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PROGRAMME OF STUDY HANDBOOK

BA (Hons) Outdoor Adventure Education

Diploma of Higher Education Outdoor Adventure Education

Certificate of Higher Education Outdoor Adventure Education

LEVEL 4 - 6

ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE: Sport and Healthy Living

INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH

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INTRODUCTION

This handbook provides you with information about your Programme of Study for the academic year 2024/25. Module descriptors are presented in the accompanying Module Directory document.

The University has made every effort to make the information as full and as accurate as possible, but you should note that minor changes in the organisation of modules between the planning stage and the actual teaching are inevitable. We shall try to keep any such changes to a minimum, and you will receive advance warning in the event of any alteration.

FEEDBACK

Feedback on your programme of study and modules is welcome and important and will help us to improve and enhance your learning experience. You can give feedback in a number of ways: through the academic representatives for your programme of study, through module evaluation questionnaires, through informal meetings with your academic support tutor, teaching staff, or Programme Manager, through focus groups to gain feedback from students on particular issues, or through the Students' Union. If there are issues, then it is important that you share these with us so that we can address them. We would also be grateful if you would let us know about any changes that you think might be helpful if introduced into future handbooks. Your opinion is valued.

PROGRAMMES OF STUDY AND PROGRAMME MANAGERS

This handbook covers the following Programmes of Study. The name and contact details of the Programme Managers are also listed below.

Programme of Study	Programme Manager	Tel. No.	E-mail
BA (Hons) Outdoor Adventure Education DipHE Outdoor Adventure Education CertHE Outdoor Adventure Education	Graham Harvey	+44(0)1267 225122	g.harvey@uwtsd.ac.uk

SUPPORT DURING YOUR STUDIES

A member of staff will be identified at the beginning of the academic year to act as a point of first contact for support issues. Further support can also be accessed through the Student Services department.

EXTERNAL EXAMINERS

All taught Programmes of Study which lead to an award of the University have at least one External Examiner. The principal purposes of the University's external examiner system are to ensure that:

- the standard of each award is maintained at the appropriate level;
- the standards of student performance are comparable with standards on similar programmes or subjects in other UK institutions with which they are familiar;
- the processes for assessment and the determination of awards are sound and fairly conducted.

Students may request a copy of the previous year's External Examiner's Report for their programme of study by contacting the Programme Manager.

The current External Examiners for the Programmes of Study are:

Programme of Study	**External Examiner for 2024/25 (forename/surname)**	**External Examiner for 2023/24 (if different to current)**
BA (Hons) Outdoor Adventure Education DipHE Outdoor Adventure Education CertHE Outdoor Adventure Education	Dr Adele Doran	No change

Please note that students are not permitted to make direct contact with the External Examiners without permission and to do so may be considered a disciplinary offence.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/25

The academic year 2024/25 will be divided up as follows:

Semester 1:	23/09/24 - 24/01/25
Semester 2:	27/01/25 - 06/06/25

INFORMATION ABOUT YOU AND YOUR PROGRAMME OF STUDY

Information about you and your programme of study is held by the University on a central Student Record System managed by the University Registry. It is essential that the University Registry has an accurate record of your personal details at all times. It is equally important to ensure that you are enrolled on the correct Programme of Study and on the correct modules and that you read and agree to the Enrolment Agreement.

My Student Record / MyTSD

You can view your personal details on MyTSD and make requests to amend data when your circumstances change. It is important to keep your personal details up to date. You can use MyTSD to:

- enrol for the new academic year
- generate a 'Confirmation of enrolment' letter
- generate a council tax exemption letter and/or bank letter
- view enrolment and module registration details
- amend your address
- check your financial information (e.g. fees due)
- submit a programme change request
- apply for 'Extenuating Circumstances'
- check your module results and examining board decision
- request to withdraw from your studies
- register to attend your graduation ceremony (when applicable)

Failure to keep your personal details up to date can result in a range of problems including:

- delays in obtaining your student loan;
- failure to contact you in an emergency;
- not being able to borrow materials from the Library and Learning Resources; and
- not being able to use the Information Technology services;
- potential non-compliance with visa regulations.

Please take time to check your enrolment details on MyTSD.

DISCLOSURE AND BARRING SERVICE (DBS) – ENHANCED

If your programme involves you coming into contact with children or vulnerable adults, you will be required to undertake a DBS check (Enhanced). Further details will be provided by the Admissions Team. All DBS related queries should be directed to dbs@uwtsd.ac.uk.

You will also be asked to complete a formal self-declaration during the enrolment period at the beginning of the academic year, which confirms your criminal conviction status.

MODULAR TERMINOLOGY

Level (of Study):

A level is assigned to each module to define the standard of its academic demand in line with the National Qualifications Framework which incorporates both Further Education and Higher Education.

The level is not necessarily synonymous with a year, though very often Level 4 will be the first year of a Programme of Study, Level 5 will be the second year, and Level 6 will be the third year. The basic characteristics of the relevant levels of study are outlined by the Welsh Assembly government and available on their website: https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2018-02/level-descriptors.pdf

ASSESSMENT

At the start of each module, tutors will provide on Moodle full details of the means by which you will be assessed in that module. This will include a full assessment brief and guidelines on the criteria that will be used for marking your work as well as clear information about when the assessments are due and the turn-around feedback time for the assessments. It will also detail how you will be able to discuss the feedback on your work and your performance and what to do if you have any questions.

