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**FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND
ENGINEERING**

**POSTGRADUATE STUDENT
HANDBOOK**

MSC (FHEQ LEVEL 7)

**ADVANCED COMPUTER
SCIENCE**

(JANUARY INTAKE)

DEGREE PROGRAMMES

SUBJECT SPECIFIC

PART TWO OF TWO

MODULE AND COURSE STRUCTURE

2023-24

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The January 23-24 academic year begins on 29th January 2024

Full term dates can be found [here](#)

DATES OF 23-24 TERMS

29 January 2024 – 07 June 2024

10 June 2024 – 20 September 2024

30 September 2024- 09 December 2024

SEMESTER 1

29 January 2024 – 07 June 2024

SUMMER

10 June 2024 – 20 September 2024

SEMESTER 2

30 September 2024- 09 December 2024

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Welcome to the Faculty of Science and Engineering!

Whether you are a new or a returning student, we could not be happier to be on this journey with you.

At Swansea University and in the Faculty of Science and Engineering, we believe in working in partnership with students. We work hard to break down barriers and value the contribution of everyone.

Our goal is an inclusive community where everyone is respected, and everyone's contributions are valued. Always feel free to talk to academic, technical and administrative staff, administrators - I'm sure you will find many friendly helping hands ready to assist you. And make the most of living and working alongside your fellow students.

During your time with us, please learn, create, collaborate, and most of all – enjoy yourself!

Professor David Smith
Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Executive Dean
Faculty of Science and Engineering



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STUDENT SUPPORT

The Faculty of Science and Engineering has two **Reception** areas - Engineering Central (Bay Campus) and Wallace 223c (Singleton Park Campus).

Standard Reception opening hours are Monday-Friday 8.30am-4pm.

The **Student Support Team** provides dedicated and professional support to all students in the Faculty of Science and Engineering. Should you require assistance, have any questions, be unsure what to do or are experiencing difficulties with your studies or in your personal life, our team can offer direct help and advice, plus signpost you to further sources of support within the University. There are lots of ways to get information and contact the team:

Email: studentsupport-scienceengineering@swansea.ac.uk (Monday–Friday, 9am–5pm)

Call: +44 (0) 1792 295514 (Monday-Friday, 10am–12pm, 2–4pm).

Zoom: By appointment. Students can email, and if appropriate we will share a link to our Zoom calendar for students to select a date/time to meet.

The current student **webpages** also contain useful information and links to other resources:

<https://myuni.swansea.ac.uk/fse/>

READING LISTS

Reading lists for each module are available on the course Canvas page and are also accessible via <http://ifindreading.swan.ac.uk/>. Reading lists are also available within the Part 2 handbooks.

We do not expect you to purchase textbooks, unless it is a specified key text for the course.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN COMPULSORY AND CORE MODULES

Compulsory modules must be **pursued** by a student.

Core modules must not only be **pursued**, but also **passed** before a student can proceed to the next level of study or qualify for an award. Failures in core modules must be redeemed.

Further information can be found under “Modular Terminology” on the following link -

<https://myuni.swansea.ac.uk/academic-life/academic-regulations/taught-guidance/essential-info-taught-students/your-programme-explained/>

MSc (FHEQ Level 7) 2023/24
Advanced Computer Science- January
MSc Advanced Computer Science

Compulsory Modules

Semester 1 Modules	Semester 2 Modules
	CSCM10J Computer Science Project Research Methods 15 Credits Dr MJ Roach
Dissertation	
CS-M20 MSc Project 60 Credits Dr U Berger CORE	
Total 240 Credits	

Optional Modules

Choose a maximum of 60 credits

Choose a maximum of 4 modules in the Spring semester. Optional modules have capacity limits so may not be available at time of enrolment.

CSCM29	Blockchain, Cryptocurrencies and Smart Contracts	Dr AG Setzer	TB2	15
CSCM35	Big Data and Data Mining	Dr S Yang	TB2	15
CSCM37	Data Visualisation	Dr B Mora/Dr JF Maestre Avila	TB2	15
CSCM38	Advanced Topics: Artificial Intelligence and Cyber Security	Prof SA Shaikh/Prof J Zhang	TB2	15
CSCM39	Human Computer Interaction	Dr MI Ahmad	TB2	15
CSCM64	Software Testing	Dr E Neumann	TB2	15
CSCM68B	Embedded System Design	Dr B Chaparro Rico	TB2	15
CSCM75	Logic in Computer Science	Dr U Berger	TB2	15
CSCM79	Hardware and Devices	Dr DR Sahoo	TB2	15

And

Choose a maximum of 15 credits

You may choose to make no selection in this section.

Please note that CSCM18J, CSCM45J and CSCM48B also run in the Autumn semester. You cannot select both versions.

CSCM18J	IT-Security: Cryptography and Network Security	Dr E Neumann/Dr P Kumar	TB2	15
CSCM45J	Big Data and Machine Learning	Dr S Sharifzadeh	TB2	15
CSCM48B	Web Application Development	Dr J Hough	TB2	15

And

Choose a maximum of 45 credits

Choose a maximum of 3 modules in the Autumn Semester (due to dissertation work). Optional modules have capacity limits so may not be available at time of enrolment.

CSCM08	Information Security Management	Dr B Muller	TB1	15
CSCM13	Critical Systems	Dr AG Setzer	TB1	15
CSCM68	Embedded System Design	Dr H Nguyen/Prof SA Shaikh	TB1	15
CSCM72	Optimisation	Dr AAM Rahat	TB1	15
CSCM85	Modelling and Verification Techniques	Dr U Berger	TB1	15
CSCM98	Operating Systems and Architectures	Dr B Mora	TB1	15

And

Choose a maximum of 15 credits

You may choose to make no selection in this section.

CSCM18, CSCM45 and CSCM48 run in both semesters. You cannot select both versions.

CSCM18	IT-Security: Cryptography and Network Security	Dr P Kumar/Dr E Neumann	TB1	15
CSCM45	Big Data and Machine Learning	Dr Z Li	TB1	15
CSCM48	Web Application Development	Dr SP Walton	TB1	15

CS-M20 MSc Project
Credits: 60 Session: 2023/24 September-June
Pre-requisite Modules:
Co-requisite Modules:
Lecturer(s): Dr U Berger
Format: Individual project supervision
Delivery Method: Individual project supervision
Module Aims: This module will provide students with the opportunity of exploring a particular topic in computer science in some considerable depth. It is only open to students studying MSc Computer Science, MSc Advanced Computer Science, MSc Advanced Software Technology, MSc in High Performance and Scientific Computing, and MSc Data Science.
Module Content: The student will carry out independent project under the guidance of their supervisor. The dissertation may include the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion of the subject area and its history; - A literature survey; - Formulation of scientific questions and the answers to them; - Theoretical background; - Description of the approach taken; - Discussion of issues arising in the undertaking of the project; - Evaluation of results; - Progress and achievements of the project; - Suggestions for further work.
Intended Learning Outcomes: Students will be able to undertake independent research into appropriate areas of Computer Science; plan and undertake a significant independent piece of project work; critically evaluate their work in the context of current work in related areas.
Assessment: Project (100%)
Assessment Description: Project dissertation. The maximum word count for a Swansea University MSc is defined in the online Academic Guide: http://www.swan.ac.uk/registry/academicguide/
Moderation approach to main assessment: Universal Double Blind Marking of the whole cohort
Assessment Feedback: Students will receive guidance from their academic supervisor during individual supervision meetings. The minimum frequency of these is defined in University regulations; though it is expected that in practice they will be more frequent. Formal notification of the result of the MSc dissertation will be sent to the student via usual University processes. The student will receive individual feedback on their dissertation from their supervisor.
Failure Redemption: Resubmit dissertation in accordance with University regulations.
Additional Notes: Only available to students pursuing an MSc degree in Computer Science.

