

Study with us

About your course

Courses covered

Code	Title	UCAS Code
CMCSITBSC	BSc (Hons) Computer Science	G400
CMCSITBSC	BSc (Hons) Computer Science (Cyber Security and Networks)	G491
CMCSITBSC	BSc (Hons) Computer Science (Software Engineering)	GG46
CMCSITBSC	BSc (Hons) Computer Science (Artificial Intelligence)	GG47
CMCSITBSC	BSc (Hons) Information Technology	G501

You can find full details of your course in the *Programme Specification*.

Important points

- The Department of Computer Science is based at the University's College Lane Campus. Computer Science has been taught and studied here since 1956, making it one of the oldest academic Computer Science establishments in the UK. The Department is also one of the largest in the country. Students come to us from all over the world to obtain an education in Computer Science as undergraduate, taught postgraduate, and PhD research students.
- Students have the option available to undertake additional study abroad or an industrial placement; however, students who have not achieved the minimum progression requirements at the end of level five (second year of the programme) may not be eligible to take these.
- Although the responsibility for finding a placement is with students, our Careers, Employment and Enterprise Service maintains links with a wide variety of employers who offer placement opportunities and organise special training sessions to help you secure a placement, from job application to the interview. Optional one-to-one consultations are also available.
- A compensated pass cannot be awarded for the individual project.

Academic Year

Academic Year 2023 – 2024

The University's academic year is made up of 3 Semesters (A, B and C). Semester A and B are made up of teaching weeks followed by exams, where applicable (the re-sit period falls within Semester C). Semester C is normally used for final dissertations and projects.

- Semester A runs from Monday 25 September 2023 to Friday 19 January 2024
- Semester B runs from Monday 22 January 2024 to Friday 10 May 2024
- Semester C runs from Monday 13 May 2024 to Friday 6 September 2024

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.

	Lectures, seminars, tutorials	Independent study	Placement
Year 1	23%	77%	0%
Year 2	23%	77%	0%
Sandwich/Year Abroad	0%	0%	100%
Final Year	17%	83%	0%

Method of assessment

	Written Exam	Coursework	Practical
Year 1	7%	93%	0%
Year 2	23%	77%	0%
Sandwich/Year Abroad	0%	100% P/F	0%
Final Year	6%	91%	3%

Additional expenses

Description	Year	Mandatory/ Optional	Estimated cost
Desktop or laptop computer. Please see: https://ask.herts.ac.uk/buying-a-computer-for-uni . Having your own desktop or laptop computer to support your academic studies is highly recommended.	All years	Optional	From £400

Placement year/ Study Abroad/ Combination of Study Abroad and Placement	3	Optional	The University does not charge tuition fees during your placement year or study abroad, but you may incur additional costs i.e. travel and accommodation. The exact value of these costs will depend on where your placement is located.
Texts to support curriculum	All years	Optional	Undergraduate study requires extensive reading and access to reference works. Recommended texts are available in the Learning Resource Centre either as ebooks or printed material. Please note that availability of printed material may be limited so students may wish to purchase their own copies. The average price of a recommended text is estimates at £50, although you may be able to buy second-hand copies.
During your time with us there may be an opportunity to participate in 1 or 2 field trips.	All years	Optional	Depending on the trips available, the estimated cost for each trip is between £15 to £50.
As part of your final year project, you may choose to purchase hardware or software.	Final year	Optional	Variable, depending on project.
No additional expenses have been specified for this course.			