

MSc Sports Physiotherapy (THHL-ADM34)

Course and Award Details

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| Course title | MSc Sports Physiotherapy |
| Route(s) | MSc Sports Physiotherapy |
| Awarding body | University of Bath |
| Award | Masters Degree not mainly by Research |
| Award name | Masters - Postgraduate Taught |
| Course mode of delivery | Distance Learning (MSc) 45+ weeks equivalent |
| Course length | 5 years |
| Entry point | September 2024 |
| Main location of study | University of Bath, Main Campus, Claverton Down |
| Course-owning school/department | Health |

Course Description

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| Course Summary | Enhance your sports physiotherapy knowledge, skills and experience. This is a specially designed master's course for fully qualified physiotherapists. |
| Course Description | <p>This highly flexible academic and clinical master's degree develops your physiotherapy skills in the specialist setting of sport.</p> <p>By working with Bath's team of sports practitioners, you'll deepen your knowledge of advanced sports physiotherapy techniques, athlete management and performance enhancement.</p> <p>You'll also develop your:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- knowledge of sports physiotherapy practice and ethical considerations at local, national and international levels- ability to work in multidisciplinary teams within sports environments- capability to provide safe and effective pitch-side emergency care- awareness of anti-doping legislation and procedures withing sports physiotherapy <p>A mix of self-led and face-to-face learning</p> <p>Bath is one of the few universities that offers this type of academically recognised course through part-time distance learning. This means you can complete your master's degree alongside your clinical practice.</p> <p>You'll also experience face-to-face teaching during our Residential Weeks, which will take place in Bath.</p> <p>Bath's sports medicine expertise</p> <p>You'll learn from experts in sports physiotherapy, as well as staff in our wider Department for Health(/departments/department-for-health) community.</p> <p>Their passion, knowledge and industry expertise shape their teaching to enhance your learning experience. They have vast levels of industry experience and have worked with a range of professional athletes across different sports.</p> |

Some have worked at high-profile sporting events, including the:

- Commonwealth Games
- FIFA World Cup
- Olympic Games
- Paralympic World Cup
- Tour de France

Use specialist facilities

During the Residential Weeks, you will use the physiology and biomechanics suites on our Bath campus. These contain up-to-date performance testing and analysis equipment.

Gain important career skills

During this course, you will benefit from:

- highly interactive, flexible distance learning and clinical teaching
- residential teaching weeks to support your practical and clinical examination training
- being part of an online network of sport and exercise medicine and sports physiotherapy clinicians
- access to experienced clinical specialists in the field to provide professional development support
- a problem-solving and reflective approach to sports physiotherapy

You will be assigned an experienced sports physiotherapist as your Professional Development Advisor during this course. They will provide mentorship and help you establish industry links.

In Year 1 and Year 2 there are opportunities to learn from guest speakers and build connections with other clinicians at our Residential Weeks in Bath.

Graduate prospects

By the end of the course, you will be qualified to work with athletes and sports teams at the highest level. You will be able to apply evidence-based practice principles to deliver innovation in sports physiotherapy.

Some of our recent graduates have taken roles with:

- The Olympic and Paralympic Games
- Professional clubs and teams
- The English Institute of Sport
- Birmingham Royal Ballet

If you want to continue your research alongside professional practice, we also provide an established Professional Doctorate(</courses/postgraduate-research/dhealth-professional-doctorate-in-health-part-time/>), offering a route for MSc students interested in continuing their research to doctoral level while working part-time.

Contact hours

You are expected to spend, on average, around 10 hours per week studying. This will be made up of structured and interactive online content, with support from Bath academics throughout.

During Residential Weeks, you will experience face-to-face teaching to complement your distance learning study.

Delivery methods

The following list provides an indication of some of the learning and teaching methods used on the course:

- Research project
- Clinical experience
- Online resources
- Practical sessions
- Seminars

Tutorials
Workshops
Real-life case studies

Assessment summary

You will experience a balance of different forms of assessment designed to support your professional development. This will include coursework, essays, reports, presentations, oral presentations, reflective portfolios, and a final project/dissertation.

Your clinical skills will be assessed through Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCEs) at the end of Year 2.

Throughout the course, you'll receive formative (unassessed) feedback on your progress in preparation for your graded assessments.

We can make reasonable adjustments to assessment procedures for students with disabilities. Take a look at our Disability Service's pages(/professional-services/disability-service/) for information.

Assessment methods

The following list provides an indication of some of the assessment methods used on the course:

Essay
Coursework
Dissertation
Portfolio
Practical work
Reflective assessment
Report
Oral presentation

Budgeting statement

You will need to budget at least £100 for the cost of photocopying, printing and binding. You will also need to budget for the cost of text books.

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You will need to budget at least £100 for the cost of photocopying, printing and binding. You will also need to budget for the cost of textbooks. Some courses involve visits away from campus and you may be required to pay some or all of the costs of travel, accommodation and food and drink. If you're on a placement, you're responsible for your own travel, accommodation and living costs. You should also consider the financial implications if you go on an unpaid or overseas placement.

Additional Costs

Residential events

Residential Week tuition is included in your course fees. However, accommodation, food and travel costs are not included. Accommodation is not available on the University campus, so we recommend you book accommodation in Bath city centre. You may also need to budget for accommodation whilst taking your clinical exams which are held on the University of Bath campus.