CSCM08 Information Security Management

Credits: 15 Session: 2023/24 September-January

Pre-requisite Modules:

Co-requisite Modules:

Lecturer(s): Dr B Muller

Format: 30 hours lectures and seminars

Delivery Method: On-campus lectures and lab sessions.

Module Aims: This module will address the theory and practice of information security. In particular, it will consider where data comes from, who collects it and what they can do with it. It will further look into theories of monitoring and surveillance, digital identity, legal and regulatory frameworks, data protection, cybercrime, business resilience, disaster recovery, and security audits.

Module Content: The theory and practice of information security: where does data come from, who collects it and what can they do with it? Data as a management tool, commodity, private asset, public good and public service.

Theories of monitoring and surveillance.

Theories of digital identity with applications to trust, anonymization and privacy. Technologies: biometrics, authentication, access control.

Legal and regulatory frameworks. Information Commissioners Office. Development of data protection. General Data Protection Regulation 2018. Company security policies and practices on digital media: use of email, the web and databases whilst at work, travelling and at home. Failures of information security: internal versus external. Case studies of data breaches.

The global landscape of cybercrime. Classification of cybercrime. Hackers and mules -- social engineering, leakage, penetration, betrayal, etc. Case studies of cybercrime, especially fraud. Convergence of real and virtual crimes.

Business resilience, continuity and disaster recovery. Risk analysis. Security audits. Role of chief information security officers.

Intended Learning Outcomes: Students will be able to

- critically evaluate the personal, organisational, and legal/regulatory context in which information systems could be used, the risks of such use and the constraints that may affect how cyber security is implemented and managed,
- explain security requirements, and specify appropriate security measures,
- critically analyse the nature, role and problems of data in all aspects of modern life as well as the scope and limits of technologies and human factors in security,
- carry out risk analysis and evaluate compliance issues for data in an organisation or company,
- undertake security audits of policies, practices and technologies.

Assessment: Assignment 1 (30%)

Examination (70%)

Resit Assessment: Examination (Resit instrument) (100%)

Assessment Description: Assignment 1: Short report and group presentation/video

The exam will be a regular closed-book 2h exam.

Moderation approach to main assessment: Moderation by sampling of the cohort

Assessment Feedback: Formative feedback during term time. Written individual feedback on presentation and report outlining strengths and weaknesses.

Failure Redemption: Use of resit instrument as appropriate.

Additional Notes:

Available to visiting and exchange students.

CSCM10J Computer Science Project Research Methods	
Credits: 15 Session: 2023/24 January-June	
Pre-requisite Modules:	
Co-requisite Modules:	
Lecturer(s): Dr MJ Roach	
Format: 12 lectures and seminars plus 6 one-to-one project supervision meetings; 3 hours presentations	
Delivery Method: On-campus lectures and lab sessions.	
Module Aims: This module will introduce students to some fundamental research methodologies and good practice in research. They will undertake background research including a literature review and specify the aims of their MSc project.	
Module Content: Seminars about selected scientific texts and research projects Lectures on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fundamental research methodologies • good practice in research • formulation of research questions and hypotheses • logical reasoning • literature research • proper acknowledgement of sources • principles of carrying out experimental research including ethical issues • presentation of results Individual guidance from project supervisors on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identifying a research topic • finding and reading related work • report writing, citations and references • using (digital) library services and search tools 	
Intended Learning Outcomes: Students will:- have gained a thorough understanding of fundamental research methodologies and good practice in research including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the formulation of research questions and hypotheses; • techniques of valid and convincing argumentation; • literature research methods; • the proper acknowledgement of sources; • the extraction of information from literature; • project planning. be conversant with the principles of carrying out experimental research. have an understanding of how scientific research is conducted, reported, reasoned about and evaluated. be able to show their understanding of the requirements of a masters level project by writing a formal project proposal and specification which contains an outline solution to the problem and which clearly defines the scope of the MSc project, its goals, the methodology to be undertaken and the criteria of its evaluation have gained an in-depth knowledge in specific areas related to their project, and have critically assessed different methods to be used in their project and will have developed a detailed plan for carrying out their project. have an understanding and appreciation of the importance of relevant legal, social, ethical and professional issues as they relate to their project.	
Assessment:	Presentation (40%) Report (50%) Class Test 1 - Coursework (10%)
Resit Assessment:	Coursework reassessment instrument (100%)
Assessment Description: Initial Project Report - This report will be in the form of a technical academic report and consist of key contents: Project definition and evidence of understanding the challenges of the project.	
Project Presentation - Presentation on the project at the Student Conference.	
Moderation approach to main assessment: Universal Double Blind Marking of the whole cohort	

Assessment Feedback: Individual feedback will be given by markers (CSCM10J lecturers, supervisors and second markers) using marking pro-forma. The comments and marks of the detailed specification document will be discussed by the project supervisor at individual meetings.

Failure Redemption: Failure to be redeemed by submitting a document addressing unsatisfactory aspects of initial submission(s) in the form of a project specification report or a project reflection report.

Additional Notes: Only available to students on a Master course in Computer Science, with January start. It will be taught February - September.

CSCM13 Critical Systems	
Credits: 15 Session: 2023/24 September-January	
Pre-requisite Modules:	
Co-requisite Modules:	
Lecturer(s): Dr AG Setzer	
Format: 20 hours lectures, 10 hours lab.	
Delivery Method: On campus lectures.	
Module Aims: This module introduces techniques for developing critical systems, especially safety critical systems. Students will gain experience in applying modern tools in the development of critical software.	
Module Content: Introduction and Motivation: What are high integrity and critical systems? Legal and ethical issues. Examples of major failures of high integrity systems. Successes and how/why they worked. Standards for safety-critical software and their shortcomings. Analysis: The hazard analysis process. Safety analysis and the safety case. Safety issues related to, but outside software. Human factors - the role of poor interfaces in software failures. Specification and Verification: Languages and tools for formal specification and verification of software. Detailed demonstration of one tool and its underlying theory. Software Production: Issues in program language selection to minimise failure. The software engineering process in the production of high-integrity software; Correctness: Validation and verification - the advantages and disadvantages of testing and formal verification.	
Intended Learning Outcomes: Students will be thoroughly familiar with issues surrounding safety-critical systems, including legal and ethical issues and hazard analysis. They will understand techniques for specifying and verifying high-integrity software. They will have experience in applying formal specification techniques to critical systems. They will be familiar with and have had experience in applying programming languages suitable for developing high-integrity software for critical systems.	
Assessment:	Examination 1 (60%) Coursework 2 (20%) Coursework 1 (20%)
Resit Assessment:	Examination (Resit instrument) (100%)
Assessment Description: Standard Computer Science format unseen examination, duration 2hrs. The coursework consists of Assignment 1 - Programming tasks Assignment 2 - Case study	
Moderation approach to main assessment: Moderation by sampling of the cohort	
Assessment Feedback: Coursework: small report on strength and weaknesses of each solution. Examination feedback summarising strengths and weaknesses of the class.	
Failure Redemption: Resit exam and/or resubmit assignments as appropriate.	
Additional Notes: Available to visiting and exchange students.	

