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**August 31,
2023**

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GET on the COURSE with a PGA qualification

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Welcome from Dr Paul Wiseman

Executive Director - Education

Thank you for showing an interest in The PGA Training Programme. We are extremely proud of what is a sophisticated education programme, delivered in partnership with two leading universities (The University of Birmingham and The University of the Highlands and Islands) and PGA tutors and coaches who are experts in their field.

It will equip you for a fulfilling career in golf.

PGA Professionals influence how the game is played, coached, promoted and managed. They are the past, present and future of golf, enjoying careers all over the world in a huge variety of roles. We look forward to you becoming a part of our special organisation.



About The PGA

The PGA has over 8,000 members in over 80 countries making us a truly global brand.

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The PGA stands for honesty, integrity, innovation and leadership. We are proud of our heritage and are committed custodians of golf's traditions. But we are also a forward-thinking organisation, responsible for shaping the future of the game and raising the profile of golf across the world.



Why Become a PGA Professional?

Six great reasons to become a PGA Member



Follow your dream of playing professional golf for a living



Learn how to run a successful golf retail business



Learn how to teach the game to golfers of all standards



Learn what it takes to run and manage a golf club



Gain an internationally recognised passport into the golf industry



Our Members use their qualifications in 80 different job roles worldwide



Meet the Students



Melissa Wood

Second-year student

"I've loved every aspect of my first year on The PGA training programme. Working in golf is a dream job for me."



Sophie Speariett

"The PGA training programme has been such a brilliant experience for me. Being able to work in the golf industry at

Formby Hall, alongside my studies, allows me to put into practice what I'm learning daily."



Tim Hodson

"When you want a career in golf, The PGA qualification is a stamp of approval that can take you in so many different directions, all around the world."



Daniel Messom

"Learning about the golf swing, the golf industry and sports science from our lecturers – it really has been an amazing

three years."



About the Courses

We will provide all the information that you'll need but let's start by covering the basics. We offer three courses:

Foundation Degree in Professional Golf

In association with the University of Birmingham

Applied Golf Management Studies

In association with the University of Birmingham

Diploma in Higher Education in Professional Golf

In association with the University of the Highlands and Islands



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Foundation Degree in Professional Golf Studies (FdSc)

This three-year programme is a collaborative degree with the University of Birmingham (part of the prestigious Russell Group) – specifically the School of Sport, Exercise and Rehabilitation Sciences, one of the most respected sports science departments in Europe.

The Foundation Degree in Professional Golf Studies is a core element of The PGA Training Programme. With a strong focus on golf coaching and sports science, additional modules include key industry skills, junior development, equipment technology and custom fitting, principles of business and business finance.

A Foundation Degree equates to the first two years of an Honours Degree. Following the completion of the FdSc, there is an option available to continue with academic study and convert the qualification to BSc (Hons) in Professional Golf Studies.

Our Foundation Degree course actively welcomes international students.



Course syllabus

Year One

- Key Industry Skills
- Your Workplace and Being a PGA Professional
- Introduction to Golf Coaching
- Introduction to Applied Sports Science and Junior Development

Year Two

- Equipment Technology and Applied Custom Fitting
- Golf Coaching
- Principles of Business
- Applied Sports Science

Year Three

- Advanced Custom Fitting and Equipment Technology
- Business Finance
- Applied Golf Coaching and Coach Development
- Application of Sports Science to Golf Coaching



FAQs

Foundation Degree in Professional Golf with the University of Birmingham

What are the academic entry requirements?

The minimum academic entry criteria is four GCSEs at grades 4 to 9 (A to C pre- 2017) including Maths and English Language.

How much time will I need to spend on the course every week?

You should aim to spend nine to 10 hours per week on your course work.

How long does the course take to complete?

Three years.

How much does the course cost?

The tuition fee is currently £4,250 per academic year for UK entrants, £4,250 for students based in the Republic of Ireland and £5,500 for international students.

Will I be eligible for a student loan?

You can find out [HERE](#)

Is there an open day?

Yes – usually in June and August.

What do I do now?

Simply register your interest [HERE](#) and we will be in touch.



Diploma in Higher Education (DipHE)

The three-year structured part-time Diploma in Higher Education is in partnership with the University of the Highlands and Islands, which has close links with Royal Dornoch Golf Club, and is aimed at those currently employed, or seeking employment, as PGA trainees working full-time at golf facilities across Scotland.

The DipHE covers modules relevant to the varied demands of the golf industry and includes individual and group coaching, equipment technology, sports science, retail and business elements.

A Diploma in Higher Education equates to the first two years of an Honours Degree. Following completion of the DipHE there is an option to continue with academic study and convert the qualification to a BA in Professional Golf, with an option to continue to Hons.



