

BACHELOR OF SPORT DEVELOPMENT (4741)

Approved Abbreviation: BSpDev

Western Sydney University Program Code: 4741

AQF Level: 7

CRICOS Code: 097004E

NOTE: This program is Suspended from 2026 intake onward.

This program applies to students who commenced in Autumn 2019 or later.

Students should follow the program structure for the session start date relevant to the year they commenced.

For Commencement Year 2018 - please refer to: 4741.1 Bachelor of Sport Development (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=4741.1>)

Handbook Summary 2019 - 2022

The Bachelor of Sport Development takes a multidisciplinary approach to prepare graduates for careers in the sport and active recreation industry. They can pursue a range of roles, including development, promotion and management, in areas such as community sports and recreation organisations and facilities, professional sport organisations, community engagement teams, state and national sporting organisations and not for profit sport for social change agencies. The program includes studies in physical activity, exercise and health promotion, sport coaching, psychology, sport management, and capacity building through community projects. Students will complete a minimum of 100 hours of placement/internship as part of this course.

Handbook Summary 2023

The Bachelor of Sport Development is a multidisciplinary program that prepares graduates for careers in the sport and recreation industry. The program includes studies in sport for social development; sport management; sport coaching; leisure and outdoor recreation; health promotion; and capacity building through research driven community projects. Students will complete a minimum of 100 hours of work-integrated learning with industry partners in the public, not-for profit, and private sectors. Upon graduation, students can pursue a range of roles that involve the development, promotion, and management of sports and recreation in community sport organisations and facilities, professional sport organisations, community engagement teams, local and international organisations, and the not-for-profit sector.

Study Mode

Three years full-time or six years part-time

Program Advice

healthsciences@westernsydney.edu.au (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/programs/bachelor-sport-development/healthsciences@westernsydney.edu.au>)

Prospective students should visit the following websites for general enquiries about this program.

Enquire about this program (<https://enquiry.westernsydney.edu.au/courseenquiry/>) | Local Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/>) | International Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/apply/admissions/>) |

Location

Campus	Attendance	Mode	Advice
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Full Time	Internal	Dr Nicki Taylor (https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/name/Nicki%20Taylor/)
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Part Time	Internal	Dr Nicki Taylor (https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/name/Nicki%20Taylor/)

Work Integrated Learning

Western Sydney University seeks to enhance student learning experiences by enabling students to engage in the culture, expectations and practices of their profession or discipline. This program includes a placement or other community-based unpaid practical experience.

There is a mandatory work component required for completion of this program. Please contact the Program Advisor listed above for information.

International students should also refer to the link below for more information and a link to the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS).

Work Integrated Learning (WIL) for international students (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/services_and_facilities/international_student_support/working_in_australia/work_integrated_learning/)

Vaccination Requirements

For those students enrolling in 2022, please be aware of the below Public Health Order and Department of Education requirements. Students will be required to meet the below order to be able to attend their relevant placements in Schools (SPRT 2007 Games for Diverse Groups, SPRT 3003 Coaching Sport and Recreation Activities) and with relevant sporting clubs (SPRT 3003 Coaching Sport and Recreation Activities):

- The Public Health (COVID-19 Vaccination of Education and Care Workers): Order dated 23 September states that:
 - all education and care workers must not carry out relevant work on or after 8 November 2021 unless the worker has –
 - Had 2 doses of a COVID-19 vaccine, or
 - Been issued with a medical contraindication certificate (there is a specific certificate issued by a medical practitioner – a normal Doctor's Certificate will not be accepted)

Admission

- Assumed knowledge: Any two subjects of English
- Recommended studies: Personal development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE); Business studies; Economics

Applications from Australian and New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent resident visas may be made via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) or directly through the Western Portal. Use the links below to apply via UAC or Western Sydney University. Applications made directly to Western Sydney do not have an application fee.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/>
<https://westernsydney.uac.edu.au/ws/>

Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Local applicants who are applying through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on the UAC website. Local applicants applying directly to the University should also use the information provided on the UAC website.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/>

All other International applicants must apply directly to the University via the International Office.

