

Welcome

MSc Computing (Specialisms)

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MSc Computing (Specialisms) (MCSS)

- Architecture
- Artificial Intelligence
- Biomedical Applications
- Computational Management Science
- Creative Industries
- Distributed Systems
- Performance Modelling
- Software Engineering
- Theory
- Visual Information Processing

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MSc Computing (Specialisms) (MCSS) Course Structure

9 Modules **Terms 1 & 2**

+

Project Background Paper **Term 2**

+

Individual Project **Term 3**

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MCSS Course Structure

The 9 Modules can be made up in one of the following ways:

- 7 courses from a group of courses appropriate for the specialism +
- 2 courses freely selected from any of the specialisms
 - One of the two free courses can be replaced with one **ISO (Individual Study Option)**.

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.

MCSS: What Courses Can You Choose?

- Check the web site.
- Check the table of specialisms.
- Every specialism has one or more compulsory courses amongst its nine modules.
- **I advise you against doing more than one practical course.**
- Be very careful about the constraints.
- Check the timetable (some courses may clash).
- **Distribute your courses well over the two terms.**
- **Do not make late changes in your courses.**

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For those whose compulsory practical course is Software Engineering Practice:

- This course has lectures in term 1.
- It also includes a group project that is allocated at the end of term 1 and undertaken in term 2.

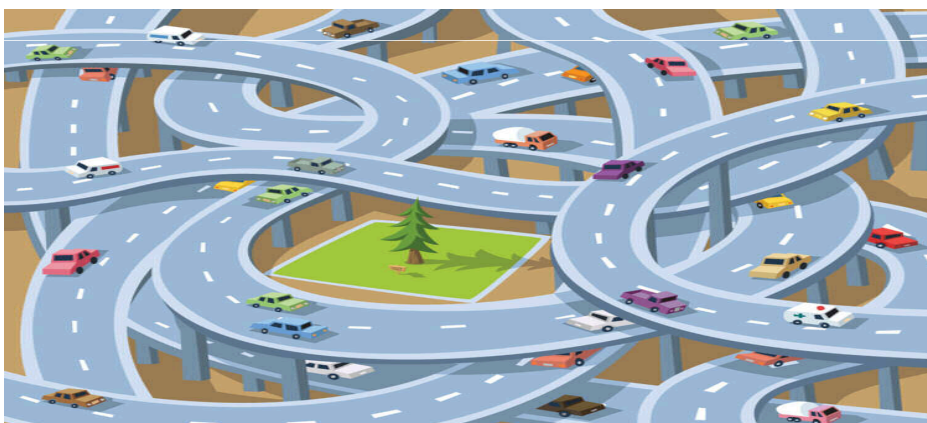
Important Note: January Week 1 of Term 2

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!



Summer Term

April – May:
Written Examinations

May – September:
Individual Projects



Timetables and Useful Web pages

Today:

- Introduction to ISO at 14:00 in room 311
- 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

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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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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

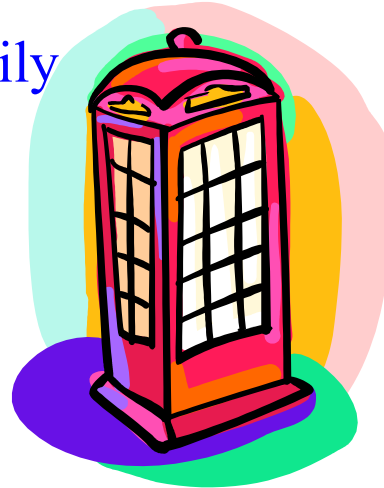
- Email

Please check your emails daily

- Web

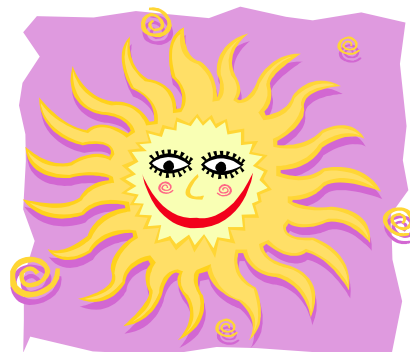
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You can find a lot of important information there.



This can be a great year for you.

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



Getting feedback from you

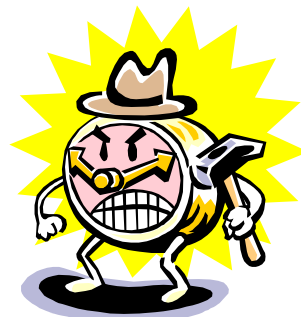
- Student representatives
- Regular meetings with me
- Staff-student Committee

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



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.

People with Responsibilities for MAC

MCSS Deputy Course Director

Dr. William Knottenbelt

ISO Co-ordinator

Dr. Steffen van Bakel

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