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Sports degree now available at University College Jersey

Students studying or working in a sports related field with a level 4 and 5 in higher education will be able to study for an additional year in Sport at University College Jersey to obtain a full degree.

This is an innovative course offering that has been developed to meet a skills demand on the Island and which also aligns with the government's strategic priority of offering more options for higher level study in Jersey.

Currently, Sport is offered as a two-year HND at the college, however from September, students will be able to continue to a third year and graduate with a BA (hons) in Sports Coaching and Development from the University of Plymouth.

University College Jersey has worked closely with representatives from Physical Education, Jersey Sport, and the Jersey Sport Foundation to deliver this learning focused 'top up year' scheme which will launch in September.

HND Sport students, people that have done two years at a UK university on a similar course, and those that have no higher education but have relevant experience in the sports industry can apply through the Highlands College website.

Modules included in the top up year are:

- Applied Physical Education
- Applied Exercise Programming
- Applied Sports Coaching
- Global Physical Activity
- Dissertation

Andrew McGinnigle, Deputy Head at UCJ said: "The Higher National Diploma in Sport has proved to be popular with students interested in gaining practical, industry-related experience and improving their employability.

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"We want to provide students with the opportunity to obtain a full honours degree in Sport and expand our fantastic results as 87% of our students achieve a 2:1 and above, higher than the national average.

"We are lucky to have top-level facilities, coaches and athletes in Jersey and the launch of this Level 6 qualification will provide students with an advanced level of study.

"Most of our students go on to become PE teachers, advanced coaches, sport development officers and exercise health practitioners which complements the great work being done in the sport, fitness and health industry."