

Welcome Back

First Day Meeting

for 2nd year students
based in CIS department

People

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Physical Places

CIS Departmental Office:

LT11.01

CIS Labs:

on LT levels 11, 12 and 13

Also on Level 11 LT :

Creative Zone; Study Zone

CIS academic offices:

LT Levels 13 and 14

CIS Systems Support:

LT13.07

Non-physical Places

- Read **email** from your **university account** regularly
- **MyPlace** – all CIS classes should use this VLE - Make sure you are registered for the appropriate classes on MyPlace
- **Pegasus** – for curriculum, exam results, exam timetable, logging personal circumstances, etc
- **2nd Year CIS Noticeboard** – info on elective choices and some other useful info
local.cis.strath.ac.uk/wp/teaching/undergraduate/noticeboards/second-year-noticeboard/

- Much information available by following **Undergraduate** link after **Information for Staff and Students** link from **CIS department Home Page**

- <https://local.cis.strath.ac.uk/wp/teaching/undergraduate/>

- Course timetables

- 2nd Year Noticeboard

- Undergraduate Degree Handbook

- Class syllabuses

CIS lab access:

Current code for access to CIS labs can be obtained from Systems Support (LT13.07) if forgotten

Arrol Lab: LT11.05

Kelvin Lab: LT12.01 + L12.21

Muir Lab: LT13.01

Telford Lab: LT13.20

Much information regarding your account, CIS labs, etc. available by following **Systems Support** link after **Information for Staff and Students** link from **CIS department Home Page**

Info available on such things as:

- print quota
- linking device through wifi (use eduroam)
- out of hours access

Some Useful University Dates

Term 1

11th September 2017 – 15th December 2017

- Semester 1 teaching starts Monday 18th September
- Exam period 4th- 15th December

Term 2

8th January 2018 – 30th March 2018

- Consolidation week starts Monday 8th January
- Semester 2 teaching starts Monday 15th January

Term 3

16th April 2018 – 18th May 2018

- Semester 2 Exam period

Resit exams

- Provisionally 1st August – 14th August

Student Holidays

- **Christmas Vacation:**
18 December 2017 - 7 January 2018
- **Spring Vacation:**
2 April 2018 - 15 April 2018
- **University Closed**
25 September 2017 -- Note!
23 December 2017 - 3 January 2018
30 March 2018
2 April 2018
7, 28 May 2018
13, 16 July 2018

Notes:

You must attend during the teaching periods.

You must attend during the examination periods if you have exams.

You must attend during consolidation and development week if any of your classes require this.

Curriculum

Can be viewed in department handbook

Can be viewed/ updated on Pegasus

All students have:

- CS207 Advanced Programming
20cr S1+S2
- CS208 Logic & Algorithms
20cr S1+S2
- CS209 User and Data Modelling
20cr S1+S2
- CS210 Computer Systems and
Architecture
20cr S1+S2
- CS211 Professional Issues in
Computing
10 cr S1

CS BSc(Hons) and SE students also have:

- CS212 Topics in Computing
10cr S2
- CS215 Combinatorics for
Computer Science 2
10cr S1
- An elective
10cr (preferably S2)

Total should be 120 credits

MEng CS students also have:

- MS211 Technological and Organisation Innovation
20cr S2

And either

- CS212 Topics in Computing
10cr S2

consists of two parts: one part involving evolutionary computing within a games context; the other involving an introduction to Functional Programming (Haskell)

or

- CS215 Combinatorics for Computer Science 2
10cr S1

Total should be 120 credits

If you have yet to pick an option /
elective or wish to change then request
via Pegasus before end of Semester 1
week 2 (or end of week 2 of Semester 2
if your currently chosen elective is in
Semester 2)

Credit Shortfall

If you progressed to 2nd year with fewer than 120 credits then you must take additional class(es) in 2nd year to make up for this shortfall.

This could mean reattending (timetable permitting) or carrying failed classes or taking new ones.

