MSc IT

Induction 2016/17
MSc IT vs MSc CS

• Higher flexibility
  – Only 3 compulsory modules
  – Options in both computing and management

• Slower pace (in studying programming)
  – ISD = 2/3 PIJ
    • Spread in two terms
    • Less steep learning curve:
      using Python rather than Java
  – SEP is more practical than FOC
I Have a Question

• First, check the programme handbook!
  – The most up-to-date version is always online
  – The version = the date of last edit
• Second, check the intranet!
• Third, ask the programme administrator!
• Then, ask the corresponding module tutor!
• Last but not least, contact the programme director 8-)

Module Choices Form

- PT: 3 or 4 modules (incl. ISD) in year 1
- FT: 7 modules altogether
  - Note that ISD has 30 credits, while each other module has 15 credits.
- See the last page of the programme handbook
- Due in two weeks!
Three Possible Paths

• (1) **Transfer** to MSc CS halfway
  – Only possible for Part-Time (PT) students
  – You must have passed the **primer course**

• (2) **Computing** Oriented
  – If you have passed the primer course, ...
  – Otherwise, ...

• (3) **Management** Oriented
(1) Transfer to MSc CS

• Choose ISD, IS, FOC, and CS
  – PT: Pass all of them in the 1\textsuperscript{st} year, and then you will be an MSc CS student in the 2\textsuperscript{nd} year
(2) Computing Oriented

• Those who passed the primer course, choose **ISD, IS, FOC, CS, SDP, INS/IWT, +**
  Software Implementation Project
  – Possibility to top-up the degree to MSc CS:
    Add PIJ, DKM

• Otherwise choose **ISD, IS, SEP, SDP, INS/IWT +**
  Software Implementation Project
  – Possibility to top-up the degree to MSc CS:
    Add PIJ, DKM, FOC, CS
(2) Computing Oriented

– All (or more) optional modules from the Dept of CSIS

– Project: Software Implementation
  • Same as MSc CS students
  • Accredited by the BCS
(3) Management Oriented

• Choose ISD, IS, SEP, and RMM1
  – PT: Enough modules for year 1
  – All (or more) optional modules from the Dept of MGMT or GEDS
  – Project: Research Dissertation
Major Changes

• **Two new** optional modules (15 credits, level 7)
  – Project Management for Informatics (PMI)
  – Interactive Systems (IRS)
Mentoring Pathways

• Find the information here.
• Submit your online application form by midnight, 17th October 2016.
Career Development
http://www.bbk.ac.uk/careers/

• Careers and Employability Service
  – http://www.bbk.ac.uk/careers/careers-service

• Birkbeck Talent Recruitment Service
  – http://www.bbk.ac.uk/careers/birkbeck-talent

• UpScale Programme
  – http://www.upscaleprogramme.com/

• Careers Group, University of London
  – https://www.thecareersgroup.co.uk/
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