FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT HANDBOOK

YEAR 0 (FHEQ LEVEL 3)

MATHEMATICS
DEGREE PROGRAMMES

SUBJECT SPECIFIC
PART TWO OF TWO
MODULE AND COURSE STRUCTURE
2023-24

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The 23-24 academic year begins on 25 September 2023

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

DATES OF 23-24 TERMS

25 September 2023 – 15 December 2023

8 January 2024 – 22 March 2024

15 April 2024 – 07 June 2024

SEMESTER 1

25 September 2023 – 29 January 2024

SEMESTER 2

29 January 2024 – 07 June 2024

SUMMER

10 June 2024 – 20 September 2024

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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
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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/. We've removed reading lists from the 23-24 handbooks to ensure that you have access to the most up-to-date versions. 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/

Year 0 (FHEQ Level 3) 2023/24
Mathematics
BSc Mathematics[G101]

Coordinator: Dr Z Sobol

Semester 1 Modules	Semester 2 Modules
CSC061 **Introduction to Programming** **15 Credits** **Prof JS Pearson**	**CSC009** **Technologies for Information Presentation** **15 Credits** **Mrs S Safari**
CSC079 **Fundamentals of Robotics** **15 Credits** **Dr DR Sahoo**	**EG-002** **Foundation Mathematics for Engineers II** **15 Credits** **Dr AJ Williams/Dr AM Higgins**
MA-006 **Fundamental Mathematics** **15 Credits** **Dr Z Sobol** **CORE**	**MA-003** **Fundamental Complex Numbers** **15 Credits** **Dr JB Macmillan**
MA-009 **Computational Probability** **15 Credits** **Dr AY Pachon**	**MA-004** **Fundamental Geometry** **15 Credits** **Dr JB Macmillan** **CORE**
Total 120 Credits	

CSC009 Technologies for Information Presentation

Credits: 15 Session: 2023/24 January-June

Pre-requisite Modules:

Co-requisite Modules:

Lecturer(s): Mrs S Safari

Format: Lectures & lab classes

Delivery Method: On-campus lectures and lab sessions.

Module Aims: This module is about the technologies and markup languages that make various forms of data presentation possible. It will explore web-based presentation languages including HTML, XML and CSS, text presentation languages including LaTeX, and mathematical / graphical presentation through R. After studying this module, students will be able to build web sites, produce professional-quality reports and typeset and visualize mathematical formulae and data, using the appropriate graphs for the data.
The students will also be able to produce a crawler / scraper that can pull data from websites automatically for analysis.

Module Content: Markdown vs. Markup
HTML
• Writing HTML
• Understanding structure of web-pages and sites
CSS
• CSS syntax
• Basic styling
• IDs and classes
XML
• Relationship to HTML and CSS
• XPath
LaTeX
• Document class
• Formatting
• Floats
• Typesetting mathematics
• BibTeX
R
• Concepts of 'Tidy' data
• The 'TidyVerse'
• The graphical grammar (ggplot)
• R and HTML
• Shiny / RMarkdown / Shinydashboard
Graphical presentation concepts
• Which graph should you use for your data?

Intended Learning Outcomes: After completing this module students will be able to: • Explain and apply HTML to the development of web content. • Explain the separation of content and format, and apply CSS to format web pages. • Explain the role of XML and be able to use XPath to find an element in an XML tree. • Explain the syntax and function of LaTeX; develop documents using LaTeX • Understanding of R and knowledge of the features it provides and how to apply them for graphical data presentation. • Understand the fundamental concepts of graphical data presentation, including how to choose a graph type for a specific data set.

Assessment:	Coursework 1 (10%) Coursework 2 (10%) Laboratory work (10%) Examination (70%)
Resit Assessment:	Examination (Resit instrument) (100%)

Assessment Description: Coursework 1 : practical web development exercise with CSS. Coursework 2: practical development exercise with R , HTML and LaTeX. Labs : Guided and supported laboratory sessions . Exam: Standard Computer Science format unseen examination, duration 2hrs
Moderation approach to main assessment: Moderation by sampling of the cohort
Assessment Feedback: Outline solutions provided along with analytical individual feedback for coursework's. 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 and exchange students.

CSC061 Introduction to Programming

Credits: 15 Session: 2023/24 September-January

Pre-requisite Modules:

Co-requisite Modules:

Lecturer(s): Prof JS Pearson

Format: 30 hours lectures and practicals

Delivery Method: On-campus lectures and lab sessions.

Module Aims: This module gives an overview of the main topics and questions in Computer Science and enables students who are not majoring in computer science to reach a level of skill in programming such that they will be able to apply their computing knowledge to their other studies. It can also provide (along with other Level 0 modules) a suitable preparation for Level 1 Computer Science.

