

SQA Advanced Unit Specification

General information for centres

Unit title: Golf Facility Development

Unit code: HW8H 48

Unit purpose: The purpose of the unit is to develop an understanding of the factors underpinning the development of a golf facility. Political, economic, social, technical, legislative and environmental factors will be evaluated for their impact on the development.

The emphasis of this unit is on factors relating to the potential development of a golf facility not on the actual the design of a golf course.

Outcomes

On completion of the unit the candidate should be able to:

- 1 Evaluate a site for the potential development of a golf facility using an appropriate analytical tool.
- 2 Provide a recommendation for the development of a new golf facility for a given site based upon the analysis.
- 3 Design and plan a golf facility for a given site.

Credit points and value: 2 SQA Credits at SCQF level 8: (16 SCQF credit points at SCQF level 8*)

**SCQF credit points are used to allocate credit to qualifications in the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF). Each qualification in the Framework is allocated a number of SCQF credit points at an SCQF level. There are 12 SCQF levels, ranging from National 1 to Doctorates.*

Recommended prior knowledge and skills: Access to this unit is at the discretion of the centre. However, it would be beneficial if the candidate had completed or was working towards Golf Courses: an Introduction.

Core Skills: There are opportunities to develop the Core Skills of *Problem Solving*, *Communication* and *Information Technology* at SCQF level 6 in this unit, although there is no automatic certification of Core Skills or Core Skills components.

Context for delivery: If this unit is delivered as part of a group award, it is recommended that it should be taught and assessed within the subject area of the group award to which it contributes.

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Assessment: Assessment is gathered using through a combination of assessment tools to include the production of an analysis and recommendation for the development of a golf course using an analytical tool and the production of a scale plan for a proposed development.

It would be possible to assess these outcomes by case study.

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SQA Advanced unit specification: statement of standards

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The sections of the unit stating the outcomes, knowledge and/or skills, and evidence requirements are mandatory.

Where evidence for outcomes is assessed on a sample basis, the whole of the content listed in the knowledge and/or skills section must be taught and available for assessment. Candidates should not know in advance the items on which they will be assessed, and different items should be sampled on each assessment occasion.

Outcome 1

Evaluate a site for the potential development of a golf facility using an appropriate analytical tool

Knowledge and/or Skills

- ◆ Analytical tools
- ◆ Golf facility development
- ◆ Development factors
- ◆ Current relevant planning and building regulations

Evidence Requirements

Candidates must be able to:

- ◆ select and apply an appropriate analytical tool to a potential site of a golf facility
- ◆ evaluate a site for a potential development considering the effects of at least four factors, including planning and building regulations, likely to have an impact on the development

Assessment Guidelines

This could be assessed using a case study, requiring the application of a PESTLE or similar analytical tool to a site. A case study approach would allow a holistic approach to assessment, as it would allow Outcomes 1, 2 and 3 to be combined and a portfolio of evidence, duly referenced, to be submitted for assessment purposes. Outcome 2 and 3 would utilise the case study information and recommendations to produce a golf facility plan and design evidence. The case study information should be given and a deadline for submission of evidence negotiated which allows the candidate sufficient time to research and carry out the necessary tasks. The assessment for Outcome 1 is likely to be 1,000 words or equivalent.

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Outcome 2

Provide a recommendation for the development of a new golf facility for a given site based upon the analysis.

Knowledge and/or Skills

- ◆ Golf markets
- ◆ Technical possibilities
- ◆ Golf course
- ◆ Clubhouse
- ◆ Associated services

Evidence Requirements

Candidates must be able to:

- ◆ provide recommendations for the development of a golf facility, to include reference to the golf course, clubhouse and associated services
- ◆ justify the recommendations in terms of the local market, the given location and any limitations exposed by the initial site evaluation

Assessment Guidelines

Assessment could be integrated with that for Outcome 1 and 3 whereby a recommendation is produced for a golf development based upon the evaluation. The assessment for Outcome 2 is likely to be 1,500 words or equivalent to exclude any diagrams, plans or schematics.

Outcome 3

Design and plan a golf facility for a given site

Knowledge and/or Skills

- ◆ Preparation of an outline plan of the site

Evidence Requirements

- ◆ draw an outline plan of the site based on the recommendations in Outcome 2 to include location of course, main facilities, member services, car parking, road ways and access arrangements

Assessment Guidelines

Assessment could be integrated with that for Outcome 1 and 2 whereby a recommendation is produced for a golf development based upon the analysis for a site.

Assessment will be through production of an outline plan of a site for a proposed golf facility development. The outline plan should be of a standard which could be presented to the golf club committee or board of directors as an initial proposal to introduce a new facility.

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Administrative Information

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SQA Advanced unit specification: support notes

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This part of the unit specification is offered as guidance. The support notes are not mandatory.

While the exact time allocated to this unit is at the discretion of the centre, the notional design length is 80 hours.

Guidance on the content and context for this unit

The content of the unit is designed to encourage candidates to think about the different constraints that impact upon the development of a golf facility. The intention is to ensure understanding of different types of facility and their suitability to different golf markets and locations.

In Outcome 1 and 2 the candidate is asked to consider factors such as national and/or local strategies for golf development, the patterns of golf 'consumption' in varying locations at present, the political, and economic and social factors that are pre-requisites for golf development. Some factors may be site specific and as such may require the candidate to look at water use, chemical and pesticide use, sites of special scientific interest, archaeological interests, and landscape impact.

The use of analytical tools will be introduced as an aid to gathering information.

For Outcome 3, the candidate is asked to draw an outline plan of the site based on the recommendations in Outcome 2, to include location of course, main facilities, member services, car parking, roadways and access arrangements.

The outline plan should be of a standard which could be presented to the golf club committee or board of directors as an initial proposal to introduce a new facility.

Plans drawn to scale are desirable but not essential.

Guidance on the delivery and assessment of this unit

Delivery will be through a range of methods in a range of locations. Classroom teaching will be supported by site visit, case studies, visiting speakers, internet searches, literature searches and personal experience. Assessment will be through a variety of methods, details of which are given within each outcome.

Opportunities for developing Core Skills

While there may be opportunities to develop the Core Skills of *Problem Solving*, *Communication* and *Information Technology*, all at SCQF level 6 in this unit, there is no automatic certification of Core Skills or Core Skills components.

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Open learning

This unit is suitable for open learning. However, it would require planning by the centre to ensure the sufficiency and authenticity of candidate evidence. For information on open learning, please refer to *SQA guide assessment and quality assurance of open and distance learning (A1030, Feb 2001)*.

Equality and inclusion

This unit specification has been designed to ensure that there are no unnecessary barriers to learning or assessment. The individual needs of learners should be taken into account when planning learning experiences, selecting assessment methods or considering alternative evidence.

Further advice can be found on our website www.sqa.org.uk/assessmentarrangements.

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This unit is designed to encourage you to think about the ways in which golf facilities are developed, including their suitability for different markets and locations. Teaching will be supported through various site visits and case studies of golf facilities recently developed or under development. This will be supported in class through discussion lectures on relevant topics. You will have the opportunity to design your own golf facility, based upon your own analysis of the market in a given location.

The unit will include consideration of factors such as national and/or local strategies for golf development, the patterns of golf 'consumption' in varying locations at present, the political, economic and social factors that are pre-requisites for golf development.

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