

Welcome
MSc Advanced Computing
MRes in Advanced Computing

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MAC Course Structure

9 Modules	Terms 1 & 2
+	
Project Background Paper	Term 2
+	
Individual Project	Term 3

MAC Course Structure

The 9 Modules:

- Must contain at least 1 practical module: Prolog or Advanced Topics in Software Engineering. You can do both.
- One module can be ISO which takes place in term 2.
- The other modules are lecture courses.

What is an ISO?

Individual Study Option :

Directed reading +

Research under the guidance of a supervisor.

Assessed by a dissertation and a viva.

ISO can be done only in term 2 and needs approval of the ISO co-ordinator.

There is a presentation today at 2 pm in room 311.

MAC Advice

- Do not take 2 practical modules.
They are both in the same term, and they involve a lot of lab work.
- Distribute your courses well over the two terms.
- Do not make late changes in your courses.

MAC: What Courses Can You Choose?

- Check the web site.
- Check the Areas of Specialisation
- Prolog is recommended for some courses.
- Check the timetable (some courses may clash).
- Be careful about the constraints.

Important Note: January Week 1 of Term 2

For those who are doing Prolog:

- There will be a lab exam.
- The exam counts as 80% of the lab module.



You must make sure you are here at the start of term in January!



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MAC Assessment via various means

- Taught courses:
Written Examinations+Courseworks
- ISO: report and viva
- Practical courses: various
- Individual Project:
report and viva



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Timetables and Useful Web pages

Today:

- Introduction to MRes at 14:00 in room 311
This is for MRes students and any MAC students who think they may be interested in MRes
- Meetings with tutors at 16:30 in your tutor's room

Information on the Web

Course Descriptions

Regulations

Database

Book Lists

Noticeboard <http://www.doc.ic.ac.uk/~fs/msc-noticeboard/msc-noticeboard.html>

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Personal Records

Lecture Course Subscriptions

MRes Course Structure

9 Modules Terms 1 & 2
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Project Background Paper Term 2
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Individual Project Term 3

MRes Course Structure

The 9 Modules:

4 Taught courses in total terms 1, 2
max of 1 can be a practical course, i.e. Prolog or
Advanced Topics in Software Engineering

1 long or 2 short Individual Research Projects
(in total equivalent to 4 modules) terms 1, 2

MRes Course Structure cntd.

Critical reading course	term 2
College Skills courses	terms 1, 2
Project background paper	term 2
Individual project	term 3

MRes: What Courses Can You Choose?

- Check the web site.
- Be careful about the constraints.
- Check the Areas of Specialisation.
- Check the timetable (some courses may clash).

MRes

Individual Research Projects

For details of these and other elements of your course

please make sure you come to the meeting today:

Introduction to MRes at 14:00 in room 311.

MRes Assessment via various means

- Taught courses:
Written Examinations+Courseworks
- Practical courses: various
- Individual Pject:
report and viva
- MRes Research Project(s)
- Critical reading course: reports



Summer Term

April – May:
Written Examinations



May – September:
Individual Projects

Degree Classification

- Distinction
- Merit
- Pass

Possible Prizes for one or
two top students!



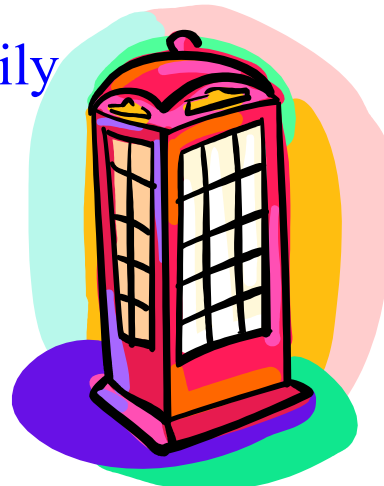
Assessed work



- Will be marked and returned to you
- You must keep them all in a place where you can find them later
- You will be asked to return them all later for the Examiners Meeting in June/July

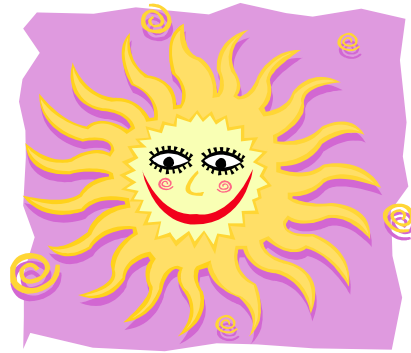
Communications

- Email
Please check your emails daily
- Web
Please check carefully.
You can find a lot of important information there.



This can be a great year for you.

- Enjoy the course
- Enjoy the department
- Enjoy the College
- Enjoy London



Getting feedback from you

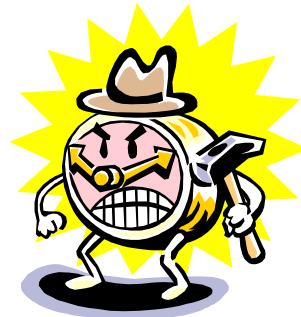
- Student representatives
- Regular meetings with me
- Staff-student Committee

Some words of advice

You need

Good Time management

- Don't fall behind
- Courseworks will come in thick and fast
- Deadlines are strict



How to fail the MSc !



- Get a part-time job
- Get a job in the summer so you can't spend enough time on your project
- Miss coursework submissions
- Copy courseworks or lab work from others
- Generally fall behind

If you feel like this



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Come and talk to someone.
We will try hard to help!

You can talk to

- Me
- My deputy
- Your personal tutor
- Department's senior tutor
- College counsellors

All details are in your introductory packs.

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People with Responsibilities for MAC and MRes

MAC and MRes Deputy Course Director and Research Project Co-ordinator

Dr. Peter Pietzuch

ISO Co-ordinator

Dr. Steffen van Bakel

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