Module Content: This module teaches students the fundamentals of programming in Python. Students will learn to develop and debug simple programs using basic programming concepts (assignments, if statements, loops, functions) and simple data types (integers, floating-point numbers and strings).

Intended Learning Outcomes: Students will have gained an insight into the main questions of Computer Science.
Students will have the ability to analyse, write and appropriately structure programs in Python.
Along with other Level 3 modules they will have gained background knowledge to enable them to proceed to level 4 Computer Science.

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 and 2 - practical programming exercises.
Laboratory - supported sessions working through pre-defined exercises.

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: Available to visiting and exchange students

CSC079 Fundamentals of Robotics

Credits: 15 Session: 2023/24 September-January	
Pre-requisite Modules:	
Co-requisite Modules:	
Lecturer(s): Dr DR Sahoo	
Format: Lab-based instruction.	
Delivery Method: Lab-based instruction.	
Module Aims: This module introduces students to the fundamentals of robotics. Students will demonstrate their ability to solve problems while developing their programming skills by completing a series of robotics-based lab tasks.	
Module Content: Design and construction of robots using the LEGO Mindstorms EV3 kit Programming robots with Scratch & MicroPython Use of a variety of sensors (touch, gyroscope, ultrasonic, light) Development of algorithms using sensors Development and implementation of collision detection algorithms Development and implementation of line-following algorithms	
Intended Learning Outcomes: Students will understand and be able to apply basic engineering principles for system design, employing various computational problem-solving techniques.	
Assessment:	Examination (50%) Coursework 1 (20%) Coursework 2 (20%) Laboratory work (10%)
Resit Assessment:	Examination (Resit instrument) (100%)
Assessment Description: Standard Computer Science format unseen examination, duration 2hrs. Two lab-based courseworks, the submissions of which being complete write-ups of the solutions to the problems solved (ie, explanation and evaluation of the design and implementation of a robot). Continuous sequence of short lab tasks to be completed each week.	
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 summarisiong strengths and weaknesses of the class.	
Failure Redemption: Resit examination.	
Additional Notes: Available to visiting and exchange students.	

EG-002 Foundation Mathematics for Engineers II

Credits: 15 Session: 2023/24 January-June	
Pre-requisite Modules:	
Co-requisite Modules:	
Lecturer(s): Dr AJ Williams, Dr AM Higgins	
Format: Synchronous lectures and example classes: 44 hours;	

Delivery Method: This module will employ a blended approach to delivery using on-site lectures and example classes each week with the Canvas Digital Learning Platform for self-directed online activity.

Module Aims: This module will introduce some of the key mathematical techniques used in engineering including integration and differentiation

Module Content: Syllabus should be as shown below:

Differentiation: geometrical basis, definition and examples. Tangents and normal to curves.
Differentiation of elementary functions. Differentiation rules including chain rule, product rule and quotient rule.
Using differentiation to find maxima and minima of curves and engineering based applications.
Introduction to implicit differentiation.

Integration: geometrical basis and basics of integral calculus.
Techniques of integration.
Numerical integration

Intended Learning Outcomes: Understand fundamental principles of differential and integral calculus and their relevance to engineering disciplines
Select appropriate differential and integral calculus techniques to solve well defined problems
Solve well defined problems using differential and integral calculus

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Apply knowledge of mathematics, statistics, natural science and engineering principles to well-defined problems

Assessment:	Coursework 1 (8%)
	Coursework 2 (8%)
	Coursework 3 (8%)
	Coursework 4 (8%)
	Coursework 5 (8%)
	Examination (60%)
Resit Assessment:	Examination (Resit instrument) (100%)

Assessment Description: Examination: A 2 hour closed book exam will take place in May/June (worth 60 % of the final mark).
Coursework 1, 2, 3, 4, 5: Electronic online tests with randomised coefficients will be set during the semester. Each test is an individual piece of coursework and worth 8% each.

This module is assessed by a combination of examination and continual assessment. In order to pass the module students must achieve a minimum of 40% in the examination component, and a minimum of 40% overall for the module. If students do not meet the exam and module requirements they will receive a QF outcome and will be required to take a supplementary assessment in this module, even if their module mark is above 40%.
If students pass the exam but have failed the coursework, they may still fail the module, depending on the marks achieved, so it is important to complete the coursework.

Resits are in the format of a supplementary exam.

