

Introduction

The purpose of this agreement is to establish a 'single framework' approach that will promote and develop progression into and through higher education for learners who live, work or study in Sussex.

The agreement draws on, and develops, existing agreements and admissions processes at the universities and colleges within the Sussex Learning Network.

The agreement is structured around identifying both the different groups of learners who may wish to enter higher education, and the range of qualifications and experience that can provide entry into higher education.

The agreement

The following programmes of study are covered by this agreement:

University of Chichester

FdSc Community Sports Coaching
 FdSc Health Promotion and Personal Training
 FdA Adventure Education
 BSc (Hons) Sports Coaching Science
 BSc (Hons) Sport and Exercise Science
 BSc (Hons) Sports Therapy
 BSc (Hons) Sports Psychology
 BA (Hons) Sport and Fitness Management
 BA (Hons) Sports Studies (Sports Development)
 BA (Hons) QTS Physical Education
 BA (Hons) Adventure Education

University of Brighton

BSc (Hons) Sports Product Design
 BSc (Hons) Sport and Exercise Science
 BA (Hons) Sociology of Sport and Leisure
 BA (Hons) Sport and Leisure Management
 BA (Hons) Sports Journalism

Hastings College

FdSc Sport and Fitness

Plumpton College

FdSc Outdoor Adventure Activities
 BSc (Hons) Equine Sports Performance

Sussex Downs College

FdA Sport Coaching and Sport Development

Progression onto these programmes of study for different groups of learners in Sussex will be considered using the following criteria:

Learners who are:

Studying for qualifications on the UCAS tariff:

The terms and conditions of the Sussex Liaison and Progression Accord will apply.

Studying for NVQ and work-related qualifications at level 3:

Learners applying for foundation degrees will be guaranteed a selection interview. Applicants for bachelor's degree programmes who are over 21 and able to provide evidence of relevant background knowledge and ability to study at university level will be guaranteed a selection interview.

Studying an approved Access award:

Learners will be guaranteed a selection interview.

Applying with work experience only:

Learners with work experience in the sport and leisure industry, but no qualifications at level 3, are advised to complete the Open University's Openings course, 'Exploring Sport On-line' (OU course code Y164) as an indicator of their ability to study for a higher education award. Where an applicant has completed this course the University to which they have applied will guarantee a selection interview.

Applying to 'top up' from a foundation degree

Normally learners will progress to level 6 via the named 'top-up' that is associated with the foundation degree they have completed.ⁱ In this case a selection interview is guaranteed.ⁱⁱ

Applying with level 3 professional qualifications

Applicants possessing professional qualifications that have been approved by QCA or an alternative quality assurance process (e.g. UKCC approved Coaching Awards) will be guaranteed a selection interview for a foundation degree relevant to their professional qualification.

ⁱ A series of guaranteed 'top-up' routes are currently in development and will be articulated in a further version of this agreement.

ⁱⁱ Where an applicant wishes to progress to an alternative final year programme the relevant university will offer advice and may, at their discretion, offer the applicant an opportunity to undertake a piece of work as a means of demonstrating their ability to complete the final year of the programme applied for.

Notes

1. An award is deemed satisfactory when passed at the minimum entry level specified by the institution to which the learner is applying.
2. The agreement covers applications for full-time and part-time study
3. Guarantees are made subject to the following conditions:
 - i) All full-time applications are made through UCAS. Part-time applications are made directly to the individual institution.
 - ii) A satisfactory reference is received from the provider of the applicant's level 3 course or foundation degree.
 - iii) If the learner is in employment, satisfactory proof of the employer's agreement to co-operate as necessary to accommodate the learner's study is received.
5. This progression agreement is reviewed annually, and the current status of the agreement should be checked with the relevant institution.