Courses covered

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<th>Code</th>
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<td>TCFDCT</td>
<td>FdSc Computing Technologies (Software Development)</td>
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You can find full details of your course in the *Programme Specification*.

Important points

- This programme is delivered at TWO college locations: North Hertfordshire College and West Herts College, Watford.

- As well as studying primarily at your chosen college location, you will also study at the University of Hertfordshire for ONE day per week throughout the course of your programme as well. This may incur additional transportation costs depending on your route and mode of transport. Students make their own transport arrangements to travel to both locations.

- Attending classes at the University of Hertfordshire gives you the opportunity to study alongside fellow students who are also studying the same modules on the Foundation Degree at our partner college. This provides you with both learning opportunities in small groups at your own college and within a larger group when attending classes at UH which helps prepare you for progression.

- Work Based Learning opportunities will be negotiated with the teaching team, but primarily sourced by the student.

- In order to progress to Year 2 (Level 5), students will need to pass 90 credits at Year 1 (Level 4).

- The term “coursework” includes written assignments, short projects, laboratory work and in-class tests.

Academic Year

This course will commence Monday 13 September 2021 for College Induction. Registration for the University commences Monday 20 September 2021.
**Academic Year 2021 – 2022**

The University’s academic year is made up of 3 Semesters. Normally most undergraduate programmes use Semesters A and B, additionally postgraduate programmes and specific undergraduate programmes use Semester C. Each of these is made up of teaching weeks followed by exams (the re-sit period falls within Semester C).

- Semester A runs from Monday 27 September 2021 to Friday 21 January 2022
- Semester B runs from Monday 24 January 2022 to Friday 13 May 2022
- Semester C runs from Monday 16 May 2022 to Friday 09 September 2022

**Expected workload**

In the UK, a full time student is expected to spend 1200 hours on their studies each year. Please find below an estimate of how your time will be spent on this course during each year of study.

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<th>Lectures, seminars, tutorials</th>
<th>Independent study</th>
<th>Placement</th>
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<td>Year 1</td>
<td>24%</td>
<td>76%</td>
<td>0%</td>
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<td>Year 2</td>
<td>26%</td>
<td>74%</td>
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**Method of assessment**

In the **academic year 2021/22**, all exams will be replaced with coursework using alternative modes of assessment. Alternative modes of assessment include, but are not limited to, take home coursework and online timed assessments.

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<th>Written Exam</th>
<th>Coursework</th>
<th>Practical</th>
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<tr>
<td>Year 1</td>
<td>0%</td>
<td>90%</td>
<td>10%</td>
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<td>0%</td>
<td>92%</td>
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**Additional expenses**

Undergraduate Study requires extensive reading and access to reference works. Whilst all directed reading in this programme is by e-book. Printed texts are also available in the Learning Resource Centre. Please note that availability of printed material may be limited so students may wish to purchase their own copies.

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<th>Year</th>
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Travel Costs associated with transport to university campus ONE day per week during term-time which would be variable depending on mode of transport and starting point

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<th>Microsoft Office 365 account for the duration of your studies</th>
<th>Mandatory</th>
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<td>The package will give you:</td>
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<td>• Full, installed Office applications</td>
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<td>File storage and sharing with 1 TB storage.</td>
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