

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCES

INFORMATION SCIENCE

Doctor of Information Science (DInfSci)

For regulations relating to admissions, duration of study, examinations, progress, final assessment, award and research elements of this degree, please refer to the [General Academic Regulations - Postgraduate Research Degree Regulations](#).

For regulations relating to taught (compulsory/optional) modules, please refer to the [General Academic Regulations - Postgraduate Taught Degree Programme Level](#).

Admission

1. Notwithstanding the [General Academic Regulations - Postgraduate Research Degree Regulations](#), successful applicants shall possess:
 - i. a Master's degree in a relevant discipline from a university in the United Kingdom; or
 - ii. a qualification deemed by the Programme Director (or nominee) acting on behalf of Senate to be equivalent to (i) above; or
 - iii. be deemed by the Programme Director (or nominee) acting on behalf of Senate, to have achieved an academic standard equivalent to (i) above.
2. In addition, successful applicants shall also possess a relevant professional qualification; normally, at least 10 years' relevant experience.

Duration of Study

3. Notwithstanding the [General Academic Regulations - Postgraduate Research Degree Regulations](#), the minimum duration of study will normally be:
 - i. for the degree of DInfSci by full-time study – 36 months
 - ii. for the degree of DInfSci by part-time study – 48 months
4. Notwithstanding the [General Academic Regulations - Postgraduate Research Degree Regulations](#), the maximum duration of study will normally be:
 - i. for the degree of DInfSci by full-time study – 60 months
 - ii. for the degree of DInfSci by part-time study – 96 months.

Mode of Study

5. The programme is available by full-time and part-time study. All students undertake a curriculum comprising modules which are modular in nature and consist of formal tuition, independent study and supervised research.

Curriculum

6. All students shall undertake an approved curriculum as follows:

Compulsory Modules

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
CS9AA	Specialist Knowledge	5	60

CS9BB	Research Methods	5	60
CS9CC	Literature and Scholarship	5	60
CS9DD	Thesis	5	300

Examination, Progress and Final Assessment

7. Candidates are required to perform to the satisfaction of the Board of Examiners in all aspects of the curriculum and in the thesis.
8. Candidates will normally be expected to perform to the satisfaction of the Board of Examiners in the taught component of the programme before being permitted to proceed to the thesis.
9. Candidates who fail to satisfy the Board of Examiners in any taught class may, in the light of overall performance, be permitted one further attempt to pass the relevant class normally within one year of the first attempt.
10. The final award will be based on performance in the programme work, the thesis and an oral examination.

Award

11. In order to qualify for the award of the degree of Doctor of Information Science, a candidate must have performed to the satisfaction of the Board of Examiners and must have accumulated no fewer than 480 credits at Level 5, of which 300 must have been awarded in respect of the Thesis.

Transfer

12. A candidate who has accumulated no fewer than 120 credits in the taught component of the programme will be eligible for the exit award of Postgraduate Diploma in Practitioner Research in Information Science.
13. A candidate who has accumulated no fewer than 180 credits in the taught component of the programme will be eligible for the exit award of MSc in Practitioner Research in Information Science.