only and subject to change.

## **Final project**

You will complete your course with a final 60-credit applied research project or dissertation.

For your final project you will be supported by an academic supervisor

### **Choose one:**

- **ULMS719 Advanced Management Research**

This optional module provides students with the opportunity to develop knowledge and understanding of the multi-level processes involved in organisational and managerial practices, with a focus on business analysis, strategic decision-making, and practical application. The module includes common training in data analysis, research, and proposal development, equipping students with the essential skills to undertake in-depth investigations and present information coherently to support recommended courses of action. Students will have the flexibility to pursue one of several project options: business planning, consultancy reports, industry analysis or empirical investigation. The individual assignment allows students to critically evaluate and synthesise relevant theories, models, and practices of management, applying them to a specific area of research within their MSc programme.

or

- **ULMS790 Dissertation**

Conduct an academically oriented research project based on a case, organisation, or context of their choice.

## **Modules**

<b>Optional modules</b>	<b>Credits</b>
ADVANCED MANAGEMENT RESEARCH (ULMS719)	60
DISSERTATION (ULMS790)	60

Programme details and modules listed are illustrative only and subject to change.

## **Teaching and assessment**

### **How you'll learn**

On our MSc Sports Business and Management, modules are taught using the latest active learning techniques. These include the use of real-world case studies from the world of professional sport, authentic assessment tasks that mimic sports organisation activities and requisite outputs, business scenario and negotiation simulations, use of interactive participation software, and lecture capture. We also ensure that each module has a distinctive contribution from an industry guest speaker, and host a broader “in conversation” series where C-suite executives from the sports industry contribute to engaging discussions with faculty and students.

The principal forms of teaching are lectures and seminars with lectures normally being supported by material such as hand-outs and presentations. Seminars allow for a more detailed discussion of a topic under the direction of a tutor. You are normally expected to prepare work in advance for seminars and may be expected to present work or give presentations.

Following semester two you will complete either a dissertation or the Strategic Business Research for Sport project with the support of an academic supervisor. This final project enables students to specialise in an area of the sports business discipline to deepen their knowledge, understanding and capabilities in this area.

Teaching time will account for an average of 10 hours per week and you should anticipate an additional 24 hours of self-directed study and group work per week.

### **How you're assessed**

In semester one and two, you will take modules totalling 120 credits. The dissertation or research project completed during the summer period is worth 60 credits and students will

be supported by their academic supervisor.

Students are required to complete 180 credits to achieve a full MSc.

Subject to meeting specific criteria outlined by the University, students will graduate with a Pass, Merit or Distinction.

Assessment tasks are varied and some may be designed specifically to meet the learning outcomes of a particular programme of study, but students can expect to be assessed via coursework, essay, group work, presentations, case studies, negotiation exercises, reports and examinations. The weighting of individual components will vary from one module to another. All assessment information is included within the module specification.

## Liverpool Hallmarks

We have a distinctive approach to education, the Liverpool Curriculum Framework, which focuses on research-connected teaching, active learning, and authentic assessment to ensure our students graduate as digitally fluent and confident global citizens.

The Liverpool Curriculum framework sets out our distinctive approach to education. Our teaching staff support our students to develop academic knowledge, skills, and understanding alongside our **graduate attributes**:

- Digital fluency
- Confidence
- Global citizenship

Our curriculum is characterised by the three **Liverpool Hallmarks**:

- Research-connected teaching
- Active learning
- Authentic assessment

All this is underpinned by our core value of **inclusivity** and commitment to providing a curriculum that is accessible to all students.

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# Careers and employability

You will have access to a specialist, in-house postgraduate careers team, offering personalised one-to-one careers guidance, workshops, seminars, and employability initiatives to support your career development.

Graduates from our Sports Business and Management MSc course have gone on to secure roles with a range of prestigious organisations, including Red Bull, Cobalt, the Professional Footballers Association, Deloitte LLP, the German Football Association, PFC Levski Sofia, UEFA, and Procam Television Holdings Ltd. They have taken on positions such as Commercial Manager, Live Sports Trader, Commercial Executive, Scout Analyst, Senior Marketing Manager, Production Assistant, and Business Development Executive.

Employment outcomes are strong, with 87% of graduates finding employment within six months of completing the programme. Popular job titles include Social Media and Sponsorship Manager, Digital Project Officer, Social Media Executive, and Project Administrator. Employers of recent graduates include Sports Side, All Star Tennis, Everton FC, Liverpool FC, JSW Sports, Liverpool John Moores University, and Decathlon. Graduates have found roles across Liverpool, London, throughout the UK, and internationally in locations such as India, Japan, China, and Ohio.