University Compensation Scheme

If you do not pass all classes in 2nd year you may be eligible for compensation in one 20-credit class (or two 10-credit classes).

If you have a credit weighted average mark of 45% or higher in the year at first attempt, then you can have one 20-credit mark (or two 10 credits) in the range 30% to 39% compensated. Your transcript will still show your failing mark but you will be awarded the credits for the class. (See handbook for further details.)

Progress to 3rd year

For CS(Hons), CS(MEng), SE:

220 credits in total with 100 at level 2 including a non-compensated pass in CS207

CS(MEng) students require a sufficiently high credit-weighted average for progression each year – usually 50%

360 credits are needed for progress to 4th year so very important to achieve 240 credits by end of 2nd year

Course Transfer

See handbook

CS and SE students may transfer to MEng CS at the end of 2nd or 3rd year if all of the following criteria apply.

1. You obtain a CWA of 69.5% or higher (at first sitting) at the end of your current year (i.e. your exam board decision is Pass with Distinction).
2. You have obtained a CWA of 59.5% or higher (at first sitting) at the end of all of your previous year(s) of study (i.e. in all previous years, your exam board decision is Pass with Merit).

Timetable

Week 1 of Semester 1 Teaching period shows as week 8 on timetable

Lectures commence week 1

Labs/tutorials for CIS classes start week 3 unless class lecturer informs you otherwise

Labs/tuts for CS215 start week 1

Electives

See link from 2nd year noticeboard

Note special procedures for electives from Centre for Lifelong Learning (CLL) classes from evening and weekend programme

CS211

Professional Issues in Computing

Will run as an online course with all material on Myplace

The class lecturer will be uploading the weekly lectures and releasing each week's content on MyPlace as he goes along

Students should concentrate on the work for that week in the forum and reading and not jump ahead.

Students are expected to work on this in their own time and to participate in the weekly forum postings

Part of the assessment is a portfolio (with reflection added) of forum contributions made (each c200 words). See MyPlace for further details.

Attendance and Coursework

Many classes have coursework and this also contributes to the class mark.

DO NOT IGNORE THIS.

Be sure that you are aware of the assessment method for each class.

ATTEND lectures.

ATTEND at **assigned** lab / tutorial times.

Attendance taken.

Demonstrators are there to help and, for some classes, to mark.

Plagiarism

DON'T DO IT!

Lab/ Tutorial Allocation

Allocation will be with reference to course and classes you are taking.

Forms should only be filled in by i) CS/SE students taking a semester 1 elective, ii) MCS and Data Analytics students, iii) students from outside CIS department taking a 2nd year CIS semester 1 class as an elective and iv) those with exceptional circumstances.

Forms need not be filled by MEng CS or CES students

Allocation available end week 2 from the CS207 MyPlace page.

Personal Circumstances

Important to submit via Pegasus if study affected due to illness or other circumstances for consideration by exam board.

Medical certificate or other backup evidence preferable if assessment/exams affected.

Also inform relevant class lecturer(s) if coursework affected.

Absence from resits (without good reason) likely to lead to withdrawal.

Meet with **Counsellor** (Personal Development Adviser). Contact counsellor to arrange a meeting

Julie Sobocinski in the Departmental Office will allocate counsellors to those who have transferred from other departments if she is informed by the students

CIS Undergraduate Staff Student Committee

Nominations and volunteers

please:

- 2 reps from 2nd CS/SE
- email to me by end of week 1

First committee meeting likely week 3
or 4

Problems

- Counsellor (PDA)
- Class lecturer
- Year Adviser / Course Director
- CIS Undergraduate Staff Student Committee, via student representatives

Studying Abroad

RIO have organised information sessions for students who are interested in studying abroad - see

<https://www.strath.ac.uk/studywithus/studyabroad/goingabroad/informationssessions/>

Careers Service

Anna Selwood from the university's
Careers Service gave a presentation –
slides available from 2nd year
noticeboard