Certificates and qualifications

You need to source and pay for appropriate pitch-side medical training before you complete the taught section of the course. Staff will advise on suitable pitch-side training opportunities.

IT access and equipment

You'll need to have access to IT equipment and a stable internet connection to enable your participation on the course through distance learning.

Course Assessment Regulations

Applicable Assessment Regulations

Postgraduate Taught Assessment Regulations - <https://www.bath.ac.uk/publications/postgraduate-taught-assessment-regulations/>

Exemptions from Regulations

Not specified

Course Progression

Not specified

Course Structure

Year 1

| Period of study | Module code | Module title | Module status | Level | Credits | Option choice rules |
|-----------------|-------------|---|---|--------------------------------|---------|---------------------|
| AY | HL00000 | Academic integrity training & test | Extra | Foundation (FHEQ level 3) | 0 | |
| M02 | HL52045 | Sports environment | Part 4 Taught Designated Essential Unit | Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7) | 5 | |
| M02 | HL52046 | Sports physiotherapy in practice I | Part 4 Taught Designated Essential Unit | Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7) | 10 | |
| M06 | HL52038 | Foundations of biomechanics and physiology for clinicians | Part 4 Taught Designated Essential Unit | Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7) | 15 | |

Additional rules for module selection

None

Year 2

| Period of study | Module code | Module title | Module status | Level | Credits | Option choice rules |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------|---------|--|
| MOD | HL52030 | Applied athlete management | Part 4 Taught Designated Essential Unit | Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7) | 5 | |
| MOD | HL52032 | Athlete management | Part 4 Taught Designated Essential Unit | Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7) | 10 | |
| MOD | HL52047 | Sports physiotherapy in practice II | Part 4 Taught Designated Essential Unit | Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7) | 10 | |
| MOD | SPY Y2 MOD options CT PG | | | | | Select 1 module from this group in this period |
| | HL52031 | Applied football medicine | Part 4 Taught Designated Essential Option | Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7) | 5 | |
| | HL52033 | Contemporary issues in sport and exercise | Part 4 Taught Designated Essential Option | Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7) | 5 | |
| | HL52034 | Dance and the artistic athlete | Part 4 Taught Designated Essential Option | Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7) | 5 | |
| | HL52049 | The travelling athlete | Part 4 Taught Designated Essential Option | Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7) | 5 | |
| Additional rules for module selection | | | | | | |
| None | | | | | | |

Year 3

| Period of study | Module code | Module title | Module status | Level | Credits | Option choice rules |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|------------------|---|--------------------------------|---------|---------------------|
| MOD | HL52042 | Research project | Part 4 Taught Designated Essential Unit | Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7) | 30 | |
| Additional rules for module selection | | | | | | |
| None | | | | | | |

The availability of optional units is subject to constraints such as staff availability, minimum and maximum group sizes, and timetabling factors, as well as a student's ability to meet any pre-requisite rules.

By the end of the course, you will be able to

| | Knowledge and Understanding | Intellectual Skills | Professional and Transferable Skills | Placement | Study Year Abroad |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Justify your adherence to, and use of, the professional and sports-specific competencies of relevant governing bodies | | | ✓ | | |
| Utilise evidence-based clinical reasoning to rationalise decisions and find innovative solutions for unforeseen novel/contemporary clinical problems within the context of sports physiotherapy | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| Use both reflective and feedback mechanisms to support and re-evaluate self-care techniques, clinical practice, and the development of lifelong learning skills | | | ✓ | | |
| Deliver, develop, and adapt, specialised standards of care within various sports physiotherapy environments as an independent and competent practitioner, based on the needs of professionals, patients, and the changing healthcare environment | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| Critically appraise and synthesise evidence from a variety of sources, including collected data, to identify, adapt, and implement best practice, both clinically and academically. | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| Discuss ethical issues in clinical practice, including your own, and manage any implications | | | ✓ | | |
| Create a shared | | | ✓ | | |

understanding of clinical issues with specialists and non-specialists alike, using context-specific language and communication methods where appropriate

Recognise the limits of the scope of practice of all MDT members, including, and relative to, the sports physiotherapist, integrating with other MDT disciplines where appropriate for athlete management.

✓

Develop new, or use existing, opportunities within sports physiotherapy to represent the profession on a local, national and/or international stage

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Integrate academic and clinical fields through research design methodology and practice

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Alternative Courses and Exit Awards

Designated Alternative Courses (DAC) and exit awards

PG Certificate Sports Physiotherapy – available on completing the first 30 credits of the programme. The units which must be passed for this award are: - Sports Physiotherapy in Practice I (HL52046) - Sports Environment (HL52045) - Foundations of Biomechanics and Physiology for Clinicians (HL52038) These units align with CILOs 1-8. PG Diploma Sports Physiotherapy – available on completing the first 60 credits of the programme. The units which must be passed for this award are: - Sports Physiotherapy in Practice I (HL52043) - Sports Environment (HL52045) - Foundations of Biomechanics and Physiology for Clinicians (HL52038) - Sports Physiotherapy in Practice II (HL52047) - Athlete Management (HL52032) - Applied Athlete Management (HL52030) - One optional unit, chosen from: - Dance and the Artistic Athlete (HL52034) - Applied Football Medicine (HL52031) - The Travelling Athlete (HL52049) - Contemporary Issues in Sport and Exercise (HL52033) These units align with CILOs 1-9. Students will be eligible for generic exit awards under PGTAR regulations should they fail reassessments but meet the relevant credit requirements for a generic award.