All assessed written coursework needs to be submitted in electronic copy via Turnitin; alternative instructions will be provided by the Programme Manager for any forms of coursework that cannot be submitted via Turnitin.

The University offers programmes in both English and Welsh. The normal expectation is that you will be assessed in the same language in which the programme or modules are delivered. If you have been taught in English and wish to be assessed in Welsh, or vice versa, you should consult your Programme Manager about the options available to you.

You will receive confirmation of your assessment marks at the end of each year. Any marks released prior to formal approval by the Examining Board are provisional.

Extenuating Circumstances

If you believe that there are extenuating circumstances which may have adversely affected your ability to complete coursework or examinations, you should follow the University's procedures for Extenuating Circumstances for Taught Provision, which can be found on the University's website and forms part of the *Mitigating Circumstances Policy*:
https://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/academic-quality-handbook

Additional needs in terms of assessment

If you have any additional needs in terms of assessment, it is your responsibility to liaise with Student Services regarding those needs at the start of the academic year, so that a Statement of Compensatory Measures can be drafted in line with the University's procedures for assessment of students with additional needs: https://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/experience-facilities/student-support-wellbeing/disability-support

Academic Appeals
Information about how to appeal is provided in the 'Academic Appeal Procedure' which forms part of the *Academic Appeal Policy* associated with Chapter 12 of the Academic Quality Handbook, and in supporting documentation published on the Academic Office section on the University's website:
https://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/academic-quality-handbook

Additional advice is available from the Students' Union. It is very important that you note carefully the grounds on which appeals may be made and submit your appeal on the appropriate form because incomplete or ineligible appeals cannot be processed.

Assessment Regulations
The rules and regulations that govern the assessment of your Programme of Study are available in Chapters 6 and 7 of the University's Academic Quality Handbook, a copy of which is available on the Academic Office section of the website:
https://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/academic-quality-handbook

Responsibilities of students in relation to the assessment process
You are responsible for ensuring that:

i) You are correctly enrolled on your programme of study (including re-enrolment for each academic year after initial enrolment).
ii) You read and understand the information provided about how you will be assessed, how your final award will be determined, and the action to take in the event that you experience difficulties relating to assessment.
iii) You attempt every assessment component of a module.
iv) You attend examinations and other assessment events, including re-examination and re-assessment events, as required; and that you are available to attend oral examinations if required to do so within the published dates of terms or semesters, or other date notified to you in advance.
v) You submit work for assessment as required and in accordance with the required format and deadline.
vi) You inform your Programme Manager or Student Services of any disability or long-term impairment which might require special provisions for assessment.
vii) You familiarise yourself with the University's definition of academic misconduct and undertake assessments in a manner that does not attempt to gain unfair advantage.
viii) You follow the prescribed procedures in the event that you experience extenuating circumstances or wish to appeal against the decision of an Examining Board.
ix) You keep copies of all drafts of work presented or submitted for assessment wherever feasible.
x) You make your work available for sampling for external examining purposes.

VIRTUAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT (VLE)

Moodle is the University's Virtual Learning Environment (VLE). The VLE is used to support learning and teaching. It can be accessed by **enrolled** students from anywhere in the world using the internet and a web browser.

Some of Moodle's features allow students to:

- Access course materials
- Facilitate communication between students and tutors - this may also take place via Microsoft Teams
- Support group tasks
- Take online assessments with automatic marking and feedback facilities

Moodle can be used for administration tasks such as:

- Displaying announcements e.g. lecture venue changed
- Submission of assignments electronically
- Administration of online surveys, such as module questionnaires

How to Access:

You can access Moodle in 3 different ways:

1. From Hwb - Access your Hwb dashboard either by logging into a campus PC and opening Microsoft Edge browser, or accessing https://hwb.uwtsd.ac.uk from any browser on an internet-connected device. Click on the Moodle tile.
2. From the University Website - navigate to https://uwtsd.ac.uk/ and select Current Students (top right side of screen) and then Moodle.
3. URL Input - Open any browser on an internet-connected device and navigate to https://moodle.uwtsd.ac.uk

If you are already signed into the Hwb or Office 365 you should be automatically signed into Moodle when you connect, if not log in using your Network username and password which are the same as used to access a campus PC.

If you are missing any modules from your Moodle homepage, please contact your **lecturers** to ask if they use Moodle. Please note it can take 24hrs for enrolment data to feed into Moodle. If you have problems finding resources (timetables, lecture notes, assignment briefs etc.) please contact the **lecturer** that delivers the course/module.

