



MSc Sports Directorship

January 2024



Welcome to your MSc Sports Directorship course and the Global Institute of Sport.

Your course welcome is designed to give you the best possible start to your academic journey with us.

Providing you with information to help you navigate your course and an opportunity to meet your cohort, academic and support staff and where we will provide you with information and an overview of what to expect for the year ahead.



Course Leader

Dr Ian Lawrence

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A leading academic in the field of sports leadership, Ian is also a highly coveted industry consultant who boasts over 25 years' worth of experience working with senior executives in both the UK and the US. Currently, he leads on a number of research projects that explore the challenges faced by leaders within professional sport.

Ian's current research project for Emerald Publishers (The 'C-Suite' Executive Leader in Sport – Contemporary Global Challenges for Elite Professionals) addresses the realities and 'lived experiences' of 'C-Suite' executives within a range of global elite sports.


Global Institute of Sport and Course Welcome

Session	Click the link to learn more
<p>GIS Welcome</p> <p>Education and Experience Manager, Laura Davies provides an introduction and overview of the Global Institute of Sport, the benefits of postgraduate study and an understanding of our validating partners.</p>	<p>Recording Link</p>
<p>VSI and the MSc Sports Directorship</p> <p>Course co-founders Andy McIntyre and Tony Faulkner introduce the MSc Sports Directorship, looking at the history of the course and the role of a Sporting Director.</p>	<p>Recording Link</p>
<p>MSc Sports Directorship Course Overview</p> <p>Course Leader, Dr Ian Lawrence will provide information to help you navigate your course and an overview of what to expect for the year ahead.</p>	<p>Recording Link</p>

Welcome Webinar with Stuart Webber



 Monday 22nd January 2024

 18:00 – 19:00 (UK Time)

 Microsoft Teams

MSc Sports Directorship co-founders Andy McIntyre and Tony Faulkner will mark the tenth anniversary of this exclusive, groundbreaking programme with a round table chat in the company of long-standing and highly regarded former Norwich City Sporting Director, Stuart Webber.


All formal academic learning on the programme is brought to life by our wonderful industry master-class guests, and few have more experience than Stuart who will give you a flavour of what is to come when he delves into the real-world challenges delegates can expect to encounter when they secure that dream job.

Stuart is renowned for his appetite for a challenge and is currently enjoying a break from football to climb Mount Everest. A true highflyer in everything he does!

[Register Here](#)

The power of equality, diversity and inclusion in sport

 **Wednesday 24th January 2024**

 **09:00 – 10:00 (UK Time)**

 **Microsoft Teams**



Join us as we host your first Global Institute of Sport guest speaker and industry insight webinar!

During this guest speaker webinar Dr Sheila Nguyen, Head of Sustainability at the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 and Global Institute of Sport Industry Advisory Board Member will discuss the power of EDI in sport.

Hosted by UCFB|GIS's own James Cooper, Sheila and her management team will reflect on FIFA's award-winning EDI campaign 'This is Greatness' and discuss accessibility and inclusion at the FIFA Women's World Cup held in Australia and New Zealand. This is a crucial topic for all sports administrators, and this webinar provides a unique opportunity for students to learn from some of the global leaders in this field. The full panel will include:

- Dr Sheila Nguyen, Head of Sustainability
- Katie Hodges, Safeguarding Manager
- Laure Gruffat, Accessibility Manager
- Jane Leibowitz, Human Rights Manager

[**Click here to register**](#)

Support Webinars

In addition to the introductory support videos available on our Welcome Week webpages outlining the services and support you can expect to receive as a student, we have additional live online sessions for you to get involved with, and to meet the support staff available to you throughout your studies.

Session	Day	Time (UK)	Registration Link
Transitioning to university Your Study Skills advisors and Student Support team are here to help with a workshop to kickstart your term. Together we will be looking: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Getting into an academic mindset• Preparing for semester• Motivation tools	Monday 22 nd January	11:00-12:00	Register to attend
Finding and accessing information online This session will cover essential search techniques used to locate good quality academic resources and where to begin your searches to locate essential and recommended reading for your assignments.	Tuesday 23 rd January	10:00-11:00 or 14:00-15:00	Click here to join the meeting (AM) or Click here to join the meeting (PM)

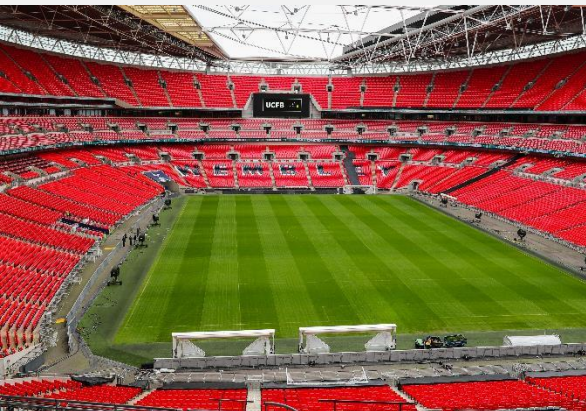
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Using academic reading in your assignments This session will help you evaluate the resources you have found for your assignment and show you how to use them within your assignments to establish facts and support arguments.	Wednesday 24 th January	10:00-11:00 or 14:00-15:00	Click here to join the meeting (AM) or Click here to join the meeting (PM)
Academic Referencing Get to grips with the Harvard referencing system, establish good academic practice and avoid plagiarism.	Thursday 25 th January	10:00-11:00 or 14:00-15:00	Click here to join the meeting (AM) or Click here to join the meeting (PM)
Managing Stress Join the Learning Support Team for a workshop on how to manage stress and develop your time management skills.	Friday 26 th January	11:00-12:00	Click here to join the meeting

Accessing our campuses

Distance students can obtain a UCFB|GIS student ID card, which enables you to access our UK campus facilities in Manchester or Wembley. Including accessing the library, arranging in person 1:1's with your tutors or support staff, access guest speaker sessions or Employability and Career Planning campus-based events.

Information on how to obtain an ID card can be found on our welcome webpages, in addition to our downloadable campus maps.





We can't wait to Welcome you to
the start of your academic
journey with the Global Institute
of Sport!

