

TASS Dual Career Policy – Teesside University

The below document highlights the TASS Dual Career Plan delivered at Teesside University for student athletes selected at the institution as '*Dual Career Athletes*'.

Dual Career Athletes:

These individuals are selected annually to the Teesside University Performance Sport Scholarship. The aim of this scholarship is to identify these individuals as athletes performing at a high level within their respective sport whilst studying with Teesside University.

Athletes inducted into this scholarship scheme will then receive a level of support throughout the year to help them achieve and develop to the highest levels that they can within both sport and academia. All student athletes inducted onto the scheme will be classed as *Dual Career Athletes* and this policy will apply to them whilst they remain on the scheme.

The Dual Career Policy is overseen internally by Teesside Sport *Performance Sport Coordinator*, operating as the Dual Career Coordinator (DCC).

DCC Role:

The DCC at Teesside University will be contactable any time throughout the academic year via email Monday – Friday between 08:30h-17:00h (16.00 on Friday). The DCC will respond to the email in no later than 2 working days. The DCC will check up on athletes once per month via email/1-1 catch ups to see how athletes are getting on, any issue that are brought up will get resolved at the earliest possible convenience.

The DCC will create a CPD programme the dual career athletes will have access to throughout the year. The aim of this programme is to provide them development opportunities from a sporting and academic perspective. These will be hosted in conjunction with other practitioners and university departments, with the opportunity for dual career athletes to engage further with these services on an individual basis should they wish.

Dual Career Athlete attendance and engagement can be monitored through the personal tutor using our on-line system STREAM.

This system allows personal tutors to input when athletes will be off campus for competitions, training camps etc. Dual Career pathways fit with the institution's "Future Facing Learning Strategy" particularly with the globally connected element high performance sport provides. Our personal tutoring system provides a formal

opportunity for student athletes to work together with academic staff, and the support of the School Registrars within each school will further help ensure dual career opportunities are supported.

Supporting “Dual Career” athletes has been specially included within the development of the institution’s sport strategy. It will be clear on induction that it is the student’s responsibility to be proactive and to use the mechanisms in places to communicate with their academic staff.

Please see links to existing policies and procedures outlined above and our learner analytics system (StREAM)

Personal Tutoring Code of Practice:

<https://www.tees.ac.uk/docs/DocRepo/Quality%20framework/Personal%20Tutoring%20Code%20of%20Practice.pdf>

When applying for flexible options students will be advised to contact their personal tutor and / or DCC for further advice. They will be supported in following the appropriate and existing University policies and procedure (outlined above) dependent on their circumstance. All course leaders and personal tutors are aware of these procedures.

Notification of absence from class should be provided to the school’s admin teams and also to the DCC and the athlete’s personal tutor who will log this on our engagement management system (STREAM). This constitutes a difference from normal practice (informing school admin team) to enable the athlete and University to holistically plan for absence. The athlete will also be required to inform all module leaders to ensure they are able to access appropriate content whilst absent.

<https://blogs.tees.ac.uk/teonline/digital-delivery-learning-and-support/delivering-personal-tutoring-remotely/using-stream/>

At the start of the academic year there will be an induction for all staff and student athletes, this is where all the expectations for the forthcoming year will be outlined. Throughout the academic year there will be regular workshops and check ins with the student athletes to make sure they are thriving both academically and in their chosen sport. At the end of the year there will be a concluding presentation for all student athletes and staff to celebrate the academic year and their achievements.

Athletes will be flagged to school registrars and their course leaders. Course leaders will be encouraged to inform teaching staff and personal tutors and athletes will receive a specific induction. There will be an opportunity for everyone to get to know each other during the start of year inductions. All athletes will have access to the

TASS workshop programme and will be invited to meet their personal tutor & DCC at least once per semester.

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