

COURSE SPECIFICATION
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Academic School/Department:	Business and Economics
Programme:	BA (Hons) International Sports Management
FHEQ Level:	6
Course Title:	Talent Identification: Principles and Practice
Course Code:	SPT 6210
Course Leader:	Sabine Spangenberg
Student Engagement Hours:	120
Lectures:	30
Seminar / Tutorials:	15
Independent / Guided Learning:	75
Semester:	Spring
Credits:	12 UK CATS credits 6 ECTS credits 3 US credits

Course Description:

This course explores key factors and issues in contemporary sport, including, genetics, secondary factors such as birth date, cultural context and population size, perceptual motor skill acquisition and expertise, sports development policy. It uses in-depth case studies, including European soccer, East African running and US professional sports, with an emphasis throughout on practical implications and processes for all those working in sport.

Prerequisites: SPT 3105

Aims and Objectives:

To provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary for the development of an understanding of the key factors that contribute to identifying and nurturing talented athletes in a range of sports.

Programme Outcomes

A5, A6

B3, B4, B5

C1

D4, D5

A detailed list of the programme outcomes is found in the Programme Specification. This is maintained by Registry and located at:

<https://www.richmond.ac.uk/programme-and-course-specifications/>

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this course, successful students should be able to:

1. Critically discuss Talent Identification systems and policies – UK and world- wide and review Talent Identification alongside long term athlete development.
2. Apply critical analysis of social and environmental factors to elite athlete development.
3. Critically analyse the skills required by a coach to work in a high performance setting and find innovative and creative solutions to coaching problems.

Indicative Content:

1. Talent Identification
2. Skill Acquisition
3. Coaching Theory
4. Elite Sport Development
5. Youth Sports Development
6. Applied Sport Science
7. Elite Sports
8. Motor Control and Development
9. Youth Sport
10. Coaching Science
11. Coaching Practice
12. Coaching Children

Assessment:

This course conforms to the Richmond University Standard Assessment Norms approved at Academic Board.

Teaching Methodology:

Teaching will be a combination of lectures, seminar discussions and practical workshops, using case studies and drawing on students' own experiences where appropriate. Lectures will be designed to cover the fundamental issues and build upon the recommended book chapters from the reading list and additional recommended readings. Students will be advised to supplement lecture notes by reading the relevant indicative reading(s).

The lectures will be participative in nature and will encourage commentary, application to real life scenarios/experiences and questioning to help develop deep learning and understanding, in addition to transferable skills.

Powercampus will be used to upload lecture notes and other essential course-related information.

Bibliography:

See syllabus for complete reading list

Indicative Text(s):

Baker, J., Copley, S. and Schorer, J. (Eds) (2011). Talent Identification and Development in Sport: International Perspectives. London: Routledge.

Drust, B., Reilly, T. and Williams, A.M. (Eds.) (2011) International Research in Science and Soccer. London: Routledge.

Green, M. and Houlihan, B. (2005). Elite Sport Development: Policy Learning and Political Priorities. London: Routledge.

Please Note: The core and the reference texts will be reviewed at the time of designing the semester syllabus

Change Log for this CSD:

Major or Minor Change?	Nature of Change	Date Approved & Approval Body (School or LTPC)	Change Actioned by Academic Registry
Minor	Amendment of programme outcome codes to conform with B & E School standards.	School Chair's action by PDA	