



FOOTBALL Degree Programmes in SETU Carlow

Course Codes: **SE931 & SE909**

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Application Info & Entry Criteria (How Many Places, LC Points, CAO, Closing Dates)

1. How many places are available on the course?

There are up to 24 places available on the course in first year.

2. How do I apply for the course?

The course is on the Central Applications Office (CAO) system and as such should be applied for via the CAO – <http://www.cao.ie/>

3. I am a mature student; how do I apply?

All students including mature students must apply through the CAO system – <http://www.cao.ie/>

4. Do you have any female students on the course?

Yes, there are female students on the course, at present we have 12 girls on the course. Many Female students and graduates play or coach in the Women's National League and have gone on to work or play full-time in football.

5. I am an International (non EU) student; how do I apply?

Please contact the International Office in ITCarlow
<https://www.itcarlow.ie/international/non-eu-students.htm>

6. When is the deadline for applying for the course?

CAO early Deadline - **Feb 1st**
CAO late Deadline - **May 1st**

7. What Leaving Certificate Points do I need?

We recommend people have a minimum of 280 points in the Leaving Certificate (or via Fetac) to give themselves a chance of receiving an offer for the course. Not everyone above 300 points will receive an offer however as the 'Information Form' and trial / interview is a very important part of the process also.

8. What if I add the course to my choice of courses later in the year on www.cao.ie ?

The process of short-listing candidates for trials and interviews will continue up to the final change of mind date for the CAO of July 1st.

Please Note: The final deadline to apply via cao is May 1st with change of mind available up until July 1st.

9. I am studying a FETAC course, how does this impact on my eligibility for the course?

Students studying a FETAC course can apply like every other prospective student through the CAO system. FETAC students must ensure that they are doing enough modules at level 5 or above (eight) in order to achieve a FETAC award and obtain the necessary points to be considered for the course.

Please Note: You may be required to upload and update your cao profile with courses, modules completed id doing a FETAC course. This should be completed directly with CAO.

10. When do I need to send in an ‘Applicant Information Form’?

Everyone who applies for the course will be sent an Information Form to fill out and from that trials and interviews will be held. Thus, you do not need to send in the information form until you receive an official information form from us, this will happen after we have been notified of your application through the CAO system. A copy of the information form is available on the IT Carlow website – The Football course form is available in the entry requirements tab on this page.

<http://www.itcarlow.ie/public/userfiles/files/Football-Applicant%20Information%20Form-2023-SE909-SE931.pdf>

11. Will I be called for a trial and interview?

After submission of the ‘Information Form’ applicants will receive an email either:

- a.) Inviting the applicant to attend an Interview/ Trial process, or
- b.) Informing the applicant that they will not be receiving an invitation to the Interview / Trial process and therefore will not be receiving an offer of a place on the programme.

12. When will the trials be held?

The plan is to hold trials in April / early May for those who apply for the course before February 1st.

For late applicants’ trials will take place later in the summer.

Football Supports (Scholarships, Training Schedule and Supports)

13. How do I apply for a sports scholarship? What is included, What types of Scholarship can I apply for?

SETU Carlow provides a number of Sports Scholarships to students of exceptional sporting ability for each academic year. The Scholarships afford the elite sports person the opportunity to compete at the highest level while pursuing a course of academic study in Carlow. They ensure that talented and committed student athletes are fully supported during their time studying at the Institute of Technology, Carlow, Wicklow and Wexford campuses. Scholarships offer resources as well as financial support to athletes to assist with the cost of accommodation, coaching and specialised training equipment.

Further Information and Application Form available at the link below:

<https://www.itcarlow.ie/study/school-leavers/scholarships/sports-scholarships.htm>

14. What is the High-Performance Entry Scheme and How do I apply?

SETU Carlow recognises achievement and have developed the High Performance Entry (HPE) Scheme to enable athletes and other high achievers who are committed to their activity to achieve their dual ambition of a high quality education and performance at the highest level within their field. The HPE Entry Scheme applies to the following areas:

- Sport
- Active Citizenship
- Innovation/Entrepreneurship

- Creative Arts Information and application form available at the link below.

<https://www.itcarlow.ie/study/school-leavers/high-performance-entry-scheme.htm>

15. Do I need to have played at a high level to get a place on the course?

There is no set standard or level that a player must be at to apply.

However, as a large component of the course is practical based, prospective students must show a history of playing at a competitive level and show evidence that they will be able to train, take part and complete the player development and coach education modules.

16. Can I still play for a club team while studying on this course?

Yes, the majority of students continue to play with a club team while studying on the course. A high number of students on the course have played in the Mens and Womens League of Ireland at Premier, 1st Div and U19s level.

The college also has teams competing at a high level in both the men's and women's leagues at third level in Ireland.

SETU Carlow have been 1 of the most successful University teams in Ireland over the last 10+ years winning numerous national leagues and cups in both Mens and Womens competitions.

17. Will I get to play matches while studying on this course?

All students on the course will have the opportunity of playing for the SETU Carlow football teams that compete in the Colleges Football Association of Ireland (CFAI), Colleges and Universities Football League (CUFL) and the Womens Soccer Colleges Association of Ireland (WSCAI) competitions. Further information on these leagues is available at <http://www.thirdlevelfootball.ie>

18. What other football 'Playing' opportunities are available at third level?

Elite level players can expect to have the opportunity to represent Ireland at third level competitions including events like the World University Games. The CFAI and WSCAI also have representative teams who play matches against International opposition regularly.

19. Can I study for the 3 (SE931) or 4 (SE909) year degree?

The level 7 degree 'BA Sports Coaching and Business Management' (Football) SE931 and the level 8 hons degree 'BA Sports Management & Coaching SE909 run concurrently for the first 3 years. Whether you register and accept a place on the level 7 or level 8 you will be in the same student group.

Students enrolled on the level 8 can depart with a level 7 degree after 3 years if they pass all modules and likewise students will have the option to progress to the 4th year if they fully complete the 3 year programme.

20. What are the modules, subjects and content covered on the course?

Students complete 'mandatory' modules and can also select from 'elective' modules depending on their preference.

Modules include; Player Development, Coach Education, S&C, Anatomy and Physiology, Performance Analysis and Sports Business.

Click on the 'subjects tab' at this link for a full list of modules
<https://www.itcarlow.ie/cw827.htm>

21. Do I need to be fit to complete this course?

Its advisable that students are fit and healthy when participating for this course. Due to the nature of the modules it is very practical based with up to 6 practical sessions in Player Development, Coach Education and S&C each week.

22. What type of careers are graduates progressing onto?

Graduates are progressing into a variety of roles in Sport & Business;

- Football roles in the FAI, League of Ireland and overseas clubs and federations (Development Officers, High Performance coaches, Performance Analysis)
- S&C roles – S&C coaches, fitness instructors, fitness franchise owners.
- Business roles – sales, marketing, management (Salesforce, Hubspot etc.)

23. Can I obtain the Uefa B licence while on this course?

Yes the Uefa B licence is an option in both 3rd and 4th year of the degree programme.

24. Where do I get further information?

Further information is available from either:

<https://www.itcarlow.ie/cw827.htm> &
[SETU x Football Association of Ireland | What the course involves - YouTube](#)



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