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BSc (HONS) SPORT AND LEISURE BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the BSc (Hons) Sport and Leisure Business Management degree at Southampton Solent University, many congratulations! We really hope that this will be an exciting and memorable chapter for you as you set sail into a new chapter in your life. This letter will provide you with all the right information you need in advance of starting your course, so you arrive ready and fully prepared! Please read this welcome letter thoroughly. There are **FOUR** pre- arrival tasks for you to address ahead of joining us for your Welcome Week induction

- (1) Complete the Safeguarding Disclosure and Barring Service Check.
- (2) Order your Sport Kit by 23rd August 2026.
- (3) Acquire **ONE** book from the recommended reading list.
- (4) Join the course LinkedIn community and post an introductory message for your new classmates.

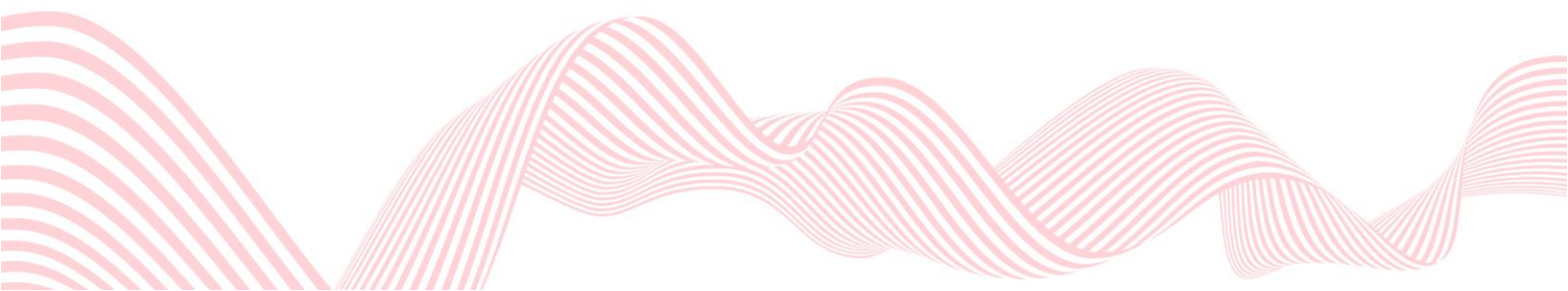
All links to your pre- arrival tasks are provided in this letter. So, let's go and read on!

REAL WORLD LEARNING

The sport industry is vast, and your undergraduate degree will give you both a valuable insight and help develop strong connections with this new world. It is important to remember that your time with us is brief, and to gain as much knowledge as possible to help, we work with a range of sport and leisure industry partners and organisations to offer you lots of exciting opportunities. These are through guest speakers, live projects, on and off campus events, event volunteering roles, industry field trips and study abroad experiences. However, you are encouraged to develop your own connections unique to you as well!

Remember that your course is designed to educate you about the diversity of the Sport & Leisure Business Industry and the experience and networks curated by your tutors and alumni network, will help you develop a critical mindset, broaden your knowledge, and enhance your experiences and skills.

Throughout your degree, we will organise a range of offsite trips which will include visits to stadiums, sports centres, open spaces/parks, retail, outdoor/adventure centres, and leisure/entertainment venues. These real-world learning opportunities will explore operational aspects such as planning and delivering live events, health and safety reviews, customer services and leading, planning and instructing practical activities. Non-practical elements are also important to understand and networking with employers will allow you to learn about marketing, business, and project management. Most importantly all these real-





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world experiences will enable you to build your employability and career potential for when you graduate.

INDUSTRY NETWORKING

During your first semester your curriculum will showcase the wider leisure industry, and you are encouraged to reflect on experiences you have gained through participating in sport and leisure so far. During this first term, to aid your learning and assessment, you will have the opportunity to explore the local sport sector in and around Southampton through scheduled offsite visits. Further details and dates for these trips will be provided at the start of the academic year. Should you have any specialist medical/physical or other additional needs which may impact on off campus visits, then please contact us so that we can make suitable arrangements/adjustments. It is important to remember that most of the valuable and deep learning you will acquire on your degree comes from reflecting on knowledge gained from such off-site visits and learning from industry experts.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

You are encouraged to progress your own sporting passions alongside your studies through the University's **excellent sports facilities** and through the Southampton locality. An extensive range of extra-curricular **sports clubs and societies** are available through the **Student Union** including **High Performance Sport**, BUCS (British Universities and Colleges Sport) and recreational/social provision; from traditional sports like football and tennis through to extreme and outdoor sports such as surfing, sailing, and climbing. Some National Governing Body (NGB) qualifications will also be available as additional options at a discounted rate (TBC) to allow students with practical/instructor aspirations, to build on their professional certification. Students are strongly recommended to pursue NGB qualifications independently and outside of the University through work placements/volunteering. Advice and guidance can be provided on this. Many of our graduates gain coaching qualifications, officiating awards alongside first aid certificates during their degree. There are plenty of events hosted on campus throughout the year that we expect all BSc Sport and Leisure Business Management students to get involved in supporting the planning and marketing of as well as volunteering at to help you build your portfolio of skills and experiences.

CIMSPA – ASPIRING MANAGER

Your degree is accredited by the **Chartered Institute for the Management of Sport and Physical Activity (CIMSPA)** which is the professional body for our industry and recognises your qualification. By the time



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you graduate you will also receive an additional certificate alongside your degree indicating that you are also qualified to the CIMSPA Aspiring Management professional standard.