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## Career support from day one to graduation and beyond

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### Career planning

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### From education to employment

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### Networking events

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# Fees and funding

Your tuition fees, funding your studies, and other costs to consider.

## Tuition fees

### UK fees (applies to Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Republic of Ireland)

Full-time place, per year – £15,000

### International fees

Full-time place, per year – £32,000

Tuition fees are for the academic year 2026/27.

Tuition fees cover the cost of your teaching and assessment, operating facilities such as libraries, IT equipment, and access to academic and personal support.

- You can pay your tuition fees in instalments.
- All or part of your tuition fees can be funded by external sponsorship.
- International applicants who accept an offer of a place will need to pay a tuition fee deposit.

If you're a UK national, or have settled status in the UK, you may be eligible to apply for a Postgraduate Loan worth up to £12,167 to help with course fees and living costs. **Learn more about paying for your studies**.

## Additional costs

We understand that budgeting for your time at university is important, and we want to make sure you understand any course-related costs that are not covered by your tuition fee. This could include buying a laptop, books, or stationery.

Find out more about the additional study costs that may apply to this course.

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# Entry requirements

The qualifications and exam results you'll need to apply for this course.

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## Postgraduate entry requirements

We accept a 2:2 honours degree from a UK university, or an equivalent academic qualification from a similar non-UK institution. This degree can be in any subject discipline. Non-graduates with very extensive professional experience and/or other prior qualifications may also be considered.

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## International qualifications

[Select your country or region to view specific entry requirements.](#)

Many countries have a different education system to that of the UK, meaning your qualifications may not meet our entry requirements. Completing your Foundation Certificate, such as that offered by the [University of Liverpool International College](#), means you're guaranteed a place on your chosen course.

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## English language requirements

You'll need to demonstrate competence in the use of English language, unless you're from a [majority English speaking country](#).

We accept a variety of [international language tests](#) and [country-specific qualifications](#).

International applicants who do not meet the minimum required standard of English language can complete one of our [Pre-Sessional English courses](#) to achieve the required level.

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## IELTS

6.5 overall, with no component below 6.0

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## **TOEFL iBT**

If you took a TOEFL test on or before 20 January 2026, you'll need 88 overall, with minimum scores of listening 19, writing 19, reading 19 and speaking 20. If you took a TOEFL test from 21 January 2026 onwards, when a new scoring system was introduced, you'll need 4.5 overall, with 4 or above in all components. TOEFL Home Edition not accepted.

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## **Duolingo English Test**

125 overall, with writing not less than 125, speaking and reading not less than 115, and listening not below 110. For academic year 2025/26 only, we will also accept the production, literacy, comprehension and conversation score set: 120 overall, with no component below 105.

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## **Pearson PTE Academic**

61 overall, with no component below 59

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## **LanguageCert Academic**

70 overall, with no skill below 65

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## **PSI Skills for English**

B2 Pass with Merit in all bands

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## **INDIA Standard XII**

National Curriculum (CBSE/ISC) – 75% and above in English. Accepted State Boards – 80% and above in English.

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## **WAEC**

C6 or above

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## **Pre-sessional English**

Do you need to complete a Pre-sessional English course to meet the English language requirements for this course?

The length of Pre-sessional English course you'll need to take depends on your current level of English language ability.

## Pre-sessional English in detail

If you don't meet our English language requirements, we can use your most recent IELTS score, or [the equivalent score in selected other English language tests](#), to determine the length of Pre-sessional English course you require.

Use the table below to check the course length you're likely to require for your current English language ability and see whether the course is available on campus or online.

Your most recent IELTS score	Pre-sessional English course length	On campus or online
6.0 overall, with writing at 6.0 and no component below 5.5	6 weeks	On campus or online
5.5 overall, with writing at 5.5 and no component below 5.0	10 weeks	On campus or online
5.5 overall, with no more than one component at 5.0	12 weeks	Online
5.5 overall, with no component below 5.0	20 weeks	On campus
5.0 overall, with no more than one component at 4.5	30 weeks	On campus
4.5 overall, with no more than one component at 4.0	40 weeks	On campus

If you've completed an alternative English language test to IELTS, we may be able to use this to assess your English language ability and determine the Pre-sessional English course

length you require.

Please see our guide to [Pre-sessional English entry requirements](#) for IELTS 6.5 overall, with no component below 6.0, for further details.

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