International students applying to the University through the International Office can find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on their website.

International Office (<http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/>)

Overseas qualifications must be deemed by the Australian Education International - National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (AEI-NOOSR) to be equivalent to Australian qualifications in order to be considered by UAC and Western Sydney University.

Special Requirements

During the first year of enrolment in this program, in order to enrol in particular subjects and prior to attending any internship or applied project placement students must have: 1. Child Protection Course submitted to Student Central, 2. Working with Children Check submitted to Student Central.

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 240 credit points which include the subjects listed in the recommended sequence below.

Recommended Sequence Current

Course	Title	Credit Points
Year 1		
Autumn session		
REHA 1007	Foundations of Recreational Therapy	10
HLTH 1020	Foundations of HPE	10
PUBH 1006	Population Health and Society	10
SPRT 1008	Sport for Social Development	10
Credit Points		40
Spring session		
REHA 1008	Introduction to Leisure and Recreation Theory	10
SPRT 2013	Leading Games and Sports	10
HLTH 1012	Evidence in Health	10
SPRT 2012	Community Sport Development	10
Credit Points		40
Year 2		
Autumn session		
PUBH 2005	Culture, Diversity and Health	10
BUSM 1031	The World of Sport Business	10
And two elective subjects or major or minor		20
Credit Points		40
Spring session		
SPRT 3022	Outdoor Education, Sustainability and Health	10
SPRT 3021	Sport Development Internship A	10
And two elective subjects or major or minor		20
Credit Points		40

Year 3

Autumn session

BUSM 3070	Strategic Sport Leadership	10
SPRT 3012	Sport Development Internship B	10
And two elective subjects or major or minor		20
Credit Points		40

Spring session

SPRT 3020	Applied Research Project	10
BUSM 3083	Global Sports Management	10
And two elective subjects or major or minor		20
Credit Points		40
Total Credit Points		240

Suggested Majors:

0052 Health Promotion (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/health-promotion-major/>)

0055 Public Health (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/public-health-major/>)

T045 Sport Management (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/sport-management-ug-testamur-major/>)

0027 Peace and Development Studies (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/peace-development-studies-major/>)

0163 Sustainable Development (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/sustainable-development-major/>)

Suggested Minors:

0052 Health Promotion (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/health-promotion-minor/>)

0055 Public Health (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/public-health-minor/>)

0243 Health and Recreation (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/health-recreation-minor/>)

0027 Peace and Development Studies (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/peace-development-studies-minor/>)

0253 Leisure for Diverse Groups (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/leisure-diverse-groups-minor/>)

0279 Exercise Science (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/exercise-science-minor/>)

0196 Global Sustainability (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/global-sustainability-minor/>)

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Recommended Sequence 2019 - 2022

Course	Title	Credit Points
Year 1		
Autumn session		
PUBH 1006	Population Health and Society	10
SPRT 1001	Fundamentals of Exercise Science	10

BUSM 1031	The World of Sport Business	10
SPRT 1008	Sport for Social Development	10
Credit Points		40
Spring session		
SPRT 1005	Outdoor Recreation	10
REHA 1008	Introduction to Leisure and Recreation Theory	10
HLTH 1012	Evidence in Health	10
PUBH 1011	Promoting Health Collaboratively in Communities	10
Credit Points		40
Year 2		
Autumn session		
PUBH 2005	Culture, Diversity and Health	10
BUSM 3065	Special Event Management	10
Select two electives		20
Credit Points		40
Spring session		
SPRT 2012	Community Sport Development	10
SPRT 2007	PDHPE: Games for Diverse Groups	10
NATS 2040	Physical Activity, Nutrition and Health	10
BUSM 2037	Sport Entertainment	10
Credit Points		40
Year 3		
Autumn session		
BEHV 3025	Sport and Exercise Psychology	10
SPRT 3012	Sport Development Internship B	10
BUSM 3070	Strategic Sport Leadership	10
SPRT 3005	Contemporary Youth Health Issues	10
Credit Points		40
Spring session		
BUSM 3083	Global Sports Management	10
SPRT 3011	Sport Development Applied Project	10
Select two electives		20
Credit Points		40
Total Credit Points		240

Minor elective spaces

Elective subjects may be used toward obtaining an additional approved minor (40 credit points). Western Sydney University offers minors in a range of areas including Sustainability and Indigenous Studies.