CSCM18 IT-Security: Cryptography and Network Security

Credits: 15 **Session:** 2023/24 September-January

Pre-requisite Modules:

Co-requisite Modules:

Lecturer(s): Dr P Kumar, Dr E Neumann

Format: 30 hours lectures and labs

Delivery Method: On-campus lectures and lab sessions.

Module Aims: The aim of this course is to examine theoretical and practical aspects of computer and network security.

Module Content: Security threats and their causes.

Security criteria and models.

Cryptography: including basic encryption, DES, AES, hash functions.

Access Control.

Security tools and frameworks: including IPsec, TLS, SSL, SSH and related tools.

Vulnerabilities and attacks: including port scanning, packet sniffing, SQL injection.

Security issues in wireless networks.

Security on the cloud.

Intended Learning Outcomes: Students will have the ability to identify security threats and their causes in today's computing infrastructures.

Students will be able to explain in detail and apply techniques from Cryptography and Cryptanalysis.

Students will synthesize the concepts of design, defensive programming, as well as their application to build robust and resilient systems.

Students will be able to apply techniques to enhance the security of existing systems, and gain a critical awareness of the limits of these techniques.

Students will be able to reflect and critique on cryptographic techniques and secure systems design.

Assessment: Examination 1 (70%)
Coursework 1 (10%)
Coursework 2 (10%)
Laboratory work (10%)

Resit Assessment: Examination (Resit instrument) (100%)

Assessment Description: Standard Computer Science format unseen examination.
2 Courseworks and work done in a lab.

Moderation approach to main assessment: Moderation by sampling of the cohort

Assessment Feedback: Outline solutions provided along with group and individual analytical feedback for courseworks.

Examination feedback summarising strengths and weaknesses of the class.

Failure Redemption: Resit exam.

Additional Notes:

Available to visiting and exchange students.

CSCM18J IT-Security: Cryptography and Network Security	
Credits: 15 Session: 2023/24 January-June	
Pre-requisite Modules:	
Co-requisite Modules:	
Lecturer(s): Dr E Neumann, Dr P Kumar	
Format: 30 hours lectures and labs	
Delivery Method: On-campus/virtual lectures and lab sessions.	
Module Aims: The aim of this course is to examine theoretical and practical aspects of computer and network security.	
Module Content: Security threats and their causes. Security criteria and models. Cryptography: including basic encryption, DES, AES, hash functions. Access Control. Security tools and frameworks: including IPSec, TLS, SSL, SSH and related tools. Vulnerabilities and attacks: including port scanning, packet sniffing, SQL injection. Security issues in wireless networks. Security on the cloud.	
Intended Learning Outcomes: Students will have the ability to identify security threats and their causes in today's computing infrastructures. Students will be able to explain in detail and apply techniques from Cryptography and Cryptanalysis. Students will synthesize the concepts of design, defensive programming, as well as their application to build robust and resilient systems. Students will be able to apply techniques to enhance the security of existing systems, and gain a critical awareness of the limits of these techniques. Students will be able to reflect and critique on cryptographic techniques and secure systems design.	
Assessment:	Examination 1 (70%) Coursework 1 (10%) Coursework 2 (10%) Laboratory work (10%)
Resit Assessment:	Examination (Resit instrument) (100%)
Assessment Description: Standard Computer Science format unseen examination (70%). 2 Courseworks and work done in a lab.	
Moderation approach to main assessment: Moderation by sampling of the cohort	
Assessment Feedback: Outline solutions provided along with group and individual analytical feedback for courseworks. Examination feedback summarising strengths and weaknesses of the class.	
Failure Redemption: Resit exam.	
Additional Notes: Available to visiting and exchange students.	

CSCM29 Blockchain, Cryptocurrencies and Smart Contracts	
Credits: 15 Session: 2023/24 January-June	
Pre-requisite Modules:	
Co-requisite Modules:	
Lecturer(s): Dr AG Setzer	
Format: 30 hours including presentation and consultation hours	
Delivery Method: On-campus lectures and lab sessions.	
Module Aims: This is a module on modern blockchain technology and its major applications. It will give an overview on the technological setup of major cryptocurrencies, and introduce the blockchain as a concept for determining the order of events in a distributed database. In addition, it will discuss the implementation of smart contracts and summarise the current state of the art of security issues in cryptocurrencies, blockchain technology, and smart contracts.	
Module Content: Introduction to cryptocurrencies, blockchain technology and smart contracts History of cryptocurrencies. From the model of a bank to the Bitcoin model. The Bitcoin client. Transactions, keys, addresses, wallets. The Bitcoin network. Mining and consensus. An overview over other cryptocurrencies. History and Philosophy of Ethereum. Smart contracts. Smart contract development using Solidity. Security of Smart Contracts.	
Intended Learning Outcomes: Students will be able to - explain blockchain technology and critically evaluate its current and future applicability, -- explain the theoretical concepts behind cryptocurrencies and blockchain technology, and be able to critically reflect on issues surrounding their application, - - explain the concepts behind smart contracts, be able to apply them in a lab environment, and critically evaluate their applicability as a technology, - develop and document software related to the areas of cryptocurrencies, blockchain technology, and smart contracts. -- apply blockchain technology to scenarios in a lab and critically evaluate its usability potential in the real world.	
Assessment:	Examination 1 (70%) Coursework 1 (10%) Coursework 2 (10%) Laboratory work (10%)
Resit Assessment:	Examination (Resit instrument) (100%)
Assessment Description: Standard Computer Science format unseen examination, duration 2hrs. Coursework 1: Java-based exercise (Java programming skills required) Coursework 2: Solidity coursework Laboratory Work: Practical Work	
Moderation approach to main assessment: Moderation by sampling of the cohort	
Assessment Feedback: Outline solutions provided along with group and individual analytical feedback for courseworks. Examination feedback summarising strengths and weaknesses of the class.	
Failure Redemption: Resit exam and/or resubmit assignments as appropriate.	
Additional Notes: Available to visiting and exchange students.	