Course syllabus

Year One

First year will introduce you to general concepts in the golf industry and professional sport. Core modules are:

- Introduction to Sports and Exercise Science
- Introduction to Sports Coaching
- Introduction to Equipment Technology for Golf
- Professional Practice and Personal Development for the Golf Industry

Year Two

You will continue to build on and develop the concepts from year one and begin to evaluate their application in practice. New topics will also be introduced. Core modules are:

- Application of Sports Science
- Golf Equipment and Analysis
- Applied Coaching
- Introduction to Business

Year Three

In the third year, academic skills will be further developed alongside the practical and industry-specific skill sets. Core modules are:

- Application of Sports Science to Golf Coaching
- On Course and Career Development Skills
- Applied Coach Development
- Retailing



FAQs

Diploma in Higher Education in Professional Golf – with the University of the Highlands and Islands

Is it full-time and do I need to attend university?

No, it is part-time. You will study through a combination of face-to-face, video conference, online, workshop and practical approaches to support your work-based learning.

What are the academic entry requirements?

Two Scottish Highers at grade C or above
 Alternatively, consideration will be given to applicants with four National 5 awards or equivalent (including English and Maths)

How much time will I need to spend on work?

You should aim to spend nine to 10 hours per week on your course work.

How long does the course take to complete?

Three years

**How much does the course cost?**

£1,250* per year for Scottish students, with a term-time address.

For students living elsewhere in the UK (England, Wales and Northern Ireland), the fee is £4,250 per year. For students based in the Republic of Ireland, the fee is £4,250 per year.

*Plus £812.50 for additional PGA elements each year.

Will I be eligible for a student loan?

There are several funding sources, depending on where you come from. Residents of Scotland studying on undergraduate programmes in Scotland normally have their fees paid by the Students Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS). Learn more [HERE](#)

Is there an open day?

Yes – usually in June and August.

What do I do now?

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BSc Applied Golf Management Studies

This is a world-leading golf degree, taught in partnership with the University of Birmingham. Graduates lead the development of golf throughout the world.

The degree covers modules in applied sports science, equipment technology, coaching theory and business management and provides students an opportunity to work within three industry-based placements. Students will select a range of optional modules in year two and three.

The AGMS programme allows you to combine a high-level applied theoretical degree with membership of The PGA (subject to status and application) as a PGA Professional, PGA Coach or PGA Manager.



Course syllabus

Year One

In the first year you adopt a generic approach to sport and golf, including modules on sports science; equipment and technology; coach education; and sports management. During the summer vacation you are also required to complete a placement in collaboration with The PGA.

Year Two

Year two involves modules on: applied sports science, custom fitting, managing golf events, coaching science and research methods. During the summer vacation you can also complete a placement in collaboration with The PGA.

Year Three

The final year of the programme contains modules on human resource management, golf coaching and golf operations. You will also complete a dissertation. For those intending to apply for PGA Membership, a further placement can take place at the end of the year in collaboration with The PGA.



FAQs

Applied Golf Management Studies BSc (Hons) with the University of Birmingham

When does the course start?

The academic year varies, but it is usually towards the end of September.

When is the closing date for applying?

Usually around mid-January.

Is it full-time and do I need to attend university?

Yes. Lectures take place at the University of Birmingham's Edgbaston campus and the PGA National Training Academy at The Belfry.

What are the academic entry requirements?

You will need three A-levels with a typical offer of ABB.

How much time will I need to spend on the course every week?

You will be a full-time student.

How long does the course take to complete?

Three years.

**How much does the course cost?**

The University of Birmingham will charge the maximum approved tuition fee per year. The fees for your first year of study will therefore be £9,250 for UK entrants

Will I be eligible for a student loan?

You can find out [HERE](#)

Is there an open day?

Yes – further information can be found on the university's website [HERE](#)

What do I do now?

Apply directly to the University of Birmingham [HERE](#)



Checklist for FdSc and DipHE Courses

Am I eligible for these courses?

I am 18 years of age or older

I have a WHS handicap

My handicap is no higher than 6.4 (men)/8.4 (women)

I have employment in the golfing industry (we can offer help if you need it with a GB&I Training Professional)

I meet the appropriate academic requirements

I can provide a previous playing history



Golf for All

At The PGA, we are committed to the belief that everyone should have the chance to get involved in golf – at all levels and in all roles.

We are committed to challenging discrimination within golf, to enable those who wish to be involved in the sport to do so in whatever capacity or at whatever level they choose and is appropriate.

#PGADraft2023 Next Steps

You should have all the information you need. So what now?

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in Professional Golf
University of Birmingham**

Open days: Usually in June and August
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University of the Highlands and Islands**

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**Applied Golf Management Studies
BSc (Hons)
University of Birmingham**

Open days: Click [HERE](#) for further information
[Apply HERE](#)

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