

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCES

ADVANCED COMPUTER SCIENCE

Master of Science in Advanced Computer Science

Master of Science in Advanced Computer Science with Software Engineering

Master of Science in Advanced Computer Science with Artificial Intelligence

Master of Science in Advanced Computer Science with Data Science

Master of Science in Advanced Computer Science with Cyber Security

Postgraduate Diploma in Advanced Computer Science

Postgraduate Diploma in Advanced Computer Science with Software Engineering

Postgraduate Diploma in Advanced Computer Science with Data Science

Postgraduate Diploma in Advanced Computer Science with Artificial Intelligence

Postgraduate Diploma in Advanced Computer Science with Cyber Security

Postgraduate Certificate in Advanced Computer Science

Postgraduate Certificate in Advanced Computer Science with Software Engineering

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Postgraduate Certificate in Advanced Computer Science with Artificial Intelligence

Postgraduate Certificate in Advanced Computer Science with Cyber Security

These regulations are to be read in conjunction with [General Academic Regulations - Postgraduate Taught Degree Programme Level](#).

Admission

1. The [General Academic Regulations - Postgraduate Taught Degree Programme Level](#) shall apply subject to the following requirements. Applicants shall possess:
 - i. a first or second class Honours degree from a United Kingdom university (in Computer Science or a closely related subject); or
 - ii. a qualification deemed by the Head of Department acting on behalf of Senate to be equivalent to (i) above.
2. In all cases, applicants whose first language is not English, shall be required to demonstrate an appropriate level of competence in the English language.

Duration of Study

3. See [General Academic Regulations - Postgraduate Taught Degree Programme Level](#).

Mode of Study

4. The programme is available by full-time study only.

Curriculum

5. All students shall undertake an approved curriculum as follows:
 - i. for the Postgraduate Certificate no fewer than 60 credits
 - ii. for the Postgraduate Diploma no fewer than 120 credits
 - iii. for the degree of MSc no fewer than 180 credits including a project.

Compulsory Modules

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
CS957	Research Methods	5	10

CS978	Legal, Ethical and Professional Issues for the Information Society	5	10
CS958	Project	5	60

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Optional Modules

No fewer than 100 credits of which no more than 20 may be at level 4 chosen from the available modules listed in this Regulation, or any other module as approved by the programme director.

Not all optional modules in these lists will be available in each academic year. Please check your programme handbook for confirmation of which optional modules will run.

Advanced Computer Science with Software Engineering

A total of 100 credits from the following list:

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
SU902	Concepts & theories of Sustainable development	5	10
CS547	Advanced Topics in Software Engineering	5	20
CS548	Designing Usable Systems	5	20
CS549	Distributed Information Systems	5	20
CS551	Mobile Software Applications	5	20
CS982	Big Data Technologies	5	20
CS888	Advanced Information Retrieval	5	20
CS409	Software Architecture and Design	4	20

Or any other module as approved by the programme director.

Advanced Computer Science with Data Science

A total of 100 credits from the following list:

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
SU902	Concepts & theories of Sustainable development	5	10
CS549	Distributed Information Systems	5	20
CS826	Deep Learning Theory and Practice	5	20
CS985	Machine Learning for Data Analytics	5	20

Together with 40 credits chosen from the following:			
CS547	Advanced Topics in Software Engineering	5	20
CS551	Mobile Software Applications	5	20
CS971	Evolutionary Computation for Finance	5	20
CS888	Advanced Information Retrieval	5	20
CS975	Business Analysis	5	10
CS988	Big Data Tools and Techniques	5	10

Or any other module as approved by the programme director.

Advanced Computer Science with Artificial Intelligence

A total of 100 credits from the following list:

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
CS823	Reasoning for Intelligent Agents	5	20
CS824	Quantitative Methods for Artificial Intelligence	5	10
CS825	Game Theory and Multi-agent Systems	5	10
CS826	Deep Learning Theory and Practices	5	20
CS827	Deep Learning in Visual Computing Applications	5	10
Together with 30 credits chosen from the following:			
CS549	Distributed Information Systems	5	20
SU902	Concepts & theories of Sustainable development	5	10
CS551	Mobile Software Applications	5	20
CS815	AI Finance	5	20
CS986	Fundamentals of Machine Learning for Data Analytics	5	10
CS888	Advanced Information Retrieval	5	20
CS975	Business Analysis	5	10
CS983	Evolutionary Computation for Finance 1 (not with CS815)	5	10
CS988	Big Data Tools and Techniques	5	10

Or any other module as approved by the programme director.

Advanced Computer Science with Cyber Security

Compulsory Modules (September start)

In addition to the compulsory modules for all MSc Advanced Computer Science outlined at the start of this regulation, the following modules are compulsory:

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
CS880	Information Security Fundamentals	5	10
CS881	Advanced Human Centred Security	5	20

A total of 70 credits from the following list:

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
CS547	Advanced Topics in Software Engineering	4	20
CS548	Designing Usable Systems	5	20
CS549	Distributed Information Systems	5	20
CS551	Mobile Software & Applications	5	20
SU902	Concepts & theories of Sustainable Development	5	10
With a minimum of 40 credits chosen from the following:			
CS825	Game Theory and Multi-Agent Systems	5	10
CS882	Security Protocols and Threat Models	5	20
CS885	Vulnerability Assessment & Security Testing	5	20
CS886	Advanced Security by Design	5	20
CS887	Research Topics in Cyber Security	5	10

Or any other module as approved by the programme director.

Compulsory Modules (January start)

In addition to the compulsory modules for all MSc Advanced Computer Science outlined at the start of this regulation, the following modules are compulsory:

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
CS426	Human Centred Security	5	20
CS882	Security Protocols and Threat Models	5	20

A total of 60 credits from the following list:

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
CS547	Advanced Topics in Software Engineering	4	20

CS548	Designing Usable Systems	5	20
CS549	Distributed Information Systems	5	20
CS551	Mobile Software & Applications	5	20
SU902	Concepts & theories of Sustainable Development	5	10
With a minimum of 30 credits chosen from the following:			
CS825	Game Theory and Multi-Agent Systems	5	10
CS885	Vulnerability Assessment & Security Testing	5	20
CS886	Advanced Security by Design	5	20
CS887	Research Topics in Cyber Security	5	10

Examination, Progress and Final Assessment

- See [General Academic Regulations - Postgraduate Taught Degree Programme Level](#).
- The final award will be based on performance in the examinations, coursework and the project, where undertaken.

Award

- Degree of MSc:** In order to qualify for the award of MSc in the chosen programme, a candidate must have accumulated no fewer than 180 credits of which 60 must have been awarded in respect of the Project CS958.
- Postgraduate Diploma:** In order to qualify for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma in the chosen programme, a candidate must have accumulated no fewer than 120 credits from the modules of the programme.
- Postgraduate Certificate:** In order to qualify for the award of the Postgraduate Certificate in the chosen programme, a candidate must have accumulated no fewer than 60 credits from the modules of the programme.