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# HARRIERS ACADEMY

2024/25 SEASON

U23s FOUNDATION DEGREE

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Current Harriers Academy players and graduates in first team training (pre-season 2023-24)

# FOOTBALL & EDUCATION

## THE COURSE

### FOOTBALL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND COACHING DEGREE (FDSC)

This is a University of Worcester validated course delivered at the Centre Of Sporting Excellence (COSE), Kidderminster, in conjunction with Kidderminster Harriers FC.

## COURSE OVERVIEW

**As a student on this course you will:**

- Focus on both football and business related knowledge that is needed to develop professionals for the football industry.
- Develop a clear understanding of the importance of football within the context of economic, social and cultural life both in the UK and worldwide.
- Be equipped to cope with the challenges and issues in this dynamic and rapidly expanding industry.
- Gain football coaching awards throughout this course.
- Acquire insights and valuable work based experience through work-related activities.
- Through a selection of practical and business-oriented management modules, this course will offer the skills and knowledge required for a successful career in the football industry.

## COURSE FEATURES & BENEFITS

- As part of the Kidderminster Harriers Academy that features our U23s and U21s squads, you will train daily at the COSE campus, the home of the first team training facility, giving students opportunities to observe elite coaching sessions and gain work placements with the club.
- Play for Kidderminster Harriers Academy at men's level in West Midlands Regional League and an U21s league, plus friendlies against professional EFL academies.
- KHFC has links with Premier League clubs.
- KHFC also has strong links with local professional and semi-professional clubs in the football industry.
- Players put on personalised training programmes with the club's Strength & Conditioning Coach.
- Opportunity to progress onto degree level course.
- Regional Sports Development/Coaching Officers based on campuses.

## ASSESSMENT

The qualification is vocational throughout. You will benefit from applying the theoretical skills learnt in a work based environment, and then reflecting on the experience. Assessment for each module varies and can include reports, presentations, practical coaching sessions and research projects. The assessment methods are designed to reflect industry requirements.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 72 UCAS tariff points including GCSE English Literature and Mathematics at Grade C or above. Equivalant qualifications to GCSE English and Mathematics are considered.
- A Disclosure & Barring Service Enhanced Check is required for this course. Successful candidate will also be required to complete a medical questionnaire.

# OTHER INFO

## MODULES

### YEAR 1

- >Work-Based Learning - Coaching Context
- >Principles of Coaching - Intrapersonal Skills
- >Introduction to the Business of Football
- >Football Development in the Community
- >Training for Performance 1 - Skill Acquisition and Sport Science
- >Disability and Inclusion within Football

### YEAR 2

- >Work-Based Learning - Business and Development Context
- >Developing Research Skills in Football
- >Coaching for Performance - Interpersonal Skills
- >Developing Leadership and Management Skills
- >Performance Analysis
- >Training for Performance 2 - Physiological and Psychological Training

## WHAT STAFFING STRUCTURE IS IN PLACE?

A large and high-quality staffing structure is in place, to ensure that players are given the best possible opportunity to develop both in the classroom and on the football pitch. Our staff will be responsible for the day-to-day running of the football programme:

**Luke Astley - Academy Manager (UEFA A)**  
**Brandon Bevins - Assistant Academy Manager (UEFA B)**  
**Harry Butler - U23s Lead Coach (UEFA B)**  
**Alex Surridge - Academy Coach (UEFA B)**  
**Kevin Bunn - Academy Coach (UEFA B)**  
**Asa Humphreys - Academy Coach (UEFA C)**  
**Matthew Hatfield - Academy Coach (UEFA C)**  
**Ben Wood - Academy Coach (UEFA C)**  
**Nathan Duggal - Academy GK Coach (UEFA C)**  
**Tom Palmer - GK Coach & First Team Player**  
**George Preston - Higher Education Programme Lead**  
**Andrew Glover - Further Education Programme Lead (UEFA B)**

Progressed through Junior Academy pathway to U19s, and then to U23s Foundation Degree programme. Regularly trains with first team.



## WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE COURSE?

Please apply via [bit.ly/KHFCU23s](https://bit.ly/KHFCU23s) or email [academy@harriers.co.uk](mailto:academy@harriers.co.uk)

## WHERE CAN I FIND ACCOMMODATION?

Student accommodation is available in Kidderminster (close to the training ground and bespoke for the clubs Under 23s players only)

Progressed through U19s programme to U23s Foundation Degree programme. Gained experience in-house as Junior Academy coach, and Assistant Performance Analyst with KHFC First Team.





# WANT TO JOIN US?

## HOW CAN I APPLY FOR THE COURSE?

Apply via UCAS, UCAS Course Code: CN6F, Institution Code: W 80

## HOW DO I PAY FOR THE COURSE?

Tuition fees and accommodation costs can be covered personally or via Student Finance UK

## TRIAL DATES

**Tuesday 31st October 2023**

**Wednesday 3rd January 2023**

**Tuesday 13th February 2024**

**Tuesday 26th March 2024**

**Tuesday 28th May 2024**

**Tuesday 2nd July 2024**

## TRIAL DETAILS

**10am-2pm**

**Centre of Sporting Excellence**

**Zortech Avenue, Kidderminster, DY11 7DY**

## ANY QUESTIONS? NEED MORE INFO?

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