

Welcome Back!

First Day Meeting
for 2nd year students
based in CIS department

**Slides by 2nd Year CIS Adviser of
Studies**

for CS (BSc Hons and MEng) and SE:

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AKA “A Second Year Head”, “Second Year
Coordinator”, “Second Year Tutor”, more names?

**For most of you, you will only need me to approve
your Provisional Curriculum**

No major confusion so far

**I recommend to finish all corrections in your
Curriculum during first week of classes**

Email me if any questions

To meet me: the best is to email me to schedule a meeting.

I normally reply to an email within a day (not counting weekends).

If more urgent (matter of hours) – email to enquiries@cis.strath.ac.uk or call department number 01415483189

- **2nd Year CIS Noticeboard** – info on elective choices and some other information related to your transition to the 2nd year

<https://local.cis.strath.ac.uk/wp/teaching/undergraduate/noticeboards/second-year-noticeboard/>

I use it only to store copies of email announcements, and for links to any attachments sent in those announcements

Electives

- To progress normally, you need to take 10 credit elective on your second year.
- See some suggestions posted on our Notice Board
- Additional Elective Possibility: Vertically Integrated Projects for Sustainable Development ([VIP4SD](#)). More in these slides:



VIP4SD Week Zero
Slides 2024-25-1.ppt

- And another one: [Z1129](#) Exploring Entrepreneurial Thinking, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C5xFt7H1JKE>
- Also a useful page: <https://local.cis.strath.ac.uk/wp> linked from CIS home page as “Information for staff & students” – Currently Migrating to a single MyPlace page
- Note Special procedure also for requesting **CS217** as electives: Email to Kostas Liaskos k.liaskos@strath.ac.uk by September 25th 5pm. This is since the number of seats in it is limited. If you are

approved for it, then I will replace your current elective with CS217.

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.

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).

Details:

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.

“Core” classes (including CS104) can not be compensated. (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 passes in all “core” modules, so only the elective can be compensated.

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

CS and SE students may **transfer to MEng CS** at the end of 1st, 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).

Allocation to CIS labs/tutorials based on your Pegasus curriculum and timetable and will be allocated by the end of week 2 for each semester .

Email me (before Wednesday week 1) if 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.

Personal Circumstances

See

<https://www.strath.ac.uk/sees/studentpolicies/policies/appealscomplaintsdiscipline/personalcircumstancesprocedure/>

If your attending or performance has been affected by circumstances beyond your control (e.g. illness, yours or in your family, but not a vacation trip):

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. You need to inform me only if you have not resolved it with the lecturer or the circumstances affected significant time (more than a week) and several classes.

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

Will attend teaching committee meetings, starting week 3 or 4

Plagiarism

DON'T DO IT!

MyPlace auto runs through TurnItIn

If Problems (in the order of trying to resolve)

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

