

European MSc in Basketball Coaching

The University of Worcester in partnership with the Lithuanian Academy of Physical Education (LAPE) have launched the European Masters degree in Basketball Coaching. Significantly, the course will be endorsed by the Federation for International Basketball in Europe (FIBA Europe) and the Lithuanian Basketball Federation. The course will be based on the strategic advantage of combining the two institutions' and countries strengths both in the basketball field and in affiliated areas.

Entry Requirements

Students will normally have a good first degree in a coaching related degree.

Students who hold a lower coaching-related degree classification, a non-coaching related degree will be considered on a case by case basis and may be required to submit a portfolio of evidence to demonstrate coaching experience. A critical understanding of the game and coaching process is a basic requirement of admission.

Candidates with an acceptable academic background and/or extensive experience in the game of basketball may apply for Accreditation of prior learning (APL) and experience (APEL). It is advisable for candidates to discuss this with the Course Leader initially.

The Course

This course provides students with a unique opportunity to combine studies with elite sports activities. The course enables current practitioners to develop their conceptual and theoretical understanding in the field of Sports Coaching Science. Practical skills in a range of scientific disciplines will be further developed in order to enhance the coaching process. The course requires students to critically reflect upon contemporary principles and practices in sports coaching. The course will be of interest to coaches, senior players, coach educators and students throughout Europe who have an interest in developing the game and players.

Course Delivery (subject to validation)

Course delivery will be in English with translators provided where appropriate.

The delivery of the course will focus upon an innovative approach that will involve teaching in both Worcester and Lithuania and will take two years to complete. Lectures and seminars will strategically take place at mid and end of the playing season, whilst online classes and tutorials will be available throughout the year. Contributions at the conference and to modules will be made by: Pepu Hernandez (Head coach: DKV Joventut Badalona, previously Spanish NT Coach), Evaldas Kandratavicius (Physical fitness coach, Jekaterinburg "Uralmash-UGMK", Russia) and Holger Geschwindner (former basketball player, mentor, coach and friend of the NBA's Dallas Mavericks).

Attendance at the University of Worcester sessions on the specified dates can be flexible and this can be discussed with the course tutors.

July 2010: Annual Basketball Conference in Kaunas Students will be required to attend for the three days prior to the conference for an **induction** into the MSc programme and to remain for a further three days post conference.

Modules covered: **Research Methods, European Basketball Coaching Concepts**

January 2011: University of Worcester visit: Students will visit the University of Worcester for one week.

Modules covered: **European Basketball Coaching Pedagogy, Scientific Concepts of Basketball Coaching**

July 2011 Annual Basketball Conference, Kaunas: Students will attend the three days prior to the conference.

Modules covered: **Current Issues in Basketball Research, Applied Professional Placement**

January 2012: University of Worcester visit: Students will visit the University of Worcester for one week

Modules: **Research methods presentation, Advanced Independent Study Conference**

July 2012: Conference invitations: Invitation for students to present their Advanced Independent Study research at the Annual Basketball Conference, Kaunas, or the 10th World Congress of Performance Analysis in Sport taking place at the University of Worcester.

November 2012: Graduation ceremony Worcester Cathedral.

Accommodation in Lithuania (all prices are inclusive of meals)

Dormitory €40 per day

Shared hotel room €60 per day

Single hotel room €70 per day

Transportation: If flying into Kaunas transportation is free of charge, if flying into Vilnius there is a €10 transportation cost

How to apply

For advice, information and guidance on applying for the programme please contact:

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