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Master of Science

PE and Sport for Young People

KEY INFORMATION

St Mary's University College
A College of Queen's University Belfast

GENERAL INFORMATION

- **A distinctive full-time Masters degree programme.**
- **The aim is to improve the lives of children and young people through sport.**
- **This course will promote the Sport NI strategy which states “We are passionate about maximising the power of sport to change lives. We want the power of sport to be recognised and valued by all”.**



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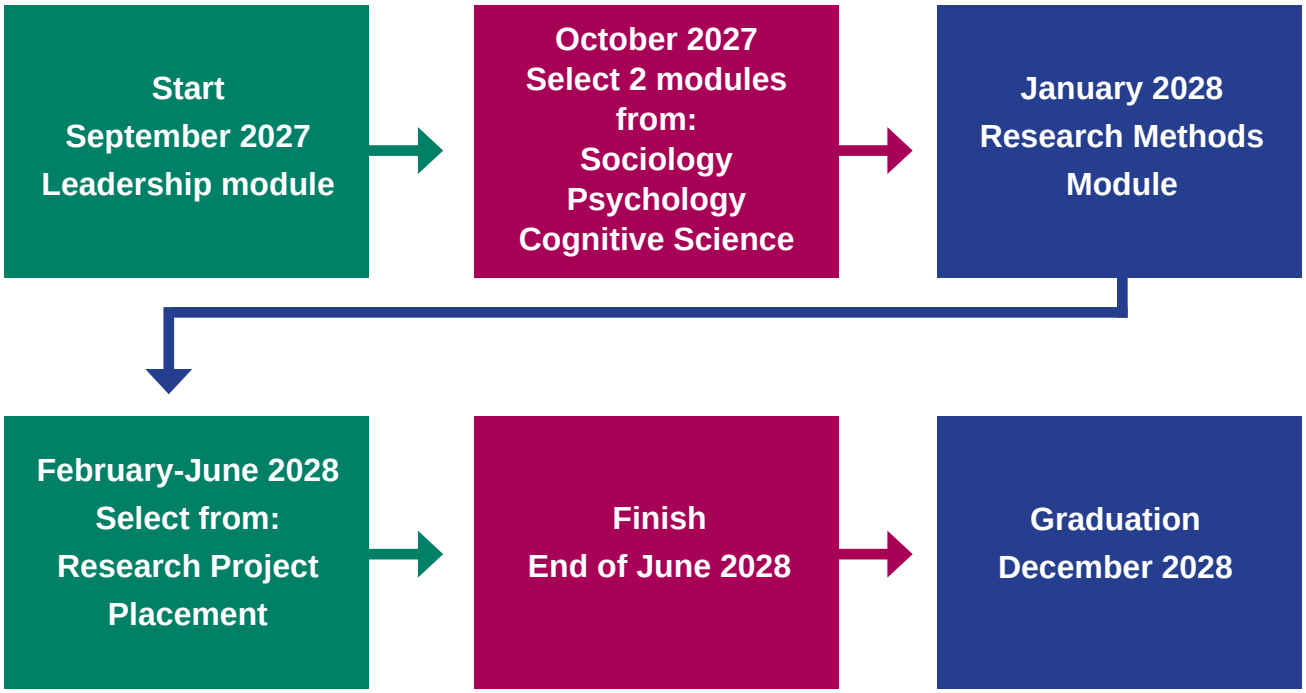

STUDENT TESTIMONIAL

Leah Casey, 23, Derry.

I completed my undergraduate degree in St Mary's University College, Belfast, where I studied the Bachelor of Education (Hons) with Physical Education. I am currently employed by Netball Northern Ireland as the Northwest Good Relations Officer which involves working with primary and secondary school children not only to improve their netball skills but to develop good relationships with others in the community. I play Gaelic football for Steelstown Brian Ogs and Derry also. After I graduated, I wasn't sure if I preferred the role of a teacher or a coach and therefore wanted to develop my knowledge further and explore other potential careers. One of the aspects of the Masters that I particularly enjoyed was the course variety. A range of different delivery techniques, variety in course content and assessment methods kept the modules interesting and engaging. As well as this, the timetable worked well with my Netball NI job.



ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Candidates for admission to the MSc degree programme in Physical Education and Sport for Young People should normally hold:

A. an honours degree or equivalent qualification in a related field, or
B. an Honours degree or equivalent qualification in another discipline along with at least two years of experience in an education, sport or relevant context.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Application for the full time MSc course can be made online at www.smucb.ac.uk/app/mlevel/Masters.ASPX?Prog=MSc

Late applications will be considered subject to the availability of places. For any further information please email Elaine McLaughlin (MSc Coordinator) e.mclaughlin@smucb.ac.uk

Closing date for applications: Friday 25TH June 2027 at 4pm.

POSTGRADUATE TUITION FEE LOAN

Students starting a postgraduate course are able to apply for a Postgraduate Tuition Fee Loan (PG TFL) which meets the cost of the course fees. This is paid directly to the college.

For further information contact the College Finance Office, telephone **028 9026 8234**.

FINANCE

Students wishing to complete the course do so on a self-funding basis. In the academic year 2027-2028 the following fees will apply:

MSc in PE & Sport for Young People	Fee
180 credits	£7,300

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A DISTINCTIVE COURSE



MAXIMUM 2 FULL DAYS PER WEEK

Classes are held on two week days so that students can simultaneously develop their professional practice and maximise employability on completion.

ASSESSMENT BREAKS

When you have completed a module, you have a period of time to work on and submit your assessment task.

SELECT BETWEEN A CONSULTANCY BASED OR RESEARCH PROJECT

Between February and June students choose to complete either:

- **an academic research project (dissertation).**
- **a placement and submit a consultancy-based report.**

STUDENT FEEDBACK

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- Timetabling was great and allowed us to further other areas of our future career alongside gaining an MSc.
- The 10am starts allowed enough time in the mornings to travel up to Belfast.
- Class breaks between each module were a great idea since it provided sufficient time to complete assignments.
- It comes with having a small class, but I really enjoyed the interactive conversations with classmates and lecturers as I think this is how I learn best.
- I enjoyed the variety of learning outcomes throughout the different modules. The range of delivery techniques kept the course interesting.
- The use of guest speakers was very effective – made lectures more engaging.
- Every module was unique and completely different. This allowed for the content to remain fresh and interesting throughout.
- I like how it has all been fitted into one academic year which allows us to still have our summers which I know is unusual for an MSc.





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THE TUTORS


Dr Elaine McLaughlin


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STUDENT TESTIMONIAL

Seán McCaffrey, 22, Belfast.



I graduated with an Honours Degree in Liberal Arts with PE in 2022. I play football for Carryduff GAC and Carryduff Colts. I chose to study the MSc degree programme to develop my learning of PE and Sport for Young People that I had previously studied for my undergraduate degree. The idea of applying my learning to make a positive change in the form of a consultancy-based project excited me. The timetabling has allowed me to work as a teaching assistant Mondays and Tuesdays to gain more classroom experience before completing my PGCE next year. This along with working closely with children through the PE, Sport and the Social Sciences module and the consultancy-based project have certainly better prepared me for next year and beyond.

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Information for Applicants

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