For any technical issues or error messages contact the **IT Service Desk** via:
Web: https://webhelp.uwtsd.ac.uk
Tel: 0300 500 5055
Or email: ITServiceDesk@uwtsd.ac.uk
In any correspondence please include your name and username (your student number) together with details of your issue, and include screenshots of any error messages

Further information on using online and digital resources can be found at https://digitallearning.uwtsd.ac.uk/

ASSESSMENT FEEDBACK VIA TURNITIN

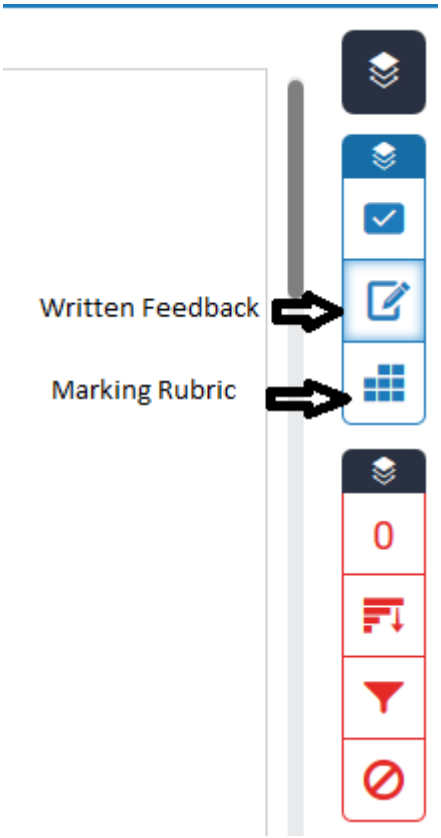
For feedback provided through Turnitin, there are two areas to get your feedback: written feedback, and the marking rubric.

Written feedback will comment on the overall work.

The marking rubric will focus on how the piece of work meets the criteria listed in the relevant rubric.

The marking rubric does not give a mathematically calculated result based on the sum of individual components, but is used holistically to help determine the mark.

Written Feedback and the Marking Rubric can be found by clicking the buttons as shown when you view your submitted assignment in Turnitin.



PROGRAMMES OF STUDY

(1) BA Outdoor Adventure Education

Programme Learning Outcomes

There is no specific subject statement for this discipline area, therefore reference is made to statements for cognate areas and to the qualifications descriptors set out in QAA's Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree-Awarding Bodies and the SEEC Credit Level Descriptors for Higher Education (2016). These level 6 BA Outdoor Adventure Education learning outcomes conform to the expectations of the QAA FHEQ (2014) and were developed with reference to the QAA Health Studies (October, 2019), Education Studies (2015) and Events, Hospitality, Leisure, Tourism and Sport (2019). The learning outcomes are categorised as follows: knowledge and understanding skills (KU), cognitive/intellectual skills (CS), practical skills (PS) and key skills (KS).

Holders of a BA with honours will have developed an understanding of a complex body of knowledge, some of it at the current boundaries of the discipline. Through this, the holder will have developed analytical techniques and problem-solving skills that can be applied in many types of employment. The holder of this qualification will be able to evaluate evidence, arguments and assumptions, to reach sound judgements and to communicate them effectively.

Knowledge and understanding (KU)

KU1	Acquisition of coherent and detailed knowledge in selected areas that inform the practice of Outdoor Adventure Education.
KU2	Demonstrate a systematic understanding of the diversity and changing nature of determinants of Outdoor Adventure Education.
KU3	A systematic understanding, including acquisition of coherent and detailed knowledge of contemporary issues at the forefront of Outdoor Adventure Education.
KU4	A systematic and coherent understanding the roles and remit of different organisations associated with Outdoor Adventure Education.
KU5	Display critical awareness and consideration of ethical issues, health and safety, and the role of Outdoor Adventure Education in improving the health of the nation.
KU6	A coherent and detailed knowledge of concepts, theories and issues of policy relating to Outdoor Adventure Education.

Each of the above PLOs is covered by at least 2 modules at the appropriate level (taking into account individual patterns of study)

Cognitive (thinking) skills (CS)

CS1	Source, evaluate and comment upon particular aspects of current research, or equivalent advanced scholarship, in Outdoor Adventure Education, with an appreciation of the uncertainty, ambiguity and limits of knowledge.
CS2	Demonstrate conceptual and critical thinking, analysis, synthesis and evaluation of assumptions, abstract concepts and data (that may be incomplete).

CS3	Devise and sustain arguments, and/or to solve problems, using ideas and techniques, some of which are at the forefront of the disciplines within Outdoor Adventure Education.

Each of the above PLOs is covered by at least 2 modules at the appropriate level (taking into account individual patterns of study)

Practical skills (PS)

PS1	Creatively plan, design, lead, manage and execute practical activities using appropriate techniques and procedures while demonstrating high levels of relevant skills
PS2	Effectively communicate information, arguments and analysis to both specialist and non-specialist audiences.
PS3	Recognise and respond to moral, ethical, sustainability and safety issues that directly pertain to working in Outdoor Adventure Education, including relevant legislation and professional codes of conduct.
PS4	Demonstrate self-awareness and confidence in skills transferable to the workplace and the ability to articulate these to a particular employer.
PS5	Deploy accurately established techniques of analysis and enquiry relating to Outdoor Adventure Education practice to review, consolidate, extend and apply their knowledge and understanding, and to initiate and carry out projects.