Moderation approach to main assessment: Moderation of the entire cohort as Check or Audit

Assessment Feedback: Coursework feedback will be provided within 3-week after deadline according to University policy. When computer based assignment the feedback will be done online and if required during lectures. Exam: an examination feedback summary is available online to students

Failure Redemption: A supplementary examination will form 100% of the module mark.

Additional Notes: The FSE has a ZERO TOLERANCE penalty policy for late submission of all coursework and continuous assessment.

MA-003 Fundamental Complex Numbers

Credits: 15 Session: 2023/24 January-June	
Pre-requisite Modules:	
Co-requisite Modules: MA-002	
Lecturer(s): Dr JB Macmillan	
Format: 20 lectures 10 supervised exercise sessions	
Delivery Method: Traditional lectures (2 per week) with supervised examples class sessions for individual work (1 per week).	
Module Aims: This module introduces the concept of complex numbers and illustrates how they find application throughout mathematics.	

Module Content: 1. COMPLEX NUMBERS
 a. Definition and basic properties of the imaginary number. Real and imaginary parts.
 b. Algebraic manipulation – addition, subtraction, multiplication of complex numbers.
 c. The complex conjugate and modulus of a complex number.
 d. Division by a complex number.
2. POLYNOMIALS
 a. Revisiting the quadratic equation and the quadratic formula. Role of the discriminant for quadratic equations. Nature of roots.
 b. Complex conjugate pairs of roots for general polynomials.
 c. Factorising cubic equations with one real root.
3. GEOMETRY
 a. The Argand diagram.
 b. Argument and modulus of a complex number. Connection to polar coordinates.
 c. Sketching curves in the complex plane e.g. arg(za)=, |z| = c.
4. DE MOIVRE'S THEOREM
 a. Multiplication of complex numbers in the Argand diagram.
 b. Statement of De Moivre's theorem.
 c. Application to derivation of multiple angle formulae.
 d. Finding the n roots of unity.
5. MACLAURIN SERIES
 a. Definition of MacLaurin series for a general function. Examples of the calculation of Maclaurin series.
 b. The series expansions for e^x, $\cos(x)$, $\sin(x)$.
 c. Euler's formula $z = re^{(i)}$. Writing complex numbers in this form. De Moivre's Theorem again.
6. FIRST ORDER DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS
 a. Concept of a differential equation. Differential equations from the real world e.g. population growth.
 b. Separation of variables.
 c. Using an integrating factor on an equation of the form $dy/dx + P(x) y = Q(x)$.

Intended Learning Outcomes: i) The student will be able to algebraically manipulate complex numbers.

ii) The student will understand the geometric interpretation of a complex number in terms of the Argand diagram.

iii) The student will be able to solve simple polynomial equations with complex roots.

iii) The student will be able to prove appropriate trigonometric identities using De Moivre's Theorem.

iv) The student will be able to state series representations for common functions.

v) The student will be able to solve homogeneous linear second order differential equations.

Assessment:	Examination (80%) Coursework 1 (6%) Coursework 2 (7%) Coursework 3 (7%)
Resit Assessment:	Examination (Resit instrument) (100%)

Assessment Description: Examination: A closed book examination to take place at the end of the module.
The coursework assignments will develop students' skills in problem solving, and developing and writing logical arguments.

Moderation approach to main assessment: Moderation of the entire cohort as Check or Audit

Assessment Feedback: For the homework assignments, students will receive feedback in the form of marks, model solutions, overall feedback on the cohort performance, and some individual comments on their work.
For the exam, students will receive feedback in the form of marks and overall feedback on the cohort performance. Further, individualised feedback, can be provided upon request.

Failure Redemption: Supplementary examination.

Additional Notes: Delivery of both teaching and assessment will be blended including live and self-directed activities online and on-campus.

Available to visiting and exchange students

MA-004 Fundamental Geometry

Credits: 15 Session: 2023/24 January-June	
Pre-requisite Modules:	
Co-requisite Modules:	
Lecturer(s): Dr JB Macmillan	
Format:	20 lectures
	10 supervised exercise sessions

Delivery Method: Traditional lectures (2 per week) with supervised exercise sessions for individual work (1 per week).

Module Aims: This module introduces some essential geometric tools covering the basics of trigonometry, coordinate geometry, vectors and matrices.