CSCM35 Big Data and Data Mining	
Credits: 15 Session: 2023/24 January-June	
Pre-requisite Modules:	
Co-requisite Modules:	
Lecturer(s): Dr S Yang	
Format: 20 hours lectures, 10 hours lab	
Delivery Method: Primarily on campus	
Module Aims: This module introduces students to the fundamental topics of data mining, including data pre-processing techniques, applied probability and statistics, data mining algorithms (incl. associate rule, classification, clustering, outlier detection and probabilistic graphical model), and big data frameworks.	
Module Content: Basic knowledge in machine learning and mathematics are required, where we students are strongly encouraged to take CSCM45 and CSCM70 in the first semester. For those who have not taken those two modules, we will revisit some key concepts in the first three weeks, i.e. probability and statistics. Practical work will be done through the medium level of Python programming. You will also get to discover key scientific libraries of Python, i.e. NumPy, SciPy, Scikit-Learn, Matplotlib, Tensorflow, Hadoop, Spark. Classes in the first 3 weeks will include support time for Python programming and the use of these libraries. Course Overview and Python Programming for Data Science Mathematics Background: Numerical Analysis, Applied Probability and Statistics Frequent Pattern, Association, Correlations Naïve Bayes Classifier, Quantitative Evaluation Decision Tree, Random Forest, AdaBoost Maximum Likelihood Estimation, Expectation Maximisation Clustering, DBSCAN, High Dimensional Data Analysis Text Data Analysis, Word2Vec, Skip-Through, CBOW Time-Series Data Analysis, Regression, Hidden Markov Model Scalability and Efficiency Big Data Analysis	
Intended Learning Outcomes: After completing this module students will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - be able to manipulate complex, large, heterogeneous datasets, from storage to processing - be able to extract information from complex, large, heterogeneous datasets - be able to critically evaluate and select data mining algorithms and techniques, and be able to apply them in real world applications. 	
Assessment:	Coursework 1 (15%) Coursework 2 (15%) Examination (70%)
Resit Assessment:	Examination (Resit instrument) (100%)
Assessment Description: Coursework 1 (February): Examination of Python programming in Data Science Coursework 2 (March): Examination of Data Mining and Machine Learning algorithm Exam (May/June): Standard Format Computer Science Exam	
Moderation approach to main assessment: Moderation by sampling of the cohort	
Assessment Feedback: Grades, individual and collective written feedback for coursework.	
Failure Redemption: Redemption of failure via resit instrument.	
Additional Notes: Available to visiting and exchange students. Basic knowledge in machine learning and mathematics are required and Computer Science students are strongly encouraged to take CSCM45 and CSCM70 in the first semester. For those who have not taken those two modules, some key concepts will be revisited in the first three weeks, i.e. probability and statistics. NOTE: students on the MSc Applied Data Science will have covered the relevant material in MA-M06 and MA-M16	

CSCM37 Data Visualisation	
Credits: 15 Session: 2023/24 January-June	
Pre-requisite Modules:	
Co-requisite Modules:	
Lecturer(s): Dr B Mora, Dr JF Maestre Avila	
Format:	20 hours lectures, 10 hours practicals
Delivery Method: On-campus and lab sessions.	
Module Aims: Data Visualisation is concerned with the automatic or semi-automatic generation of digital images that depict data in a meaningful way(s). It is a relatively new field of computer science that is rapidly evolving and expanding. It is also very application oriented, i.e., real tools are built in order to help scientists from other disciplines.	
Module Content: Introductory topics include: purposes and goals of visualisation, applications, challenges, the visualisation pipeline, sources of data: data dimensionality, data types, and grid types.	
Information visualisation topics include: abstract data, hierarchical data, tree maps, cone trees, focus and context techniques, hyperbolic trees graphs and graph layouts, multi-dimensional data, scatter plots, scatter plot matrices, icons, parallel coordinates, interaction techniques, linking and brushing.	
Volume visualisation topics include: slicing, surface vs. volume rendering, transfer functions, interpolation schemes, direct volume visualisation, ray casting, shear-warp factorisation, image order vs. object order algorithms, gradients, filtering, interpolation, and isosurfacing.	
Flow visualisation topics include: simulation, measured, and analytical data, steady and time-dependent (unsteady) flow, direct and indirect flow visualisation, applications, hedgehog plots, vector glyphs, numerical integration schemes, streamlines, streamline placement, geometric flow visualisation techniques, line integral convolution (LIC), texture-based techniques, feature-based flow visualisation.	
Intended Learning Outcomes: Students will be able to:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - identify problems that can be addressed with visualisation. - comprehensively explain data visualisation techniques and be able to critically appraise their suitability to particular situations. - choose, evaluate and apply visualisation techniques to effectively reveal insights into complex and potentially-incomplete data. 	
Assessment:	Examination 1 (60%) Coursework 1 (20%) Coursework 2 (20%)
Resit Assessment:	Examination (Resit instrument) (100%)
Assessment Description: Standard Computer Science format unseen examination, duration 2hrs. Two practical courseworks.	
Moderation approach to main assessment: Moderation by sampling of the cohort	
Assessment Feedback: Outline solutions provided along with group and individual analytical feedback for courseworks. Examination feedback summarising strengths and weaknesses of the class.	
Failure Redemption: Resit examination and/or resubmit coursework(s) as appropriate.	
Additional Notes: Available to visiting and exchange students.	

CSCM38 Advanced Topics: Artificial Intelligence and Cyber Security

Credits: 15 Session: 2023/24 January-June

Pre-requisite Modules:

Co-requisite Modules:

Lecturer(s): Prof SA Shaikh, Prof J Zhang

Format: 20 lectures, 5 x 1hr seminars, 3 x 2hr labs, 2 drop-in hours.

Delivery Method: On-campus lectures and lab sessions.

Module Aims: This module introduces students to the state-of-the-art methods and research topics of artificial intelligence,

cyber security, including quantum computing, data science, deep learning and reinforcement learning. The

inspiration behind these approaches will be discussed, along with their relative merits for application in cyber

security.

Module Content: 1. Advanced AI Topics: Deep Supervised Learning: Advanced Topics on CNNs, RNNs and GNNs.

2. Advanced AI Topics: Deep Unsupervised Learning: Advanced Topics on AE, Autoregression Models, Flow, GANs.

3. Data Security: Federated Learning, Differential Privacy in Learning.

4. Model Security: Adversarial Attack and Defense, Robustness Testing.

5. AI for Cybersecurity: Malicious Intrusion Detection etc

Intended Learning Outcomes: Student will be able

- to demonstrate a broad knowledge of the state-of-the-art concepts and techniques of artificial intelligence (AI) for cyber security,
- to appraise vulnerabilities and risks introduced by AI,
- to compare and contrast different analysis methods for cyber security problems,
- to carry out independent research on AI and data science topics related to cyber security.

They should further be able

to transfer the knowledge to solve cyber security problems, from a computation, artificial intelligence and data science perspective.

Assessment: Coursework 1 (50%)

Coursework 2 (50%)

Resit Assessment: Coursework reassessment instrument (100%)

Assessment Description: Coursework 1: This is a written essay of 2,500 words to be completed on an individual basis. The essay is a structured mix of analytical discussion and technical working around a case study, which requires individuals perform some background research, engaged with the case study materials provided, and perform critique and synthesis over a range of technical configurations. This component also requires engagement with lecture and seminar materials, which are designed to guide individuals on the threat analysis and risk assessment needed for the component case study.

Coursework 2: This is a written essay of 2,500 words to be completed on an individual basis. The essay is an in-depth and guided research effort, demonstrating the use of an organised literature search and methodology to perform a critical review of some of the state-of-the-art in a selection of topics relevant to the module. This research-led component asks for the individuals to engage in the lecture and practical sessions so that appropriate scientific and technical insights are drawn on the concepts explored, and also provide for effective commentary on the use of such concepts to address the problems posed in the module content.

Moderation approach to main assessment: Moderation by sampling of the cohort

Assessment Feedback: Individual written feedback and cohort feedback

Failure Redemption: Resubmit coursework as appropriate.

