

## A sporting community



Whether you're an athlete looking to join a new club, love to watch live sports events with friends, or simply want to keep in shape, our vibrant sporting community has something for everyone.

### Sports events in Worcester

Alongside University sports, the city of Worcester has a lively sporting tradition, from Premiership rugby and county cricket to riverboat regattas. Students are an extensive part of Worcester's sporting community, and there are plenty opportunities for you to attend some of the most exciting live sports events in the UK.

With the University-owned [Worcester Wolves](#) basketball team playing in the top-flight of the BBL league, you can get behind the Wolves and make some noise with the wolfpack at home games at the [University Arena](#) on Friday nights. If you can't make it down the Arena, you'll find lots of our basketball matches are covered on the BBC Red Button and BBC Sport website.

The University Arena is also home to the [Severn Stars](#) netball super league franchise. This exciting new professional team are co-owned by the University of Worcester and the University of Gloucestershire.

"The University of Worcester Arena is not only a fantastic venue to train in, it's a great place to showcase international competitions."

*Sophie Carrigill  
Worcester Graduate and Great Britain Wheelchair Basketball captain*

### University sporting achievements

With inspiring athletes, experienced coaches, and excellent facilities, our outstanding reputation for sporting success continues to flourish each year.

Many of our teams compete nationally in British Universities & Colleges Sport (BUCS) leagues, and consistently set new records each year. In 2013, the Ladies' football club were crowned champions following their success on the pitch at the BUCS Conference Cup, while a member of the American Football team received a prestigious male athlete of the year award.

As one of the first universities to establish a wheelchair basketball team, we strive to encourage and support participation at every level, and offer the country's first sports coaching science degree specialising in disability sport. We also support students wishing to set up alternative clubs, such as ultimate frisbee, snowsports, trampolining, and horse riding.

### Sports facilities

Our superb sports facilities are wide-ranging and cater for all different sports and abilities.

If you're studying sports or joining a University club, you will benefit from our state-of-the-art sports spaces, including our floor-sprung studios and gymnasias, floodlit astrotrurf pitches and extensive playing fields, large dance studios, and the stunning University Arena - the largest venue of its kind in the County.

For those seeking a more leisurely approach to sports, our two fitness suites offer attractive, air-conditioned exercise spaces, as well as massage and sports therapy clinics and advice on nutrition and acupuncture. Our Riverside campus hosts a busy programme of fitness classes from Yoga to Zumba, with many sessions running during the evenings and on weekends.



## In the spotlight: University Arena

A multi-purpose sports and events venue, the 2,000-seat capacity University Arena opened its doors in 2013, and is now a national centre of excellence for disability sports as well as home to the Worcester Wolves basketball team.



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