Module Content: 1. TRIGONOMETRY
 a. The definition and use of Radians.
 b. The definitions of sin, cos, tan, sec, cosec and cot.
 c. The sine and cosine rules.
 d. Exact values of sin(), cos() and tan() for =0, /6, /4, /3, /2 etc.
 e. The definitions of inverse trig functions.
 f. Relationships between trig functions: tan = sin / cos , (sin())^2 + (cos())^2 = 1.
 g. Formulas for sin(A±B), cos(A±B), tan(A±B).
 h. Double and half angle formulas.
 i. Expressions in the form: a cos(A)+b sin(A) = r cos(A+B) = r sin(A+C).
 2. COORDINATE GEOMETRY IN 2 DIMENSIONS
 a. Cartesian coordinates in the plane.
 b. The geometry of a straight line: Gradient and intercept.
 c. The equation of a line in the forms y = m x+c and (y – b) =m(x – a).
 d. Conditions for two straight lines to be parallel or orthogonal.
 e. The geometry of a circle: Properties including radius is orthogonal to tangent, angle in a semicircle is a right angle.
 f. The Cartesian equation of a circle in the form (xa)^2 + (yb)^2=r^2.
 g. Parametric representations of a circle in the form x = a+r cos(t), y = b+r sin(t).
 3. POLAR COORDINATES
 a. The definition of polar coordinates in the plane.
 b. Transforming between Cartesian and polar coordinates.
 c. Sketching a curve given in polar coordinates in the form r = f().
 4. VECTORS IN 2 DIMENSIONS
 a. Use of vectors to describe position and displacement between two points.
 b. Vector addition, subtraction, multiplication by scalars (with geometric interpretation).
 c. Calculating the magnitude of a vector.
 5. 2x2 MATRICES
 a. Addition, subtraction, multiplication by a scalar and multiplication of two matrices.
 b. The zero and identity matrices.
 c. The determinant and inverse.
 d. Using a matrix to represent a geometric transformation (e.g. rotations, reflections of the plane).

Intended Learning Outcomes: i) The student will have a basic knowledge of geometry (triangle and circle).

ii) The student will have a knowledge of coordinate geometry and applications.

iii) The student will have a basic knowledge of vectors and matrices and their use in geometry.

iv) The student will be able to manipulate trigonometric functions using standard trigonometric identities.

Assessment:	Examination (80%)
	Coursework 1 (6%)
	Coursework 2 (7%)
	Coursework 3 (7%)
Resit Assessment:	Examination (Resit instrument) (100%)

Assessment Description: Examination: A closed book examination to take place at the end of the module.
Courseworks 1-3: This coursework will develop students' skills in problem solving, and developing and writing logical arguments.

Moderation approach to main assessment: Moderation of the entire cohort as Check or Audit

Assessment Feedback: For the homework assignments, students will receive feedback in the form of marks, model solutions, overall feedback on the cohort performance, and some individual comments on their work.

For the exam, students will receive feedback in the form of marks and overall feedback on the cohort performance. Further, individualised feedback, can be provided upon request.

Failure Redemption: Supplementary examination.

Additional Notes: Delivery of teaching will be on-campus. Continuous assessment will be submitted online.

Available to visiting and exchange students

MA-006 Fundamental Mathematics

Credits: 15 Session: 2023/24 September-January
Pre-requisite Modules:
Co-requisite Modules:
Lecturer(s): Dr Z Sobol
Format: 30 hours: This will be a mixture of sessions which may include for example: lectures, quizzes, exercises, examples classes.
Delivery Method: All programmes will employ a blended approach to delivery using the Canvas digital learning platform.
Module Aims: This module covers some important basic topics in mathematics introducing students to polynomials, functions, inequalities, sequences, series, exponentials and logarithms.

Module Content: 1. NUMBERS
 a. Integers, rational numbers and real numbers. Brackets and BODMAS.
 b. Fractions (addition, multiplication and division).
 c. Revision of long division.
 d. Square roots.
2. POLYNOMIALS
 a. Quadratic polynomials: Graphs, quadratic formula, discriminant, concept of distinct and repeated real roots, completing the square.
 b. Manipulation of general polynomials algebraically – laws of indices, expansion, factorisation.
 c. Division of polynomials and partial fractions.
 d. Use of the factor theorem to factorise a polynomial.
 e. The binomial formula.
3. FUNCTIONS
 a. Definition of a function, domain, range.
 b. Composition of functions, inverse of a function.
 c. Sketch the graph of some simple functions (e.g. straight line, quadratic polynomials, polynomials with known roots).
 d. Simple transformations of functions and their graphs (e.g. given $y=f(x)$ sketch $y=af(x)$, $y=f(x)+a$, $y=f(x+a)$, $y=f(ax)$).
4. SIMULTANEOUS EQUATIONS
 a. Solving a system of linear equations by substitution.
 b. Solving a pair of nonlinear equations (1 linear and 1 quadratic) by substitution.
 c. Representing the solution of a system graphically.
5. INEQUALITIES
 a. Solving linear and quadratic inequalities in one variable.
 b. Represent linear and quadratic inequalities graphically.
6. SEQUENCES AND SERIES
 a. Definition of a sequence.
 b. Sequences explicitly and iteratively defined in the forms $x(n) = f(n)$ and $x(n+1) = f(x(n))$.
 c. Arithmetic and geometric sequences.
 d. Definition of a series, sigma notation.
7. EXPONENTIALS AND LOGARITHMS
 a. Functions of the form a^x. Graphing such functions.
 b. Definition of e^x in terms of the gradient of its graph.
 c. Definition of a general logarithm $\log_a(x)$ as the inverse of a^x and $\ln(x)$ as the inverse of e^x. Graphs of logarithms.
 d. Properties of exponentials and logarithms: Formulas for products, powers and quotients of exponentials. Formulas for logarithms of products, powers and quotients. Formula for change of base in a logarithm.