SAFEGUARDING AND WORK EXPERIENCE

Work experience is an integral part of your wider learning, and you are encouraged to gain experience within the sport/leisure sector during your degree. If you are undertaking the sandwich (4-year course) then you will be required to organise and complete a year-long placement between the second and final year.

Due to the nature of the work that you will carry out as part of your studies, a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check is a mandatory requirement for your course. Even if you have undertaken one previously you still require a new one before starting your course.

Please follow the instructions below and ensure you have completed the process before you begin your course (please note that the online process may take 8-10 weeks to complete, so it is advised to start this early).

Self Registration

You can register to access our online application service if you have been given an Organisation ID and Access Code.

Organisation ID

ORG-S1SQ74FN

Access Code

Sport1

Email

Requirements: You must have an active and accessible email address.

Please use your course link to start the DBS process: [BSc \(Hons\) Sport Management DBS – click here](#)

Organisation ID: ORG-S1SQ74FN

Access code: Sport1

When you click on the link, your screen should look like this. Please add in the 'Organisation ID' and 'Access Code' listed above if they are missing.

Once you have completed your online application you will need to print out the barcoded sheet and take this along with your documents to a Crown Post Office. The Verification process means you must present your chosen documents to an appointed verifier at the Post Office. They will need to certify that these documents are valid in support of your DBS application in line with the DBS code of practice (please note



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there will be a small administration charge for this which you will need to pay for, however, the University will cover the cost of the DBS).

You can find your nearest Post Office providing this service by visiting the [Post Office website](#).

SPORTS KIT

We have an official sports kit for students studying our courses to provide a sense of 'identity' and to uphold 'professional standards' when representing the University. For this reason, all students enrolling on sports courses must have branded sports kit. The kit will be compulsory during timetabled sessions and all community-based work.

As you will be representing the University during placement and community events, we negotiated special rates with our partners at Serious Sport. You can click [solent-sport-courses](#) to order and pay for your kit directly on the website - consider a top (shirt/polo) as a minimum.

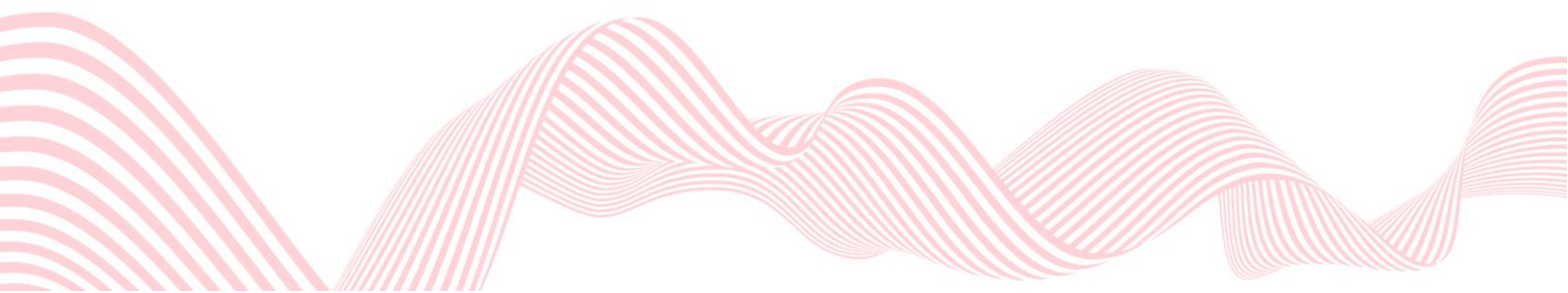
Please note there is a lead time; it would be ideal to place your order before Sunday, 23 August 2026 to have your kit ready for your arrival during welcome week.

READING LIST

The library has an excellent range of texts associated to the course and has access to extensive online materials. However, if you wish to purchase and/or undertake reading prior to attendance then please acquire a copy of the texts listed below. Both of which will act as essential sources to help you throughout all three years of your degree.

HOYE, R., MISENER, K., NARAIN, M. and ORDWAY, C. (2022) *Sport Management: principles and applications*. 6th Edition. London. Routledge

WILSON, R., PLATTS, C. and PLUMLEY, D. (2023) *Torkildsen's Sport and Leisure Management*. 7th Edition. Routledge





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SUPPORTED STUDENT LEARNING AND SOLENT FUTURE LEARNING

Support, advice and guidance is available on all aspects of student life so please tell us if you have any individual personal/learning needs so that we can provide the appropriate support to you at the start of your academic year.

Finally, an undergraduate degree will give you so much more when bringing an open mind and positive attitude. Always consider saying yes before you say no to opportunities that get offered to you along the way and remember “the more you put in, the more you get out of life” is a popular saying to which there is much truth to be found! But I like this one a bit more “*learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence.*” The first person who can tell me who this quote is attributed to, wins a mystery prize during Welcome Week!

If you have any other questions regarding course or induction requirements, then please do not hesitate to contact me via email (see below).

You can also connect with us on the course Instagram Account [@solentsportmanagement](https://www.instagram.com/solentsportmanagement) or the course [LinkedIN page here](#) or with me via [LinkedIN](#).

In the meantime, on behalf of the team I look forward to welcoming you to the University in September.

Best wishes,

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