Additional Notes: Available to visiting and exchange students

CSCM39 Human Computer Interaction	
Credits: 15 Session: 2023/24 January-June	
Pre-requisite Modules:	
Co-requisite Modules:	
Lecturer(s): Dr MI Ahmad	
Format: 30 Lectures including presentations and consultation hours.	
Delivery Method: On-campus lectures and lab sessions.	
Module Aims: This module gives an overview on the main topics in Human Computer Interaction and helps students understand research and research processes in Human Computer Interaction. Students explore the advanced literature and research results underpinning the field of HCI. Classic papers and controversies are covered, as well as recent work from the leading figures. Students achieve a clear view of the 'cutting edge' and issues in the field and where things are happening. The module is very interactive, and students will be expected to give presentations.	
Module Content: Advanced topics in Human Computer Interaction including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interface design. - Usability. - Evaluation. - Human factors. - Human error. - Cognitive science, and their role in the field. - User models. - User experience. - Larger systems, ethics, design principles. Research topics: Classic literature and personalities Research Methods in HCI.	
Intended Learning Outcomes: The ability to demonstrate detailed understanding of advanced topics in HCI including topics such as interface design, human factors, human error, cognitive science, etc, and their role in the field. <p>The ability to review and critically assess the literature on specific topics at the current limits of theoretical and research understanding.</p> <p>The ability to analyse and present the results of a literature review both as a scientific report (paper, poster, etc) and as an oral presentation.</p>	
Assessment:	Coursework 1 (30%) Coursework 2 (70%)
Resit Assessment:	Coursework reassessment instrument (100%)
Assessment Description: Coursework 1 – Paper Critique (Report) 30% Coursework 2 – Short Paper and Prototype (70%)	
Moderation approach to main assessment: Moderation by sampling of the cohort	
Assessment Feedback: Individual written feedback.	
Failure Redemption: Resubmit coursework as appropriate.	
Additional Notes: Available to visiting and exchange students	

CSCM45 Big Data and Machine Learning

Credits: 15 **Session:** 2023/24 September-January

Pre-requisite Modules:

Co-requisite Modules:

Lecturer(s): Dr Z Li

Format: 20 hours lectures, 10 hours lab.

Delivery Method: On campus lectures.

Module Aims: This module will discuss in-depth some of the most widely used and state-of-the-art artificial intelligence and machine learning techniques and their applications to big data problems. The students will gain both theoretical understanding of learning and practical know-how in applying those theories to real world problems. Topics include big data concept, data mining, learning theories, supervised and unsupervised learning, and reinforcement learning.

Module Content: This module covers three parts: introduction to big data and learning, data analysis techniques, and learning concepts and methods.

Introduction to big data and data mining;

Data clustering;

Dimensionality reduction: linear techniques;

Dimensionality reduction: nonlinear techniques;

Discriminative analysis;

Learning theory, including bias and variance theory, innovation process in machine learning;

Expert systems;

Unsupervised learning;

Supervised learning, including parametric and nonparametric methods, neural network, kernels, support vector machine, randomised decision trees;

Reinforcement and adaptive control;

Example applications to bioinformatics, health informatics, and web data processing.

Intended Learning Outcomes: Upon completion of this module students will be able to:

- Describe, explain, and critique the fundamental techniques of analysing complex and heterogeneous data.
- Describe and explain machine learning techniques and their applications to big data problems.
- Discuss and contrast both conventional and state-of-the-art machine learning techniques.
- Implement and apply machine learning techniques to synthesise solutions.
- Analyse big data problems and evaluate and devise potential solutions.

Assessment: Examination 1 (60%)
Coursework 1 (20%)
Laboratory work (20%)

Resit Assessment: Examination (Resit instrument) (100%)

Assessment Description: Standard format Computer Science exam.

Essay-based practical programming assignment.

Laboratory work with quizzes.

Moderation approach to main assessment: Moderation by sampling of the cohort

Assessment Feedback: Outline solutions provided along with analytical individual feedback for assignment. Examination feedback summarising strengths and weaknesses of the class.

Failure Redemption: Redemption of failure via resit instrument.

Additional Notes: Available to visiting and exchange students.

CSCM45J Big Data and Machine Learning

Credits: 15 Session: 2023/24 January-June

Pre-requisite Modules:

Co-requisite Modules:

Lecturer(s): Dr S Sharifzadeh

Format: 20 hours lectures, 10 hours lab.

Delivery Method: On campus lectures.

Module Aims: This module will discuss in-depth some of the most widely used and state-of-the-art artificial intelligence and machine learning techniques and their applications to big data problems. The students will gain both theoretical understanding of learning and practical know-how in applying those theories to real world problems. Topics include big data concept, data mining, learning theories, supervised and unsupervised learning, and reinforcement learning.

Module Content: This module covers three parts: introduction to big data and learning, data analysis techniques, and learning concepts and methods.

Introduction to big data and data mining;

Data clustering;

Dimensionality reduction: linear techniques;

Dimensionality reduction: nonlinear techniques;

Discriminative analysis;

Learning theory, including bias and variance theory, innovation process in machine learning;

Expert systems;

Unsupervised learning;

Supervised learning, including parametric and nonparametric methods, neural network, kernels, support vector machine, randomised decision trees;

Reinforcement and adaptive control;

Example applications to bioinformatics, health informatics, and web data processing.

Intended Learning Outcomes: Upon completion of this module students will be able to:

- Describe, explain, and critique the fundamental techniques of analysing complex and heterogeneous data.
- Describe and explain machine learning techniques and their applications to big data problems.
- Discuss and contrast both conventional and state-of-the-art machine learning techniques.
- Implement and apply machine learning techniques to synthesise solutions.
- Analyse big data problems and evaluate and devise potential solutions.

Assessment: Examination 1 (60%)

Coursework 1 (20%)

Laboratory 1 (5%)

Laboratory 2 (5%)

Laboratory 3 (5%)

Laboratory 4 (5%)

Resit Assessment: Examination (Resit instrument) (100%)

Assessment Description: Standard format Computer Science exam.

Essay-based practical programming assignment.

Lab 1 to Lab 4 are a series of practical lab tasks.

Moderation approach to main assessment: Moderation by sampling of the cohort

Assessment Feedback: Outline solutions provided along with analytical individual feedback for assignment. Examination feedback summarising strengths and weaknesses of the class.

Failure Redemption: Redemption of failure via resit instrument.

Additional Notes: Available to visiting and exchange students.

CSCM48 Web Application Development	
Credits: 15 Session: 2023/24 September-January	
Pre-requisite Modules:	
Co-requisite Modules:	
Lecturer(s): Dr SP Walton	
Format: 18 hours lectures, 12 hours labs	
Delivery Method: On-campus lectures and lab sessions.	
Module Aims: The module will develop the principles and technologies used for building web-based systems. Practical experience of building web systems will be gained via laboratories and coursework. Existing high programming skill and experience is essential for this module.	
Module Content: The history of web application development. HTML and CSS: Introduction and Good Practices. Web Application Design. MVC driven web applications Security and identity in web applications Web development using Javascript and AJAX	
Intended Learning Outcomes: Students will have a systematic understanding of the key aspects of current web programming principles and technologies. Students will be able to plan and deliver a web application to a deadline. Students will be able to create web applications following methodological good practice. Students will be able to design secure web applications and evaluate their effectiveness. Students will be able to design web applications which provide basic analytics for system administrators.	
Assessment:	Coursework 1 (20%) Coursework 2 (10%) Coursework 3 (70%)
Resit Assessment:	Coursework reassessment instrument (100%)
Assessment Description: Coursework 1 and 2 - Code Review and code submission. An important part of working in a software engineering organisation is code reviews. In this process engineers look at each other's code to spot bugs and ensure standards are being adhered to. You will submit a source file from your project to be reviews by another student and review another student's source file. You will be assessed both on your adherence to standards with your source code and the quality of your code review. Coursework 3 - Implementation. You will submit the implementation of a small web application. You will be asked to evaluate this by answering a series of questions referencing your implementation. This will assess both your knowledge of the theory and ability to apply that in practice.	
Moderation approach to main assessment: Moderation by sampling of the cohort	
Assessment Feedback: Feedback during Presentation of work. Outline solutions provided along with group and individual analytical feedback for courseworks. Individual feedback on submissions from lecturer and/or demonstrators in laboratory sessions.	
Failure Redemption: Resit examination and/or resubmit coursework(s) as appropriate	
Additional Notes: Students taking this module must have good programming skills (i.e., be a competent programmer in any standard programming language) as this module requires significant programming ability.	
Available to visiting and exchange students.	