Each of the above PLOs is covered by at least 2 modules at the appropriate level (taking into account individual patterns of study)

Key skills (KS)

KS1	Use information and communications technology to enhance verbal and written presentations, and to facilitate relevant information retrieval.
KS2	Demonstrate effective communication and presentation skills.
KS3	Work effectively independently and with others, as both a team member and a leader, recognising and respecting the values of equality and diversity
KS4	Take and demonstrate proactive responsibility for their own learning and continuing personal and professional development through self-appraisal and reflecting on practice in academic and professional contexts
KS5	Self-appraise and critically reflect on their practice.
KS6	Collaborate and plan as part of a team, to carry out roles allocated by the team and take the lead where appropriate, and to fulfil agreed responsibilities.
KS7	Articulate their own approaches to learning and organise an effective work pattern including working to deadlines.
KS8	Process and synthesise empirical and theoretical data, to create new syntheses and to present and justify a chosen position having drawn on relevant theoretical perspectives.

Each of the above PLOs is covered by at least 2 modules at the appropriate level (taking into account individual patterns of study)

Levels 4, 5 and 6

All Level 4, Level 5 and Level 6 students must normally pursue 120 credits at each Level.

(2) Diploma of Higher Education Outdoor Adventure Education

Programme Learning Outcomes

There is no specific subject statement for this discipline area, therefore reference is made to statements for cognate areas and to the qualifications descriptors set out in QAA's Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree-Awarding Bodies and the SEEC Credit Level Descriptors for Higher Education (2016). These level 5 Diploma Outdoor Adventure Education learning outcomes conform to the expectations of the QAA FHEQ (2014) and were developed with reference to the QAA Health Studies (October, 2019), Education Studies (2015) and Events, Hospitality, Leisure and Tourism (2019). The learning outcomes are categorised as follows: knowledge and understanding skills (KU), cognitive/intellectual skills (CS), practical skills (PS) and key skills (KS).

Holders of qualifications at this level will have developed a sound understanding of the principles in Outdoor Adventure Education, and will have learned to apply those principles more widely. Through this, they will have learned to evaluate the appropriateness of different approaches to solving problems. Holders of qualifications at this level will have the qualities necessary for employment in situations requiring the exercise of personal responsibility and decision-making.

The following level 5 Outdoor Adventure Education programme learning outcomes conform to the expectations of the QAA FHEQ (2014) level 5 descriptor and are developed with reference to the QAA Health Studies (2016) and Events, Hospitality, Leisure and Tourism (2016). The latter benchmark refers to bachelor's degrees with honours and was developed to reflect the skills of a level 6 graduate. Therefore, it is a reference point and it has informed the PLOs for this lower level award.

Knowledge and understanding (KU)

KU1	Knowledge and a critical understanding of well-established principles associated with Outdoor Adventure Education, and of the way in which those principles have developed.
KU2	Demonstrates an awareness of different ideas, contexts and frameworks and recognises those areas where the knowledge base is most/least secure.

Each of the above PLOs is covered by at least 2 modules at the appropriate level (taking into account individual patterns of study)

Cognitive (thinking) skills (CS)

CS1	Identifies, evaluates critically and communicates principles and concepts, recognising competing perspectives and limits of their knowledge.
CS2	Undertakes research to provide new information and/or explores new or existing data to identify patterns and relationships.
CS3	Uses appropriate theoretical models to judge the significance of the data collected, recognising the limitations of the enquiry.
CS4	Collects and synthesises information to inform a choice of solutions to problems in unfamiliar contexts.
CS5	Selects appropriate techniques/criteria for evaluation and discriminates between the relative relevance and significance of data/evidence collected.

Each of the above PLOs is covered by at least 2 modules at the appropriate level (taking into account individual patterns of study)

Practical skills (PS)

PS1	Identifies external expectations and adapts own performance accordingly
PS2	Undertakes complex and non-routine performance tasks.
PS3	Analyses performance of self and others and suggests improvements.
PS4	Interacts effectively within a team, giving and receiving information and ideas and modifying responses where appropriate.
PS5	Is aware of personal responsibility and professional codes of conduct

Each of the above PLOs is covered by at least 2 modules at the appropriate level (taking into account individual patterns of study)

Key skills (KS)

KS1	Assesses own capabilities using justifiable criteria set by self and others taking the wider needs of the context into account.
KS2	Uses feedback to adapt own actions to reach a desired aim and reviews impact.
KS3	Adapts interpersonal and communication skills to a range of situations, audiences and degrees of complexity.

Each of the above PLOs is covered by at least 2 modules at the appropriate level (taking into account individual patterns of study)

Levels 4 and 5

All Level 4 and Level 5 students must normally pursue 120 credits at each Level.

(3) Certificate of Higher Education Outdoor Adventure Education

Programme Learning Outcomes

There is no specific subject statement for this discipline area, therefore reference is made to statements for cognate areas and to the qualifications descriptors set out in QAA's Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree-Awarding Bodies and the SEEC Credit Level Descriptors for Higher Education (2016). These level 5 Diploma Outdoor Adventure Education learning outcomes conform to the expectations of the QAA FHEQ (2014) and were developed with reference to the QAA Health Studies (October, 2019), Education Studies (2015) and Events, Hospitality, Leisure and Tourism (2019). The learning outcomes are categorised as follows: knowledge and understanding skills (KU), cognitive/intellectual skills (CS), practical skills (PS) and key skills (KS).

