

# THE UNIC | FIFPRO EDUCATION INITIATIVE

**PREPARE FOR A CAREER  
AFTER PROFESSIONAL SPORTS**

- ONLINE DEGREES
- SCHOLARSHIPS
- ENDORSED BY FIFPRO

## THE INITIATIVE

For many professional footballers around the world, combining a career in sports while pursuing an academic degree, can be a challenge as training, matches, travelling and moving to a new club will probably not allow them to attend classes regularly.

The University of Nicosia (UNIC) and FIFPro offer you the possibility to study online wherever you are, at your own pace.

**You can create your own schedule AND earn a quality degree.**

UNIC and FIFPro have launched a global educational initiative, which allows over 1,000 professional footballers, from around the world, to study with scholarship at the University of Nicosia.

The two following distance learning programmes are available to members of FIFPro player unions:

- a) Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) (with an additional certificate in Sports Management)
- b) Master in Business Administration (MBA)

## THE PROGRAMMES

### Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA)

With the Distance Learning Bachelor in Business Administration you have the opportunity to pursue one of the most popular undergraduate degrees worldwide, in a flexible manner. This degree will allow you to combine studying online, without interfering with your sporting commitments, as there is no need to attend classes physically. During the study, you will learn all the key principles of business - Management, Marketing, Accounting, Finance and Information Technology - and acquire the necessary knowledge, skills and competences to cope with today's challenges in these areas. Throughout the degree, you will be trained to consider the business process as a whole and to appreciate the interdependence of the various functions of business activities. With these tools, you will be better equipped for a job in the labour market.

Upon completion of the BBA programme you can complete for free the Sports Management courses and receive an additional **Certificate in Sports Management**.

### Master of Business Administration (MBA)

The MBA programme is designed to provide you with a solid foundation of business education, which integrates theoretical and practical components, remaining close to actual business practices. It aspires to help participants develop management and leadership skills, operate effectively in multicultural environments and adapt quickly.

With an MBA degree from the University of Nicosia, you are best-suited to pursue a career in any business-related field and position globally, including the sports industry.

For more information, please visit the UNIC | FIFPro website:  
[unic.ac.cy/fifpro](http://unic.ac.cy/fifpro)

## THE SCHOLARSHIPS

UNIC has created a scholarship programme to motivate and reward professional footballers who are members of one of FIFPro's 60 player unions.

**There are up to 1,000 scholarships for players, including benefits from 10 to 100 percent, with the total scholarship budget valued up to 2 million euro.**

For more details, please contact your union or visit the website:  
[unic.ac.cy/fifpro/scholarships](http://unic.ac.cy/fifpro/scholarships)

### APPLY NOW!

Online Application:  
[unic.ac.cy/fifpro/apply](http://unic.ac.cy/fifpro/apply)

Requirements and Duration:

BBA	MBA
High School Diploma Good level of English	Bachelor's Degree Good level of English
4 years (full time)	18 months (full time)

## BENEFITS

### FLEXIBLE

A distance learning programme that is tailored to your needs, even if you move to a team in another country.

### FEASIBLE

The distance learning programmes allow you to complete the degrees at your own pace, based on your personal situation and needs.

### PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE

Education prepares you for a life after your playing career.

### ENDORSED BY FIFPRO

Members of FIFPro player unions worldwide can apply.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

UNIC has made available up to 2 million Euros worth of scholarships.



# FOR MORE INFORMATION

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## ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF NICOSIA

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The University of Nicosia (UNIC) is the largest university in Cyprus, with over 12,000 students from over 70 countries across the globe, coming together in an innovative and transformative learning space. UNIC is driven by a pursuit of excellence in teaching and learning, innovation, research, technology, and a continually evolving academic environment.

## ABOUT FIFPRO

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FIFPro is the worldwide representative organisation for all professional footballers and it is comprised of more than 65,000 members in total, both male and female. The World Players' Union currently has 60 national players' associations as their members.

