

Subject/Qualification	Cambridge Nationals Sports Studies Level 2 (OCR)
What is the course about?	The Cambridge Nationals in Sport Studies take a more sector-based focus, whilst also encompassing some core sport/physical education themes. Learners have the opportunity to apply theoretical knowledge about different types of sport and physical activity, skills development and sports leadership to their own practical performance. They will learn about contemporary issues in sport such as funding, participation, ethics and role models, and sport and the media. Learners will develop an appreciation of the importance of sport locally and nationally, different ways of being involved in sport and of how this shapes the sports industry. This qualification has been designed with practical and engaging ways of teaching in mind and enable learners to: <ul> <li>develop a range of skills through involvement in sport and physical activity in different contexts and roles</li> <li>develop their ability to apply theoretical knowledge to practical situations</li> <li>gain a better understanding of the complexity of different areas of sport and the sports industry</li> <li>increase their awareness of different ways to stay involved in sport and physical activity and of different careers and roles within sport.</li> </ul>
How is it assessed?	The assessment is made up of four units, selected to suit the group. Two units are mandatory and two are optional units. One mandatory unit is an externally marked exam (25% of the final grade/60 marks). The remaining three units are coursework based (25% of the final grade each). This may be assessed in the form of a presentation, a written report, photos or videos written about or analysed, verbal descriptions, reviews or analysis. One unit of coursework that is externally marked or moderated (sample sent off to moderator). (25% of the final grade). Two units of coursework internally marked (teacher assessed) and moderated. (25% of the final grade each).
What can you do with this qualification?	If students attain a Grade 4 or above they will be in a good position to study A-Level Physical Education or the BTEC National Diploma award in Higher education. The course could lead students onto university and then potential career pathways in : - Sports coaching - Sports physiotherapy - Teacher of Physical Education - Sports Management - Sports Science or Sports Studies
Is there a main selling point?	Working in an industry you're passionate about is fun. This doesn't mean that it's not also work, but the desire to learn and excel comes much more readily when you love the field you're employed in. You might consider wading into team or venue management or marketing if you're crazy about sports—for several good reasons. You don't necessarily have to pick up a baseball bat or a hockey stick.
What are the pre- course requirements?	Students need to have an interest in the subject and should enjoy core PE lessons but also want to look at the theoretical aspects of PE/Sport and how it can support performance but also pupils own future aspirations. Be able to present work in a variety of ways and show the ability to read around the subject to gain knowledge but also the importance of meeting deadlines. Its not all about practical ability and actually the ability to manage themselves and complete tasks is key. Sport is ever changing and the opportunities are endless for where your career could lead to. Whether as a Sports Scientist working for a Premier league Club, analysing data, Physiotherapy, Leisure management or Sports Coaching.
What other subject(s) does it combine well with?	Sociology Science Business