Holders of a Certificate of Higher Education will have a sound knowledge of the basic concepts of Outdoor Adventure Education, and will have learned how to take different approaches to solving problems. They will be able to communicate accurately and will have the qualities needed for employment requiring the exercise of some personal responsibility.

The following level 4 Outdoor Adventure Education programme learning outcomes conform to the expectations of the QAA FHEQ (2014) level 5 descriptor and are developed with reference to the QAA Health Studies (2016) and Events, Hospitality, Leisure and Tourism (2016). The latter benchmark refers to bachelor's degrees with honours and was developed to reflect the skills of a level 6 graduate. Therefore, it is a reference point and it has informed the PLOs for this lower level award.

Knowledge and understanding (KU)

KU1	Demonstrates a broad understanding of the underlying concepts and principles and the terminology of Outdoor Adventure Education.
KU2	Demonstrate an appreciation of the multidisciplinary nature of Outdoor Adventure Education.

Each of the above PLOs is covered by at least 2 modules at the appropriate level (taking into account individual patterns of study)

Cognitive (thinking) skills (CS)

CS1	Identifies principles and concepts underlying theoretical frameworks and approaches, identifying their strengths and weaknesses.
CS2	Identifies a well-defined focus for enquiry, plans and undertakes investigative strategies using a limited and defined range of methods, collects data from a variety of sources, and communicates results effectively in an appropriate format
CS3	Collects information from a variety of authoritative sources to inform a choice of solutions to standard problems in familiar contexts.
CS4	Judges the reliability of information using pre-defined techniques and/or criteria.

Each of the above PLOs is covered by at least 2 modules at the appropriate level (taking into account individual patterns of study)

Practical skills (PS)

PS1	Locates own role in relation to specified and externally defined parameters.
PS2	Undertakes performance tasks that may be complex and non-routine, engaging in self-reflection
PS3	Works effectively with others and recognises the factors that affect team performance.
PS4	Demonstrates awareness of ethical issues and is able to discuss these in relation to personal beliefs and values.

Each of the above PLOs is covered by at least 2 modules at the appropriate level (taking into account individual patterns of study)

Key skills (KS)

KS1	Use information and communications technology to enhance verbal and written presentations, and to facilitate relevant information retrieval.
KS2	Demonstrate effective communication and presentation skills.
KS3	Work effectively independently and with others, as both a team member and a leader, recognising and respecting the values of equality and diversity
KS4	Demonstrate responsibility for their learning and continuing personal and professional development.

Each of the above PLOs is covered by at least 2 modules at the appropriate level (taking into account individual patterns of study)

Level 4

All Level 4 students must normally pursue 120 credits at Level 4.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

Module Code 1. Specify language of delivery if not English. 2. Specify mode of study if modules are not all the same mode.	Module Title	Credits	Module type CR=Core, CM=Compulsory, O=Optional		
			BA Outdoor Adventure Education	DipHE Outdoor Adventure Education	CertHE Outdoor Adventure Education
Level 4					
BMOE4006	Adventure a Risk Worth Taking	20	CM	CM	CM
BMSS4009/C	Contemporary Challenges: Making a Difference Heriau Cyfoes: Gwneud Gwahaniaeth	20	CM	CM	CM
BMOE4005	Ecology of Adventure	20	CM	CM	CM
BMOE4003	Facilitating Adventurous Activities	20	CM	CM	CM
BMOE4004	The Great Outdoors	20	CM	CM	CM
BMSS4008/C	Learning in the Digital Era / Dysgu yn yr Oes Ddigidol	20	CM	CM	CM
BMOE4007	Theoretical Issues in Outdoor Pursuits *(Only available to Hobart Williams Smith Summer School students)*	20	n/a	n/a	n/a
Level 5					
BMSS5007/C	Developing your Professional Profile (Placement) Datblygu eich Proffil Proffesiyno (Lleoliad Gwaith)	20	CM	CM	n/a
BMOE5001	Discovering Outdoor Lifestyles	20	O	O	
BMPE5005	Foundations for High Quality Physical and Outdoor Learning	20	O	O	n/a
BMOE5008	International Mobility Opportunity *(available to full-time BA students only)*	60	O	n/a	n/a
BMOE5007	Psychology of Personal Adventure	20	CM	CM	n/a
BMST5005/C	Research in Health, Exercise and Physical Education Ymchwil ym maes Iechyd, Ymarfer Corff ac Addysg Gorfforol	20	CM	CM	n/a
BMOE5006	Sustainable Journeys	20	CM	CM	n/a
BMOE5005	Understanding Adventure Leadership	20	CM	CM	n/a
Level 6					
BMSS6001	Coaching Pedagogy	20	O	n/a	n/a
BMOE6001	Critical Incidents in Adventurous Activities	20	CM	n/a	n/a
BMOE6002	Curriculum Adventure	20	O	n/a	n/a
BMSS6007/C	Independent Project / Prosiect Annibynnol	40	CM	n/a	n/a
BMOE6003	Landscape and Sustainable Recreation	20	CM	n/a	n/a
BMOE6005	Perspectives on Outdoor Education	20	CM	n/a	n/a

Please note that delivery schedules/timetabling can be found by accessing your personalised timetable via the My Timetable tile on the Student Hwb.

