

# Masters In European Basketball Coaching Science









# Masters in European Basketball Coaching Science

The University of Worcester (Worcester, UK) in partnership with the Lithuanian Sports University – LSU (Kaunas, Lithuania) have launched the Masters degree (MSc) in European Basketball Coaching Science. Significantly, the course is endorsed by the Lithuanian Basketball Federation (LKF) and by the Federation for International Basketball in Europe (FIBA Europe). 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.

This course provides students with a unique opportunity to combine studies with elite sport 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 and will be of interest to coaches, senior players, coach educators and students throughout Europe and beyond who have an interest in developing the game and players.

Experienced lecturers and renowned coaches will be delivering workshops, lectures, seminars and offering tutorial support. Extensive utilization of on-line teaching and support will be a key aspect of delivery. The course offers an exchange of methods of basketball practice that exists throughout Europe and provides students with fundamental theoretical knowledge and research skills.

## Key providers

**The University of Worcester** has a strong basketball reputation in the UK with a championship-winning student team, a unique partnership with the Wolves BBL team and nationally recognised expertise in sports science. It also brings a hallmark of educational quality which is highly regarded in the European (and wider) market.

#### Lithuanian Sports University

Over seventy five years of tradition, knowledge and practical experience has been nurtured in the Lithuanian Sports University (LSU). The school offers study opportunities in a range of specialist areas in the fields of physical education and sport. Lithuanian basketball has an excellent reputation for developing players with excellent fundamental skills and tactical awareness, significantly, 95% of Lithuania's basketball coaches are LSU graduates.

### **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.

# **Delivery Schedule and Modules**

July/August 2014: Annual Basketball Conference/Clinic in Kaunas. Students will be required to attend for the four days prior to the conference for an Induction into the MSc programme and to remain for a further three days post conference for the taught element of the modules covered: Questioning Technique and Tactics, European Basketball Coaching Concepts and European Basketball Coaching Pedagogy.

University of Worcester

January 2015: University of Worcester visit: Students will visit the University of Worcester for one week to study taught elements of Research Methods, Scientific Concepts of Basketball Coaching modules. They will also submit the assessment for the European Basketball Coaching Concepts, European Basketball Coaching Pedagogy and Scientific Concepts of Basketball Coaching modules.

July/August 2015: Annual Basketball Conference, Kaunas: Students will attend the three days prior to the conference. Modules covered: Applied Professional Placement and Advanced Independent Study (dissertation).

**July/August 2016:** Conference invitations: Invitation for students to present their Advanced Independent Study research (Dissertation) at the Annual Basketball Conference, Kaunas.

**November 2016:** Graduation ceremony at Worcester Cathedral (Date to be confirmed).

\*A range of accommodation is available at competitive prices for visits to the University of Worcester and the Lithuanian Sports University.



# How to apply

For advice, information and guidance on applying for the programme please contact: University of Worcester Admissions Office Tel: (0044) 01905 855 111, E-mail: admissions@worc.ac.uk