Global Sustainability Minor (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/global-sustainability-minor/>)

Indigenous Australian Studies Minor (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/indigenous-australian-studies-minor/>)

Sustainable Futures, Minor (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/sustainable-futures-minor/#structuretext>)

Western Sydney University also offers the following innovative transdisciplinary Challenge Minors (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/educational_partnerships_and_quality/home/challenge_minors/) which we encourage those students who have elective space to consider.

Equitable Technologies (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/equitable-technologies-minor/>)

Urban Evolution (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/urban-evolution-minor/>)

Migration and Global Change (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/migration-global-change-minor/>)

Personal Innovation (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/personal-innovation-minor/>)

Innovating, Creating and Problem Solving (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/innovating-creating-problem-solving-minor/>)

Eco-Socially Conscious Design and Manufacturing (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/eco-socially-conscious-design-manufacturing-minor/>)

Water for Life (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/water-life-minor/>)

Climate Justice (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/climate-justice-minor/>)

Creative and Visual Communication (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/creative-visual-communication-minor/>)

Global Workplaces (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/global-workplaces-minor/>)

Innovating For Humans (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/innovating-humans-minor/>)

Creative Living for Cultural Wellbeing (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/creative-living-cultural-wellbeing-minor/>)

Ideate.Strategise.Innovate. (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/ideate-strategise-innovate-minor/>)

Humanising Data (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/humanising-data-minor/>)

For more information, visit the Challenge Minor (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/educational_partnerships_and_quality/home/challenge_minors/) website.

Search for majors and minors (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/>)

Students can apply for an elective minor via Western Now.

WesternNow (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/westernnow/>)

Students who maintain a GPA of 5 or higher may use elective subjects toward obtaining an additional approved minor in Critical Thinking.

Critical and Systems Thinking, Minor (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/critical-systems-thinking-minor/>)

Please note: SM3083 Critical Thinking, Minor (0033) has been replaced by SM8001 Critical and Systems Thinking, Minor (0287) from 2022. Continuing students enrolled in SM3083 Critical Thinking, Minor (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/specialisation.aspx?unitset=SM3083.1>) (0033) are able to remain in and successfully complete the subject requirements of this field of study.

Western Sydney University offers minors in a range of areas including Sustainability and Indigenous Studies.

Indigenous Australian Studies Minor (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/Specialisation.aspx?unitset=SM1049.1>)

Other suggested elective minors

Health Promotion, Minor (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/health-promotion-minor/>)

Health Practice Management, Minor (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/health-practice-management-minor/>)

Public Health, Minor (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/public-health-minor/>)
Health and Recreation, Minor (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/health-recreation-minor/>)
Exercise Science, Minor (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/exercise-science-minor/>)

Students can apply for an elective minor via MySR.

MyStudentRecords (MySR) (<https://mysr.uws.edu.au/connect/webconnect/>)

Replaced Subjects

The subjects listed below count towards completion of this program for students who passed these subjects in 2019 or earlier.

HLTH 2019 - Physical Activity, Nutrition and Health

The subjects listed below count towards completion of this program for students who passed these subjects in 2020 or earlier.

REHA 2002 - Introduction to Leisure and Recreation Theory

HLTH 1001 - Foundations of Research and Evidence-Based Practice

CULT 1020 - Working with Communities

The subjects listed below count towards completion of this program for students who passed these subjects in 2022 or earlier.

BUSM 3053 - Our Sporting Future, replaced by BUSM 3083 Global Sports Management