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About your course

Course(s) covered

Code	Title
CMWCST	<p>Modular BSc Honours Computer Science (online), which includes the following awards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSc Honours in Computer Science • BSc Honours in Computer Science (Applied Data Science) • BSc Honours in Information Technology

You can find full details of your course, module information and entry requirements in the *Programme Specification*.

Important points

This course is delivered 100% online via the University's virtual learning environment StudyNet. It can be studied flexibly, which allows you to fit your studies around your work and life commitments. However, there will be specific deadlines to submit or take assessments.

The assessment schedule for each module is published at the start of the semester.

Number of study hours will vary depending on your prior knowledge and experience with the subject. The expectation for a 15-credit module is 150 hours (equivalent to around 12 hours per week over 12 weeks).

Basic IT skills are a requirement for anyone wishing to study online. For example, you will need to be confident using an internet browser, communicating via email and using Microsoft Office tools (e.g. Word, Excel) or equivalent. An ability to learn and adapt to new technologies is also important, for example, you may be asked to participate in a virtual classroom session, contribute to a discussion forum or complete an online assessment/test.

To study Online, you will need access to a suitable computer and a good reliable Internet connection. Most modern PCs and Macs (less than three years old) should be fine. As a guide, you need a minimum of:

Description	Mandatory/Optional	Estimated cost (GBP) (UK prices 2021)
Desktop or laptop computer; a specification similar to https://docs.anaconda.com/anaconda-enterprise/system-requirements/ should be fine	Mandatory	Starts at £500
Audio (headset with microphone recommended built-in speakers and microphone if using a laptop)	Mandatory	Starts at £15

Description	Mandatory/ Optional	Estimated cost (GBP) (UK prices 2021)
Webcam (built in if using laptop)	Mandatory	£10-£50
Broadband Internet Connection (2mbps minimum)	Mandatory	Starts at £10/month
Microsoft Office 365 account for the duration of your studies The package will give you: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full, installed Office applications Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Publisher, and OneNote on up to 5 PCs or Macs. • Office on tablets and phones for the Office experience on up to 5 tablets and 5 phones. • Online versions of Office including Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. • File storage and sharing with 1 TB storage. 	Mandatory	Provided by the University at no cost to students / FREE

For full systems requirements and up to date information, please check our website on:
<https://www.herts.ac.uk/courses/online-distance-learning/how-online-study-works/system-requirements-for-study>

Academic Year

Academic Year 2022 - 2023

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 typically falls within Semester C).

- Semester A runs from Monday 26 September 2022 to Friday 20 January 2023
- Semester B runs from Monday 23 January 2023 to Friday 12 May 2023
- Semester C runs from Monday 15 May 2023 to Friday 8 September 2023

Method of assessment

Modules are assessed by combination of online tests and other forms of coursework (including essay, design, and development of software artifact, technical report, academic report, live presentation, peer review, teamwork, video log, live demonstration, and viva).

The dates of assignment submission and online tests are fixed. The online tests are available for a fixed period of time, usually 24-hours, to ensure all students can find a convenient opportunity to complete them within that period.

If you cannot meet the assignment deadlines or test dates, you must inform the Module Leader in advance of the deadlines to get appropriate advice.

Additional expenses

You can find full details of your course tuition fees in the *Fees and Finance Policy*.

Course materials (i.e. e-books, software) are usually included in your tuition fees unless specified otherwise.

Undergraduate study requires extensive reading and access to reference works. Recommended texts are typically available in the University's online library as ebooks. Students may wish or may be required to purchase their own copies of textbooks. The average cost of a recommended text is estimated at £50 -

£100. We currently estimate that the cost of expenditure on mandatory textbooks is between £200 and £400 per year, dependent on the pattern of modules students choose to study.

As part of your final year project, you may choose to purchase hardware or software.

Assessments – remote invigilation

Our courses are specifically designed to make attending the University unnecessary, including attendance for the completion of tests. Some of our online tests may make use of third-party remote invigilation providers, also known as 'remote proctors'. These services allow us to check your identity and invigilate online tests at a distance. Typically, there are no assessment costs for students, apart from circumstances where a student has not completed the booking process within the required notice period. In such circumstances, **costs can vary between £10 and £25 (GBP)**.

Attendance to the UK Award Ceremony:

On completion of your programme of studies, you will have the opportunity to attend our UK Award Ceremony. When registering for the Ceremony you will receive 1 free graduate ticket for yourself.

Attendance to the UK Award Ceremony may incur additional costs i.e. guest tickets, travel and accommodation. The exact value of these costs will depend on when you will graduate and where you are travelling from.

Details regarding attendance to the Award Ceremony can be found on the website <http://www.herts.ac.uk/ceremonies>