Where appropriate, the University may allow students to study modules in addition to the 120 credits studied for the level of study e.g. Welsh medium or IT modules. Students would need to discuss this with their Programme Manager.

Note that on Programmes of Study offering a large number of options, timetable constraints will inevitably mean that not all combinations of options will be possible.

Module details are correct on 1 September 2024, and will not normally be changed during the year. In the unlikely event of changes having to be made to these details during the year, you will be notified in writing. Module descriptors are presented in the accompanying Module Directory document.

UNIVERSITY ENGAGEMENT POLICY

All students should familiarise themselves with the engagement policy and understand their responsibilities in relation to engaging with their course (https://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/academic-quality-handbook).

Student Responsibilities in relation to attendance and engagement are:

- To engage with all scheduled and asynchronous learning in their programme/module(s);
- Attend punctually and completely all scheduled and timetabled learning and teaching activities unless unable to do so for reasons of illness or other extenuating circumstances;
- To engage as appropriate with the University's support mechanisms, according to their specific needs;
- To inform their Academic Support Tutor (or other member of staff identified by the Institute) of any issues that affect or are expected to affect their engagement with their course;
- To engage proactively with all university procedures in support of their learning, including probation, action plans, etc.

This is particularly important for **international students with a Student Visa.** Failure to adhere to the requirements and conditions of the Engagement Policy will lead to withdrawal from your programme and the University will also inform the UKVI to withdraw your student visa sponsorship.

Appeal against withdrawal due to lack of engagement

Information on how to appeal against withdrawal due to lack of engagement is provided within the Engagement Policy.

Withdrawal

Students who have decided they do not wish to continue their programme of study, must complete a formal University withdrawal form which is available on MyTSD. (Please access the form under the 'Data Changes and Forms' tab on the 'Forms' menu). Withdrawal from a programme may have implications for student finance and this should be understood by the student prior to submitting the form.

CODES OF CONDUCT

The University is committed to providing all students with a safe and inclusive learning environment where all students have the potential to succeed to the best of their ability.

The University expects all students to abide by the Student Code of Conduct (see https://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/about/governance-and-management/student-charter).

The University also has Support for Study and Fitness to Practise Policies (see https://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/academic-quality-handbook).

In addition, many programmes have a professional code of conduct that you are expected to adhere to. Your Programme Manager will provide you with appropriate details.

ABOUT ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Academic integrity is being honest in the work that you do in your studies. Honesty takes many forms; for example:

- writing your own answers in unseen exams without consulting with others or using online or printed materials;
- formally acknowledging the work and ideas of others, whether those of a friend, a lecturer, an article or book that you read, or a page on the internet that you accessed;
- ensuring that you get ethical approval for your research where necessary;
- and many other actions that you take during your studies.

Breaches of Academic Integrity are called Academic Misconduct.

The University defines academic misconduct as '– Any action by a student which gives or has the potential to give an unfair advantage in an examination or assessment, or might assist someone else to gain an unfair advantage, or any activity likely to undermine the integrity essential to scholarship and research'. Committing academic misconduct in assessment is one of the most serious offences in academic life, and its consequences can be severe. It undermines the integrity of scholarship, research, and of the examination and assessment process.

It is very important to understand that it is no defence to claim that academic misconduct has been committed unintentionally, accidentally, due to extenuating circumstances or a long-term impairment (irrespective of whether or not these circumstances or long-term impairment have been acknowledged by the University).

You can find out the full regulatory framework, including penalties, on Academic Misconduct in the UWTSD Academic Misconduct Policy, which you can find here: https://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/academic-quality-handbook.

There are several types of Academic Misconduct. Here are some examples and how to avoid them:

Plagiarism is presenting someone else's work or ideas as one's own. Plagiarism can include phrases, sentences, ideas, viewpoints, data, tables, pictures or indeed anything that someone else has created and is presented as your own work.

How to avoid plagiarism:

1. Never copy/paste from any source, unless you have clearly identified that you are doing this.
2. Always provide references to the sources of information you have used.

Referencing is essentially acknowledging the sources of information and ideas that you have used.

The University recognises four referencing styles: APA, Harvard, IEEE and MHRA and provides a handbook for each of these styles. For your programme of study, you should be using Harvard referencing.

You can find all of the Referencing Handbooks here:
https://intranet.uwtsd.ac.uk/departments/library-and-learning-resources/academic-and-infoskills/referencing-handbooks

If you are uncertain which handbook is for your subject, do ask your Programme Manager or Academic Tutor.

Self-plagiarism is when you are reusing material that you have created yourself.
How to avoid self-plagiarism:

1. Never take a paragraph (or sentence or graph or image, etc.) from a previous piece of work and submit it as part of a new piece of work.