CSCM48B Web Application Development

Credits: 15 Session: 2023/24 January-June

Pre-requisite Modules:

Co-requisite Modules:

Lecturer(s): Dr J Hough

Format: 18 hours lectures, 12 hours labs

Delivery Method: On-campus lectures and lab sessions.

Module Aims: The module will develop the principles and technologies used for building web-based systems. Practical experience of building web systems will be gained via laboratories and coursework. Existing high programming skill and experience is essential for this module.

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Module Content: The history of web application development.

HTML and CSS: Introduction and Good Practices.

Web Application Design.

MVC driven web applications

Security and identity in web applications

Web development using Javascript and AJAX

Intended Learning Outcomes: Students will have a systematic understanding of the key aspects of current web programming principles and technologies.

Students will be able to plan and deliver a web application to a deadline.

Students will be able to create web applications following methodological good practice.

Students will be able to design secure web applications and evaluate their effectiveness.

Assessment: Coursework 1 (20%)

Coursework 2 (10%)

Coursework 3 (70%)

Resit Assessment: Coursework reassessment instrument (100%)

Assessment Description: Coursework 1 and 2 - Code Review and code submission.

An important part of working in a software engineering organisation is code reviews. In this process engineers look at each other's code to spot bugs and ensure standards are being adhered to. You will submit a source file from your project to be reviews by another student and review another student's source file. You will be assessed both on your adherence to standards with your source code and the quality of your code review.

Coursework 3 - Implementation.

You will submit the implementation of a small web application. You will be asked to evaluate this by answering a series of questions referencing your implementation. This will assess both your knowledge of the theory and ability to apply that in practice.

Moderation approach to main assessment: Moderation by sampling of the cohort

Assessment Feedback: Feedback during presentation of implementation. Individual analytical feedback for courseworks.

Failure Redemption: Resit exam and/or resubmit assignments as appropriate.

Additional Notes: Students taking this module must have good programming skills (i.e., be a competent programmer in any standard programming language) as this module requires significant programming ability.

CSCM64 Software Testing	
Credits: 15 Session: 2023/24 January-June	
Pre-requisite Modules:	
Co-requisite Modules:	
Lecturer(s): Dr E Neumann	
Format: 20 hours lectures; 10 hours practicals.	
Delivery Method: On-campus lectures and lab sessions.	
Module Aims: Testing is the process of systematically experimenting with an object (the SUT = System Under Test) in order to establish its quality, where quality means the degree of accordance to the intention or specification. This module will provide an in-depth introduction to various test scenarios and enable students to gain hands-on experience by means of a number of practical exercises.	
Module Content: The module provides a profound overview on industrially relevant methods in software testing and points out current research directions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Functional Testing: Boundary Value Testing, Equivalence Class Testing, Decision Table- Based Testing. • Structural Testing: Path Testing, Data Flow Testing. • Integration and System Testing: Levels of Testing, Approaches to Integration Testing. • Object-Oriented Testing: Issues, Class Testing, Object-Oriented Integration Testing. • Possibly selected Research Topics: e.g. Testing Hybrid Systems. 	
Intended Learning Outcomes: - Critical understanding of testing as a method to validate software systems; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The ability to test systems; - Thorough understanding the levels of testing; - Ability to critically evaluate and select software test scenarios; - Ability to perform problem analysis. 	
Assessment:	Examination (70%) Coursework 1 (10%) Coursework 2 (10%) Laboratory work (10%)
Resit Assessment:	Examination (Resit instrument) (100%)
Assessment Description: Standard format Computer Science exam, 2hrs. Two practical programming/testing exercises. Reflective report. Weekly small in-class tests.	
Moderation approach to main assessment: Moderation by sampling of the cohort	
Assessment Feedback: Outline solutions provided along with group and individual analytical feedback for courseworks. Examination feedback summarising strengths and weaknesses of the class. Individual feedback on submissions from lecturer and/or demonstrators in laboratory sessions.	
Failure Redemption: Resit exam and/or resubmit coursework as appropriate	
Additional Notes: Awareness of propositional and predicate logic will be helpful for this module. Students should have a good understanding of programming and software architecture.	

CSCM68 Embedded System Design	
Credits: 15 Session: 2023/24 September-January	
Pre-requisite Modules:	
Co-requisite Modules:	
Lecturer(s): Dr H Nguyen, Prof SA Shaikh	
Format: 12 lectures + 18 lab sessions	
Delivery Method: On-campus lectures and lab sessions.	
<p>Module Aims: Embedded systems are information processing systems embedded into enclosing products such as cars, telecommunication or fabrication equipment. They are essential for providing ubiquitous information, one of the key goals of modern information technology.</p> <p>The aim of this module is to provide an overview of embedded system design, to relate the most important topics in embedded system design to each other, and to obtain an appreciation of the model based approach to embedded systems design.</p> <p>The lab provides hands-on experience in the design of embedded systems.</p> <p>Due to the labs' hardware requirements, the number of places available for this module is limited. Places will be allocated during the first week of teaching; the allocation criteria will be announced in the first lecture.</p>	
<p>Module Content: The lectures discuss selected techniques in their specialisation to the design of embedded systems such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Common characteristics, Requirements, Specification and Modeling - Programming-language-level description techniques - Hardware (Sensors, actuators, processors) - Operating systems, middleware, scheduling - Model driven design process - Hardware/software partitioning and codesign - Simulation, testing and verification techniques <p>The labs consist of a series of experiments that give the students hands-on experience in developing real embedded systems where they have to pay attention to constraints such as power and latency. Possible topics include examples from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - control theory - real time systems - discrete control - fault tolerance - distributed algorithms. 	
<p>Intended Learning Outcomes: Students will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - fully understand system design engineering principles; - be able to apply engineering principles for system design; - understand the differences that embedded system development makes to the application of system design engineering principles; - be competent in using various methods for specification/modelling, analysis, design, implementation and verification. 	
Assessment:	Laboratory work (20%) Examination 1 (50%) Coursework 1 (30%)
Resit Assessment:	Examination (Resit instrument) (100%)
Assessment Description: Standard Computer Science format unseen examination, duration 2hrs. Lab exercises plus one coursework.	
Moderation approach to main assessment: Moderation by sampling of the cohort	
<p>Assessment Feedback: Outline solutions provided along with group and individual analytical feedback for courseworks.</p> <p>Examination feedback summarising strengths and weaknesses of the class.</p> <p>Individual feedback on submissions from lecturer and/or demonstrators in laboratory sessions.</p>	
Failure Redemption: Resit examination and/or resubmit coursework(s) as appropriate	

Additional Notes: The module has a limited capacity.

