

Welcome Back

First Day Meeting

for 2nd year students
based in CIS department

People

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**Personal Development Adviser
(counsellor):**

- As last year – see Pegasus
- Some may have change due staff departure / change of course
- Contact Julie Sobocinski in CIS Departmental Office if change required
- Arrange to meet at least once per semester

Physical Places

CIS Departmental Office:

LT11.01

CIS Labs:

LT 11.05, 12.01, 12.21, 13.01, 13.20

Access code currently as last year
can be obtained from Systems
Support (LT13.07) if forgotten

Also on LT Level 11:

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
Send email from university account
- **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 **Information for Staff and Students** link from **CIS department Home Page**

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

- Undergraduate

- 2nd Year Noticeboard
- Course timetables
- Undergraduate Degree Handbook
- Class syllabuses

- Utilities or Systems Support

- Out of hours access
- Print quota
- Linking device through wifi (use eduroam)
- Access to H: drive from home

Some Useful University Dates

Term 1

10th September 2018 – 14th December 2018

- 10th September – Welcome and Development week
- Semester 1 teaching starts Monday 17th September for 11 weeks
- Exam period 3rd - 14th December

Term 2

7th January 2019 – 29th March 2019

- Consolidation and Development week starts Monday 7th January
- Semester 2 teaching starts Monday 14th January for 11 weeks

Term 3

15th April 2019 – 17th May 2019

- Semester 2 Exam period

Resit exams

- July/August
- Dates not yet confirmed.

Student Holidays

- **Christmas Vacation:**

15 December 2018 - 6 January 2019

- **Spring Vacation:**

1 April 2019 - 12 April 2019

- **University Closed**

24 September 2018 – Note!

22 December 2018 - 2 January 2019

19 April and 22 April 2019

6 and 27 May 2019

12, 15 July 2019

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 handbook (from undergraduate local info)

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

or

- CS215 Combinatorics for Computer Science 2
10cr S1

or

- CS217 Agile Software Engineering in Practice (capped class size)
10cr S2

Total should be 120 credits

CS212 Topics in Computing
consists of two parts: one part involving
evolutionary computing within a games
context; the other involving an
introduction to Functional
Programming (Haskell)

Syllabi for CS215 and CS217 and other
CS2 classes can be viewed from
undergraduate local info (subject to
update)

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.

Agree curriculum with year adviser.

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 or Distinction).

CS(Hons)/ SE (Hons) may transfer between these now or after year 2.

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

Allocation to CIS labs/tutorials based on your Pegasus curriculum and timetable and will be allocated during week 2 for semester 1.

CS207 Sem 1 labs on Wed afternoons – for a third of the class.

Email isla.ross@strath.ac.uk before end of week 1 if you have sports competitions on Wed afternoon and so prefer to avoid that lab

or if there are times where you have a strong reason for preferring not to be allocated to a particular slot for any year 2 CIS class you are taking.

Please provide reasons.

Lab/ tut allocation available by end week 2 from the CS207 MyPlace page.

Electives

See link from 2nd year noticeboard

Note special procedures for electives from Centre for Lifelong Learning (CLL) classes and for QQ210.

Special procedure also for requesting CS217 – email isla.ross@strath.ac.uk before 5pm Monday 17th September if you wish to be considered for this class (capped in size) and indicate whether instead of / in addition to current option/elective. Direct entrants and transfers have separate procedure later.

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 c200-250 words). Part is group work. 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!

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.

CIS Undergraduate Staff Student Committee

Nominations and volunteers

please:

- 2 reps from 2nd year CS/CSMeng/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 was due to give a short presentation to 2nd year CIS now and another tomorrow at 4pm

Unfortunately both cancelled due to illness

Will be rearranged for another date

NCSC Bursary opportunity

I've been asked to publicise the following:

National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC)
CyberFirst Student Bursary and Development Scheme is open for applications. It is offering successful applicants a bursary of £4000 per year during the years you study at University (from Sept 2019).

Details about the scheme and how to apply can be found at:

<https://recruitmentservices.applicationtrack.com/vx/lang-en-GB/mobile-0/appcentre-3/brand-4/xf-bd8ab30ccf84/candidate/so/pm/1/pl/6/opp/1527-CyberFirst-Student-Bursary-and-Development-Scheme-2019-Ref-1527/en-GB>

To apply you must:

- * Be a UK National
- * Have (or expect to have) 3 'A' levels in any subject at Grade B or above (or qualification equivalent to 120 UCAS tariff points) - In terms of Highers, 120 UCAS tariff points would be 2xAs and 2xBs - and have an offer (or be applying) to study an Undergraduate Degree or Integrated Masters in any subject at a UK University from September 2019
- * Or Already be studying an Undergraduate Degree or Integrated Masters in any subject at a UK University, with a minimum of 2 years of full time study remaining from September 2019 and have (or expect to have) attained a minimum 2:1 equivalent at the end of academic year 2018/19

The application details didn't appear to include a closing date but from the GCHQ web site Vacancy list it appears to be 15/10/2018.

Important things to do this week:

- Email me by 5pm today if you wish to be considered for CS217, including whether instead/ in addition to current elective.

(Direct entrants and transfers excepted until end semester 1.)
- Email me by end of Friday this week if you are involved in sports competitions on Wednesday afternoons so prefer not to be allocated to CS207 then.
- Email me by end of Friday this week if you have strong reason to wish to avoid particular semester 1 lab times, giving reasons.
- Preferably have approved electives on Pegasus, since lab allocation may be affected.
- If you wish to stand as a 2nd year student rep, email me by end of this week