Remember Self-plagiarism is as bad as plagiarism and has the same penalties.

False authorship is a broad category of misconduct, which covers from buying an essay off an essay-mill to using paraphrasing software.

How to avoid false authorship:

1. Never ask someone else to create your work, whether that is a friend, a relative or someone you pay.
2. Never submit work that you have bought or solicited.
3. Do not use material repositories, where students store essays and notes, without full referencing.
4. Do not use paraphrasing software, unless you have been allowed to do so by the module tutor.
5. Use Generative Artificial Intelligence tools only as allowed in the assessment specification for any given assessment.

Fundamentally, the work that you submit for any part of your degree **must be your own**.

Collusion is when two or more students submit work that is very similar and there is evidence to suggest that they worked together, or one used the other's work. Collusion is only relevant when the assignment is to be completed by each student individually. Group work that is submitted on a group basis is not subject to allegations of collusion.

How to avoid collusion:

1. Keep your materials, such as notes from reading, essay drafts, etc. private.
2. Do not share them with others, whether in the same class or in another class.
3. Do not publish them online.
4. Do not leave them in shared computers without password protection.

There is no problem in discussing your work, your discoveries and knowledge with other students. On the contrary, you will often be asked to work with others informally whether in class or outside. Learning from others and teaching others is an essential avenue to deeper learning.

Cheating in examinations (or other formal assessment) includes the possession of unauthorised material or technology during an examination, and attempting to access unseen assessment materials in an advance of an examination.

When enrolling as a student at the University of Wales Trinity Saint David you have consented to your work being scrutinised both electronically and for academic misconduct. Normally, your work will be submitted electronically via Moodle.

For submissions outside of the Moodle platform, it is equally important that you reference your sources accurately. In some cases, you will be expected to submit both hard and electronic copies, which can be checked against the database of the UK

Higher Education Plagiarism Detection Service. For handwritten, portfolio and process workbook submissions check with your module tutor if you are in any doubt about whether you have infringed the regulations. They are here to assist you; ensure that you take advantage of their expertise.

LIBRARY AND LEARNING RESOURCES

The Library and Learning Resources (LLR) aims to support and enhance the learning, teaching and research activities of staff and students across the University. There are libraries at Swansea, Carmarthen, Lampeter, London and Birmingham campuses, providing access to a variety of welcoming and flexible learning spaces. We provide on and off campus access to thousands of online journals and e-books, and subscribe to online databases relevant to each subject area; in addition to specialist digital and information literacy support, research support and special collections and archives.

The LLR is a full member of WHELF (Wales Higher Education Libraries Forum) and is also a member of the SCONUL Access (Society of College, National and University Libraries) scheme, which is a co-operative venture between most of the higher education libraries of the UK and Ireland. It enables staff, research students, full time postgraduates and part-time, distance learning and placement students to borrow material from other libraries. Librarians are welcomed to Staff / Student Committees and other relevant Institute meetings where invited, including Institute Boards.

Online Library

The LLR offers a wide range of printed and electronic resources for the programmes offered by the University. The LLR houses an extensive collection of online e-journals, e-books, and audio-visual material, with the electronic resources being available 24/7. Users may access a variety of e-resources, containing scholarly journals, newspapers, company reports and reference material.

Skills Development

Academic Liaison Librarians are the main point of contact for staff and students, and contribute to teaching and learning by helping students to develop the skills required to find, use and evaluate information sources within the subject areas taught by the Institute. All new students receive a basic skills session and a referencing session during the first term, followed by more in-depth sessions throughout their studies.

Academic Liaison Librarians also provide a wider InfoSkills programme focusing on transferable employability skills and academic skills. This includes advanced search skills, ethical use of information, referencing and managing your online identity. Support can be provided face-to-face or remotely; by email, over the phone or via Teams. Students can also book a one-to-one session directly with their librarian or digital skills advisor from the library website. Referencing guidance is also available from the LLR and can be accessed from the library intranet pages:
https://intranet.uwtsd.ac.uk/departments/library-and-learning-resources/academic-and-infoskills

Digital Skills

Our Digital Services team are always on hand to assist students in identifying their own skills gaps and locate appropriate structured learning resources to develop digital confidence. You can access our full range of digital skills resources at any time. Many of our courses are from LinkedIn Learning, and as a member of staff or student, you have free access. Students can gain a range of digital badges to demonstrate their knowledge and digital capabilities.

Other Specialist Support
The LLR offers access to a wide range of information sources in varied and accessible formats, ensuring equality of provision and access to learning materials. A designated member of staff can help and advise students with disabilities or specific learning requirements. Specialist support on copyright, referencing, and research activities is also provided. This includes advice on Research Data Management, using referencing software, Open Access requirements, setting up your ORCID ID and measuring the impact of research, advanced literature searching and accessing other academic and research libraries.

The Need More? Service
The LLR provides a Need More? service which takes an innovative approach to resource delivery, providing a one stop shop for all learning resource needs. If a book, journal or other resource is needed and is not in library stock, it may be purchased, borrowed from another library or rented as an e-book. The service also provides a referral mechanism so that students are introduced to their Academic Liaison Librarian to ensure they are getting the most out of existing resources or where they are working on a specialist project.