Preference is given to students who have chosen modules reflecting the safe and secure systems profile (for details contact the module coordinator.)

Because there is often a waiting list for this module, in order to ensure access is as fair as possible, students will not be permitted to transfer OUT of this module after the first two weeks of teaching in TB2 (because it would be too late for someone else to transfer in to take their place.)

CSCM68B Embedded System Design

Credits: 15 Session: 2023/24 January-June

Pre-requisite Modules:

Co-requisite Modules:

Lecturer(s): Dr B Chaparro Rico

Format: 12 lectures + 18 lab sessions

Delivery Method: On-campus lectures and lab sessions.

Module Aims: Embedded systems are information processing systems embedded into enclosing products such as cars, telecommunication or fabrication equipment. They are essential for providing ubiquitous information, one of the key goals of modern information technology.

The aim of this module is to provide an overview of embedded system design, to relate the most important topics in embedded system design to each other, and to obtain an appreciation of the model based approach to embedded systems design.

The lab provides hands-on experience in the design of embedded systems.

Due to the labs' hardware requirements, the number of places available for this module is limited. Places will be allocated during the first week of teaching; the allocation criteria will be announced in the first lecture.

Module Content: The lectures discuss selected techniques in their specialisation to the design of embedded systems such as:

- Common characteristics, Requirements, Specification and Modeling
- Programming-language-level description techniques
- Hardware (Sensors, actuators, processors)
- Operating systems, middleware, scheduling
- Model driven design process
- Hardware/software partitioning and codesign
- Simulation, testing and verification techniques

The labs consist of a series of experiments that give the students hands-on experience in developing real embedded systems where they have to pay attention to constraints such as power and latency. Possible topics include examples from

- control theory
- real time systems
- discrete control
- fault tolerance
- distributed algorithms.

Intended Learning Outcomes: Students will

- fully understand system design engineering principles;
- be able to apply engineering principles for system design;
- understand the differences that embedded system development makes to the application of system design engineering principles;
- be competent in using various methods for specification/modelling, analysis, design, implementation and verification.

Assessment: Examination 1 (50%)
Coursework 1 (10%)
Coursework 2 (10%)
Coursework 3 (30%)

Resit Assessment: Examination (Resit instrument) (100%)

Assessment Description: Standard Computer Science format unseen examination, duration 2hrs.

Coursework 1: Online Canvas Assignment

Coursework 2: Online Canvas Assignment

Coursework 3: Online Canvas Quiz

Moderation approach to main assessment: Moderation by sampling of the cohort

Assessment Feedback: Outline solutions provided along with group and individual analytical feedback for courseworks.

Examination feedback summarising strengths and weaknesses of the class.

Individual feedback on submissions from lecturer and/or demonstrators in laboratory sessions.

Failure Redemption: Resit examination and/or resubmit coursework(s) as appropriate

Additional Notes: The module has a limited capacity.

Preference is given to students who have chosen modules reflecting the safe and secure systems profile (for details contact the module coordinator.)

Because there is often a waiting list for this module, in order to ensure access is as fair as possible, students will not be permitted to transfer OUT of this module after the first two weeks of teaching in TB2 (because it would be too late for someone else to transfer in to take their place.)

CSCM72 Optimisation	
Credits: 15 Session: 2023/24 September-January	
Pre-requisite Modules:	
Co-requisite Modules:	
Lecturer(s): Dr AAM Rahat	
Format: 30 hours (20 lectures, 10 laboratory hours)	
Delivery Method: On Campus Lectures and Labs.	
<p>Module Aims: Optimisation is at the core of many disciplines. Whether we want to improve the performance of a machine learning model, increase the efficiency of an aircraft design, or simply reduce the costs of productions in a business operation, we must deploy computational optimisation methods for achieving the best results. In this module, we will cover mathematical and algorithmic fundamentals of optimisation, including derivative and derivative-free approaches for both linear and non-linear problems. We will also discuss advanced topics, such as multi-objective optimisation, handling uncertainty, principled methods when problem evaluations are computationally expensive, and performance comparison between stochastic optimisers, in the context of real-world problems.</p>	
<p>Module Content: * Introduction to optimisation. * Derivatives and related gradient descent methods. * Stochastic and evolutionary methods. * Constrained optimisation problems. * Multi-objective optimisation and decision-making. * Model-based methods. * Performance comparison for stochastic optimisers. The labs will programmatically explore optimisation problems and algorithms.</p>	
<p>Intended Learning Outcomes: On completion of this module, students will be able to: * Demonstrate systematic understanding of fundamental concepts of optimisation problems and algorithms. * Analyse an unseen optimisation problem, and formulate a mathematical description. * Propose an appropriate method to solve an optimisation problem, and justify their selection. * Develop appropriate software for solving optimisation problems. * Critically evaluate performance of multiple competing optimisers, and communicate analysis to specialist and nonspecialist audiences * Critically review a relevant topic from the literature.</p>	
Assessment:	Examination (60%) Coursework 1 (20%) Report (20%)
Resit Assessment:	Examination (Resit instrument) (100%)
<p>Assessment Description: Examination. Standard unseen 2 hour Computer Science examination. Coursework. A practical programming assignment on solving an optimisation problem. Report. A short critical review on a relevant topic from the literature. [1000-1200 words] Quiz. A range of multiple choice questions. [Non assessed]</p>	
Moderation approach to main assessment: Moderation by sampling of the cohort	
Assessment Feedback: Individual feedback on coursework and report..	
Failure Redemption: 100% Examination Resit Instrument.	
Additional Notes:	
Available for visiting and exchange students.	

CSCM75 Logic in Computer Science

Credits: 15 Session: 2023/24 January-June

Pre-requisite Modules:

Co-requisite Modules:

Lecturer(s): Dr U Berger

Format: 20 lectures,
2 x 3 hours practicals,
4 problem consultation hours

Delivery Method: On campus.

Module Aims: This module provides an in-depth introduction to logic and its applications to computer science, as a sound basis for the formal specification and verification of computer programs. Student will also learn how to use an interactive proof tool and carry out interactive proofs themselves.

Module Content: - Propositional logic (syntax, semantics, proof systems of natural deduction and resolution)

- Predicate logic (syntax, semantics, proof system)
- Applications of logic to program specification and verification
- Specialised logics e.g. for security protocols, reactive systems and credit card systems

Intended Learning Outcomes: Students will have a critical understanding of the syntax, semantics and proof rules of first-order predicate logic, be deeply familiar with other, specialised, logics in computer science (e.g. modal logic, process logic), critically understand the importance of logic for computer science, be able to express informal statements as formulas in predicate logic and carry out simple formal proofs. Students will have used an interactive logic tool to carry out formal proofs of varying difficulty.