Intended Learning Outcomes: i) The student should be able to perform simple algebraic manipulations of equations and expressions.

ii) The student should be able to find all of the real roots of a quadratic equation and know suitable techniques for finding roots of a general polynomial.

iii) The student should be able to solve a simple system of simultaneous equations using substitution.

iv) The student should be able to solve linear or quadratic inequalities in one variable.

v) The student should be able to perform calculations involving basic sequences and series.

vi) The student should be able to define the exponential function and the logarithm to a given base.

vii) The student should be able to use standard properties of exponentials and logarithms in the algebraic manipulation of expressions containing such terms.

Assessment:	Examination 1 (80%)
	Coursework 1 (20%)
Resit Assessment:	Examination (Resit instrument) (100%)

Assessment Description: Examination 1: An examination at the end of the module.
Coursework 1: formed of a number of coursework assignments along with participation in the module during the semester.

Moderation approach to main assessment: Moderation of the entire cohort as Check or Audit

Assessment Feedback: For the homework assignments, students will receive feedback in the form of marks, model solutions, overall feedback on the cohort performance, and some individual comments on their work.

For the exam, students will receive feedback in the form of marks and overall feedback on the cohort performance. Further, individualised feedback, can be provided upon request.

Failure Redemption: Supplementary examination.

Additional Notes: Delivery of teaching will be on-campus. Continuous assessment will be submitted online.

Available to visiting and exchange students

MA-009 Computational Probability

Credits: 15 Session: 2023/24 September-January	
Pre-requisite Modules:	
Co-requisite Modules:	
Lecturer(s): Dr AY Pachon	

Format: 10 Lectures: in-person, delivery, introducing and motivating current topic.

10 Laboratory sessions; 2 hour sessions, providing face-to-face support.
Office Hours will run in addition.

Delivery Method: The 1 hour lecture + 2 hour lab session delivery pattern will remain, along with the blended 'self-learning' as guided by the weekly structure on the Canvas site.

Module Aims: This module gives students an understanding of Monte Carlo methods, which use random simulation to computationally solve physical problems which may be difficult if not impossible to solve analytically. The delivery style of the module is very much tutorial in nature: only basic programming and probability theory will be taught and required, with the module concentrating on practical weekly lab-based problem-solving sessions.

The module material will consist of 'bite' sized presentations, and self-paced programming python notebooks.

Module Content: Basic Probability Theory:
- methods of counting (combinatorics);
- axioms of probability;
- sample spaces, events, and mutually exclusive events;
- the law of total probability;
- conditional probability and independence;

Basic Python Programming.
 - variables, arrays, conditionals, loops, functions
 - functions calculating commonly used statistics
 - annotated histograms and boxplots for data sets
 - simulation of coin flipping, dice rolling, and card drawing experiments
 - creation of functions to calculate sampling possibilities in choosing k objects from n objects
 - use of pseudo random numbers in simulating random walks and stock market behaviour
 - implementation of Monte Carlo methods to illustrate the Law of Large Numbers and the Central Limit Theorem

Intended Learning Outcomes: At the end of the module students will
- know and be able to apply the theoretical concepts in probability theory, and statistics,
- be able to analyze computational problems in probability theory and design solutions for them,
- be able to implement and test their solutions in Python.

Assessment:	Coursework 1 (20%)
	Coursework 2 (20%)
	Examination 1 (40%)
	Laboratory work (20%)
Resit Assessment:	Examination (Resit instrument) (100%)

Assessment Description: The module will be assessed via continuous assessment and unseen examination.

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

Assessment Feedback: Written and oral feedback will be given.

Failure Redemption: Examination resits.

Additional Notes: Delivery of teaching will be on-campus. Continuous assessment will be submitted online.

Available to visiting and exchange students