Learning Spaces
Students are welcome to use any UWTSD libraries, regardless of the subject of their study. As well as collections, the libraries provide a variety of flexible spaces, reflecting the way students work e.g. group study spaces and quiet areas, as well as IT facilities, wireless internet, photocopying and printing facilities, and excellent customer service.

Further Information
For recent service developments and updates please visit the LLR's intranet pages: https://intranet.uwtsd.ac.uk/departments/library-and-learning-resources. This also provides staff and library contact information for all the libraries of the University. The LLR can also be followed on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram (@UWTSDLib) and contacted by email: library@uwtsd.ac.uk.

DIGITAL CREATIVITY AND LEARNING (DCL)

Digital learning

Digital learning encompasses a wide variety of learning models and approaches, digital technologies, and services, therefore, playing a vital role in how content is delivered and how students learn. The current Covid situation has been a catalyst to elevating the significance of high-quality digital teaching and learning resources, and also the importance of ensuring parity for both face-to-face and remote learning experiences.

A well-developed package of digital learning materials can:
- Improve learning experience
- Widen participation and collaboration
- Improve accessibility
- Develop key employability skills

IT SERVICE DELIVERY

IT support is available through our IT Service Desk who are available to help and assist you over the phone, in person or via our online portal and live chat service.

Telephone support is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year so no matter when you may need assistance, we're here to help by calling us on 0300 500 5055.

Wi-Fi
All students can access our eduroam wireless network on their laptop, mobile phone or tablet.

Eduroam is the wireless network available to use across all campuses. Eduroam also provides you with Wi-Fi access at any other eduroam enabled institution across the world.

Open Access Computers & Booking Facilities
Students can access general IT facilities through our open access computer areas across our University campuses.

What do computer rooms offer?

- PCs connected to the University's data network
- Usually a multifunctional device (MFD) offering colour and black and white printing, copying and scanning or a colour laser printer
- May also contain wireless access and more specialised equipment such as plotters, Sports Analysis Equipment and audio visual equipment
- Long opening hours with many of them open 24/7
- Ability to pre-book a PC to use remotely to make sure you have access at the time you need to study.

Student IT Exclusives
We provide students with access to free or heavily discounted software and computer solutions through our Student IT Exclusives offers.

Free Microsoft Office 365
As a UWTSD student, you can download Microsoft Office 365 Pro Plus including Word, Excel and PowerPoint to use free for the duration of your studies at UWTSD.

Adobe Creative Cloud
Students studying on eligible courses are able to access Adobe Creative Cloud suite for free which can be installed on your personal device during your studies.

You can also purchase a copy of Adobe Creative Cloud directly from Adobe's Website and save over 65% discount paying on a monthly basis.

Free Windows 11
We are able to provide all students with a license to use Microsoft's latest operating system for free from our On the Hub store.

Software Discounts
We've created an online store where all students can download a huge range of free or heavily discounted software for use at home.

The EDU store
Discounts are available for students on a range of products including the Microsoft Surface, Apple devices, Phones & Smart Watches. Free 4 year warranty on all Apple products & free next day delivery on all orders.

Select Easy Upgrade
Get the Apple Product you want right now. Spread the cost with low monthly payments, upgrade to the latest device at the end of the plan or pay off the balance with the Easy Upgrade Store.

Apple's Education store
You can get great Apple education pricing by visiting the Apple Education Store.

Free Autodesk
Download a range of Autodesk software including Fusion 360, Inventor Professional, Revit, AutoCAD, 3ds Max & Maya.

Print, Copy & Scan
Students have access to print, copy and scanning services which are available across all University Learning Resource Centres as well as specific computer rooms and open access areas.

UWTSD use Multi-Functional Devices (MFDs) which all have print, copy and scan functions available in full colour or black and white.

STUDENT SERVICES

A professional support service providing high quality information, advice, guidance, practical and emotional support to enable all students to reach their full potential. Support available includes the Careers Service, Financial Support, Learning Support, Well-being Support, Counselling Service and support for students from a care background. For further details see https://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/experience-facilities/student-support-wellbeing.

STUDY SKILLS

All students have access to study skills support to assist them in their studies. Details of provision are available from the Student Services offices on each campus and at https://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/experience-facilities/student-support-wellbeing/learning-support.

Topics covered include:
Developing effective study strategies
Planning and writing assignments
Preparing presentations
Planning for seminars
Preparing for exams

Drop-in study skills sessions and 1:1 appointments are available online (and in person where possible) – no appointment necessary. Please see the Student Services study skills webpages for further details: https://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/experience-facilities/student-support-wellbeing/learning-support.

COMPLAINTS

You have a right to make a complaint about any specific concern about the provision of your Programme of Study or a related academic service. Full details of the complaints process can be found in the *Student Complaint Policy* associated with Chapter 12 of the Academic Quality Handbook and in supporting documentation published on the Academic Office section on the University's website: https://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/academic-quality-handbook.