Assessment: Examination (70%)
Coursework 1 (10%)
Coursework 2 (10%)
Laboratory work (10%)

Resit Assessment: Examination (Resit instrument) (100%)

Assessment Description: Standard Computer Science format unseen examination, duration 2hrs
Coursework consists of two assignments and lab work:
Coursework 1: Syntax and semantics of propositional logic.
Coursework 2: Predicate logic and automated proof search (Resolution).
Lab: Formal proofs in natural deduction using an interactive proof tool.

Moderation approach to main assessment: Moderation by sampling of the cohort

Assessment Feedback: Outline solutions provided along with group and individual analytical feedback for courseworks.

Examination feedback summarising strengths and weaknesses of the class.

Individual feedback on submissions from lecturer and/or demonstrators in laboratory sessions.

Failure Redemption: Resit examination and/or resubmit coursework(s) as appropriate

Additional Notes:

Available to visiting students

CSCM79 Hardware and Devices

Credits: 15 Session: 2023/24 January-June

Pre-requisite Modules:

Co-requisite Modules:

Lecturer(s): Dr DR Sahoo

Format: 10-12 hours lectures, 24 hours lab; 4-6 hours lab assessment.

Delivery Method: On-campus lectures and lab sessions.

Module Aims: This module encourages students to explore the advanced literature and research results underpinning the field of interaction technologies and ubiquitous user-interface development. Students are expected to achieve a clear view of the 'cutting edge' and issues in the field.

Module Content: - Ubiquitous Computing and Tangible User Interfaces

- Internet of Things and Edge Computing

- Interfacing with the real-world using sensors and actuators with Phidgets/Raspberry-Pi/Arduino/ESP32 etc.

- Mobile phone sensing, e.g. orientation/location/camera/vibration

- Processing sensor data

Intended Learning Outcomes: Thorough knowledge of variety of hardware and I/O devices.

Ability to build interactive hardware interfaces and programming them.

In-depth knowledge of non-standard devices in various hardware platforms.

Assessment:

- Examination 1 (50%)
- Assignment 1 (10%)
- Assignment 2 (25%)
- Report (10%)
- Laboratory work (5%)

Resit Assessment: Examination (Resit instrument) (100%)

Assessment Description: Examination 1: Standard Computer Science format unseen examination, duration 2hrs.

Assignment 1: Mid-term demonstration of group project - during 6th week.

Assignment 2: End-term demonstration of group project - during 11th week.

Report: Report of group project - during 12th week.

Laboratory work: Five practical programming assignments - 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 7th and 8th weeks.

Moderation approach to main assessment: Moderation by sampling of the cohort

Assessment Feedback: Outline solutions provided along with group and individual analytical feedback for courseworks.

Examination feedback summarising strengths and weaknesses of the class.

Individual feedback on submissions from lecturer and/or demonstrators in laboratory sessions.

Failure Redemption: Resit examination and/or resubmit coursework(s) as appropriate

Additional Notes: Students enrolled in this module must be able to program using object-oriented, event-driven programming to accommodate the areas of embedded systems, mobile, or web (e.g., Python, Java, JavaScript, Android, etc).

This module can only accommodate a limited number of students in the lab and the enrollment is on a first-come-first-enrolled basis. Therefore, this module is only available on selected pathways and is not available for visiting/exchange students.

CSCM85 Modelling and Verification Techniques	
Credits: 15 Session: 2023/24 September-January	
Pre-requisite Modules:	
Co-requisite Modules:	
Lecturer(s): Dr U Berger	
Format:	20 hours lectures; 2 x 3 practicals; 4 problem consultation hours.
Delivery Method: primarily on campus	
Module Aims: This module will give an overview of the landscape and the state of the art of current modelling and verification techniques. One particular tool for software verification will be studied in depth. Students will gain hands-on experience in using that tool.	
Module Content: Overview of techniques for formal verification. Interactive theorem proving, automated theorem proving and model checking. Introduction to one specific logic for modelling and verification. Techniques for modelling of software using verification tools. Practical verification of software examples.	
Intended Learning Outcomes: The students will have <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - gained an thorough overview of the landscape and the state of the art of current modelling and verification techniques - acquired a deep understanding of one particular verification tool and know how to translate practical and mathematical problems into its notation - obtained hands-on experience in practical verification. 	
Assessment:	Examination 1 (70%) Coursework 1 (15%) Laboratory work (15%)
Resit Assessment:	Examination (Resit instrument) (100%)
Assessment Description: Standard format Computer Science exam (2 hours), and coursework: Assignment 1: Mathematical and logical foundations of concurrent processes. Assignment 2: Advanced modelling and verification in the process language CSP. Lab: Modelling and verification in CSP using the process tools ProBE and FDR.	
Moderation approach to main assessment: Moderation by sampling of the cohort	
Assessment Feedback: Outline solutions provided along with group and individual analytical feedback for courseworks. Examination feedback summarising strengths and weaknesses of the class. Individual feedback on submissions from lecturer and/or demonstrators in laboratory sessions.	
Failure Redemption: Resit examination and/or resubmit coursework(s) as appropriate	
Additional Notes: Available to visiting students	

CSCM98 Operating Systems and Architectures

Credits: 15 Session: 2023/24 September-January

Pre-requisite Modules:

Co-requisite Modules:

Lecturer(s): Dr B Mora

Format: 20 hours lectures, 10 hours lab.

Delivery Method: On-campus lectures and lab sessions.

Module Aims: This module gives an overview of current and future processor architectures, operating systems and basic concurrency problems. It intends to teach most details of the developing environment that must be taken into consideration when developing efficient software

Module Content: * Operating Systems in general (Scheduler, Virtual Memory, Multi-tasking).

- Kernel calls.
- Resource management.
- Memory management.
- Paging and virtual memory.
- File Systems
- Processes and threads management

* Architectures

- Registers+ALU
- Caches, cache lines and cache levels.
- Cache trashing.
- MMU
- TLB
- RAM Latency and throughput
- SIMD units
- SIMD Programming SSE,AVX, AVX-512
- Dedicated processor instructions.

* Concurrency and issues

- Definition of core concepts including race conditions, deadlocks, starvation, critical sections.
- Standard concurrency problems and solutions
- Some standard techniques including software based locks, mutexes and semaphores, atomic instructions, barriers.

* Distributed systems

- Distributed locks.
- Distributed file systems.
- Distributed clocks and time stamping.
- Cloud computing.
- Map/reduce algorithm.

* Security aspects of OS, including:

- Principles of memory protection (virtual memory, randomised stack address, non-executable bit, hypervisor rings).
- Spectre and Meltdown attacks

Intended Learning Outcomes: Students will have a thorough understanding of:

- Current and future processor architectures.
- The role of an Operating System, especially on the multithreading and memory management aspects.
- The issues associated with parallel programming and know some standard solutions.
- How to produce better code when programming parallel architectures.
- Cloud and distributed systems.

Assessment: Examination 1 (70%)
Assignment 1 (30%)

Resit Assessment: Examination (Resit instrument) (100%)

Assessment Description: Standard Computer Science format unseen examination, duration 2hrs. Practical assignment.
Moderation approach to main assessment: Moderation by sampling of the cohort
Assessment Feedback: Outline solutions provided along with group and individual analytical feedback for courseworks. Examination feedback summarising strengths and weaknesses of the class. Individual feedback on submissions from lecturer and/or demonstrators in laboratory sessions.
Failure Redemption: Resit exam and/or resubmit assignment as appropriate.
Additional Notes: Available to visiting and exchange students.