

# Department of Computer Science and Information Systems

## MSc Information Technology Schedule 2021/22

Updated Wednesday 25 August 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.

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. Information regarding dates, times and venues will be sent via email in the weeks preceding. 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 personal 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. Students who simply stop turning up for lectures without formally withdrawing from the programme will still be held liable for fees. 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-information-technology/#modules>

### 5.1 Part-time Students Year 1

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

#### Autumn Term

Wednesday	19:30-21:00	Information Systems	Online
Thursday	18:00-21:00	Concepts of Computation	Online
Friday	18:00-21:00	Introduction to Software Development	Online (with option to attend lab sessions in person)

#### Spring Term

Wednesday	19:30-21:00	Information Systems (continued)	Online
Friday	18:00-21:00	Introduction to Software Development (continued)	Online (with option to attend lab sessions in person)

### 5.2 Part-time Students Year 2

In the second year, part-time students select four optional modules (see section 5.4), or three if they elected to take an optional module in year 1 of the programme.

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 four optional modules (see section 5.4)

#### Autumn Term

Thursday	13:30-15:00	Information Systems	Online
Thursday	18:00-21:00	Concepts of Computation	Online
Friday	18:00-21:00	Introduction to Software Development	Online (with option to attend lab sessions in person)

## Spring Term

Thursday	13:30-21:00	Information Systems (continued)	Online
Friday	18:00-21:00	Introduction to Software Development (continued)	Online (with option to attend lab sessions 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

Monday	18:00-21:00	Information and Network Security	Online
Tuesday	18:00-19:30 or 19:30-21:00	Intellectual Capital and Competitiveness	Pre-recorded lecture followed by an online or in-person seminar
Thursday	18:00-21:00	Introduction to Geographic Data Science (30 credit module)	In person
Wednesday	18:00-19:30 or 19:30-21:00	Innovation: Management and Policy	Pre-recorded lecture followed by an online or in-person seminar
Friday	18:00-19:30 or 19:30-21:00	Research Methods in Management	Pre-recorded lecture followed by an online or in-person seminar

## Spring Term

Monday	18:00-21:00	Database Management	Online (with option to attend lab sessions in person)
Tuesday	18:00-21:00	Internet and Web Technologies	In person
Tuesday	18:00-19:30 or 19:30-21:00	Research Methods in Management	Pre-recorded lecture followed by an online or in-person seminar
Wednesday	18:00-21:00	Applied Software Engineering	Online (with option to attend lab sessions in person)
Thursday	18:00-19:30 or	Strategic Management	Pre-recorded lecture followed by an

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Friday	18:00-19:30 or 19:30-21:00	Digital Creativity and New Media Management	Pre-recorded lecture followed by an online or in-person seminar

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