

# **BSc (Hons) Strength and Conditioning (Armed Forces) FAQ**

## **1. What are the course entry requirements?**

This course is open to serving Royal Army Physical Training Corps Instructors (RAPTCIs), Royal Air Force Physical Training Instructors (PTIs), and Royal Navy/Royal Marine Physical Trainers (PTs). The University has mapped the RAPTCI course to the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (FHEQ) Level 4 via an Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL) process and has extended this to cover the equivalent Royal Air Force PTI, Royal Navy and Royal Marine PT courses. As a result, students will commence this programme at Level 5.

## **2. Can I enrol on the course if I am a British Army All-Arms Physical Training Instructor (AAPTI)?**

Unfortunately, this programme is not open to AAPTIs. However, AAPTIs may be able to enrol upon our standard [BSc \(Hons\) Strength and Conditioning](#) programme subject to meeting the course entry requirements.

## **3. I am a Veteran can I enrol upon this course?**

Unfortunately, this programme is not open to Veterans. However, Veterans may be able to enrol upon our standard [BSc \(Hons\) Strength and Conditioning](#) programme subject to meeting the course entry requirements.

## **4. I am currently employed by the MOD as a Specialist Instructional Officer, Physical Training (SIO PT) can I enrol upon this course?**

Yes, however you must previously have served in either the RAPTC, Royal Air Force PT Wing, or Royal Navy/Royal Marines PT branch.

## **5. How much will this course cost?**

This programme of study will cost £4000 per academic year. This equates to roughly £500 per 15-credit module. When you consider that a standard degree course costs £9250 per academic year this represents excellent value for money. Please note that the fees quoted are for the next intake and are subject to change. Fee costs for subsequent years are subject to rise with inflation or course delivery costs

## **6. What happens if I leave the Armed Forces whilst studying, can I continue with my studies?**

Yes, once enrolled upon the programme you will be able to finish your studies.

## **7. What happens if I am deployed whilst studying, can I continue my studies?**

Yes, in this scenario you can continue your studies remotely using our Blackboard Virtual Learning Environment (VLE). On Blackboard you will receive online teaching materials and will be able to interact with your tutors and peers through the use of discussion boards, video conferencing and via email.

**8. What happens if I need to suspend my studies due to deployment, promotion, or lengthy career courses?**

In this scenario you will be able to effectively suspend your studies and return at the same point at which you left off during subsequent academic years. However, the programme must be completed within a 5-year period.

**9. Can I study if I am assigned to a country outside of the UK?**

Yes

**10. I currently have a Foundation Degree from another University, could I enrol on this course as a top-up?**

Individuals with a validated foundation degree in the Sports Science disciplines may enrol upon this programme of study at Level 6 as a “top-up” to achieve a full BSc (Hons) qualification.

**11. I am a qualified Exercise Rehabilitation Instructor (ERI), do I need to complete the Sports Injury and Rehabilitation module?**

Qualified ERIs will gain an additional 15-credit APEL at Level 6 and will not be required to complete the 15-credit SL627 Sports Injuries and Rehabilitation module. This will reduce the course fees during year two to £3500.

**12. Can I use my Enhanced Learning Credit (ELC) grants to pay for this course?**

The course is eligible for funding under the MOD Enhanced Learning Credits (ELC) scheme. Our ELCAS number is 1682. You will be able to use one of your three £2000 ELC grants for each year of study on this course. For further details on how to use your ELCs please visit the [ELCAS website](#) and/or speak to your education staff.

**13. Can I pay in monthly instalments?**

Yes, the University will allow payment in three equal instalments each year, normally in September, January, and April.

**14. I already have an undergraduate degree, do Bucks offer any sports science based, part-time MSc courses?**

Yes, Bucks offers part-time, 2-year [MSc Sports Performance](#) and [MSc Sports Therapy](#) programmes.