

# Department of Computer Science and Information Systems

## MSc Computer Science Schedule 2021/22

Updated Monday 19 July 2021

### 1. Term Dates

Teaching will commence in the week starting on Monday 4 October 2021 and takes place over two terms of eleven weeks each (Autumn and Spring term). The Summer term is given over to revision (including revision lectures), examinations, and the project.

For one module, Principles of Programming I, the revision will take place in the Autumn term and the examination will take place before the start of the Spring term.

Autumn Term: Monday 4 October 2021 to Friday 17 December 2021

Spring Term: Monday 10 January 2022 to Friday 25 March 2022

Summer Term: Monday 25 April 2022 to Friday 8 July 2022

For college closure dates please consult the [college website](#).

### 2. Introductory Talks

Introductory talks for new students take place in the week preceding the start of term. The talks will include an introduction from the programme director, a hands-on introduction to the departmental computer systems and short presentations by representatives from the library and student services.

### 3. Locations

Personal timetables, including the teaching venues, are provided through [My Birkbeck](#). You are advised to check your person timetable before each lecture because room bookings can change at short notice. A general timetable for the week ahead is available on the [department website](#).

### 4. Attendance

Students should attend lectures during term time as shown in the timetables. If students are unable to attend lectures, they should consult Moodle to obtain copies of any material distributed in class. Any student who decides to withdraw from the programme should inform the Programme Administrator. It is especially important for international students that they inform the department about any absence.

## 5. Timetables

Below is the timetable for the modules. For details regarding module aims, syllabus, prerequisites, assessment and recommend reading please consult the department website.

<https://www.dcs.bbk.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/msc-computer-science/#modules>

### 5.1 Part-time Students Year 1

In the first year, part-time students follow only compulsory modules as follows.

#### Autumn Term

Monday	18:00-21:00	Principles of Programming I	Online (with option to attend lab sessions in person)
Wednesday	18:00-19:30	Fundamentals of Computing	Online
Wednesday	19:30-21:00	Information Systems	Online

#### Spring Term

Monday	18:00-21:00	Principles of Programming II	Online (with option to attend lab sessions in person)
Wednesday	18:00-19:30	Fundamentals of Computing (continued)	Online
Wednesday	19:30-21:00	Information Systems (continued)	Online
Thursday	18:00-21:00	Computer Systems	Online
Friday	18:00-19:30	Fundamentals of Computing Optional tutorial	In person

### 5.2 Part-time Students Year 2

In the second year part-time students follow the compulsory modules below, and also one optional module (see section 5.4).

#### Autumn Term

Thursday	18:00-21:00	Data and Knowledge Management	Online (with option to attend lab sessions in person)
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#### Spring Term

Thursday	18:00-21:00	Software Design and Programming	Online (with option to attend lab sessions in person)
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Additionally, there will be project briefing sessions the week preceding the Autumn term and the week preceding the Spring term.

### 5.3 Full-time Students

Full-time students follow the compulsory modules below, plus one optional module (see section 5.4)

#### Autumn Term

Monday	14:00-17:00	Principles of Programming I Principles of Programming II	Online (with option to attend lab sessions in person)
Tuesday	14:00-17:00	Data and Knowledge Management	Online (with option to attend lab sessions in person)
Wednesday	14:00-17:00	Principles of Programming I Principles of Programming II	Online (with option to attend lab sessions in person)
Thursday	13:30-15:00	Information Systems	Online
Thursday	15:30-17:00	Fundamentals of Computing	Online

#### Spring Term

Tuesday	14:00-17:00	Software Design and Programming	Online (with option to attend lab sessions in person)
Wednesday	14:00-17:00	Computer Systems	Online
Thursday	13:30-15:00	Information Systems (continued)	Online
Thursday	15:30-17:00	Fundamentals of Computing (continued)	Online
Friday	15:30-17:00	Fundamentals of Computing Optional tutorial	In person

Additionally, there will be project briefing sessions the week preceding the Autumn term and the week preceding the Spring term.

## 5.4 Optional Modules

Optional module availability is subject to timetabling constraints and student demand. If an optional module is over-subscribed, available places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis determined by the date you return your module choice form.

### Autumn Term

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Monday	18:00-21:00	Information and Network Security	Online
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### Spring Term

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Monday	18:00-21:00	Advances in Data Management	Online (with option to attend lab sessions in person)
Tuesday	18:00-21:00	Internet and Web Technologies	In person
Tuesday	18:00-21:00	Natural Language Processing and Information Retrieval	Online
Friday	18:00-21:00	Cloud Computing	Online

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