# Computer Science and Maths BSc (Hons) 2011-2012

**Summary**

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| Schools   | Computer Science
| Faculty   | Mathematics
| Awarding Institution | University of Manchester
| Programme Accreditation | BCS
| Relevant QAA benchmark(s) | Computing, Mathematics
Aims and intended learning outcomes

Aims

The programmes aim to:

1) enable graduates to exhibit a high level of practical and theoretical skills over a broad range of Computer Science together with a knowledge of currently available techniques and technologies.

2) enable students to acquire a knowledge and understanding of mathematical ideas, including the concepts of rigorous argument and formal proof, and an appreciation of the power and generality of abstract formulation and the analytic method.

3) enable students to develop their capacity to learn and apply mathematical ideas and skills.

4) give students the opportunity to have studied a combination of mathematics and computer science and have an appreciation of the subjects themselves and their close relationship.

5) give students sufficient knowledge of mathematics and computer science principles to be able to meet confidently future developments in a rapidly changing area.

6) provide the opportunity for students to study on a programme at the forefront of both computer science and mathematics which is informed by current research and in particular by the research specialisations of the teaching staff.

7) In addition, the with Industrial Experience programme aims to: give extensive practical experience of an industrial or business environment where students are able to apply and develop their skills, both technical and personal.

Intended learning outcomes

Knowledge & understanding

A1 Know and understand the essential mathematics relevant to computer science.

A2 Understand and apply a wide range of principles and tools available to the software engineer, such as design methodologies, choice of algorithm, language, software libraries and user interface techniques

A3 Demonstrate a grasp of the principles of computer systems, including architecture, networks and communication

A4 Recognise and appreciate the professional and ethical responsibilities of the practising computer professional, including understanding the need for quality

A5 Know and understand the principles and techniques of a number of application areas informed by the research directions of the subject, such as artificial intelligence, databases and computer graphics

A6 Apply their knowledge of computing in a commercial or industrial context

A7 Show a critical understanding of the broad context within which Computer Science resides, including issues such as quality, reliability, enterprise, employment law, accounting and health and safety

A8 Have a comprehensive knowledge and critical awareness of selected specialist fields at the forefront of computer science, studied at masters level

Intellectual (thinking) skills

B1 Solve a wide range of problems related to the analysis, design and construction of computer systems.

B2 Design and implement a software or hardware system of significant size

B3 Identify a range of solutions and critically evaluate and justify proposed design solutions

B4 Solve computer science problems with pressing commercial or industrial constraints

B5 Generate an innovative design to solve a problem containing a range of commercial and industrial constraints
**Practical skills**

C1 Plan and undertake a major individual project

C2 Prepare and deliver coherent and structured verbal and written technical reports

C3 Give technical presentations suitable for the time, place and audience

C4 Use the scientific literature effectively and make discriminating use of Web resources

C5 Design, write and debug computer programs in appropriate languages

C6 Use appropriate computer-based design support tools

C7 Apply computer science skills in a commercial or industrial environment

C8 Demonstrate initiative taking, innovation and self-management in an industrially related group project

C9 Integrate previously acquired skills and apply them to new, demanding situations

**Transferable skills**

D1 Display an integrated approach to the deployment of communication skills

D2 Use IT skills and display mature computer literacy

D3 Work effectively with and for others

D4 Strike the balance between self-reliance and seeking help when necessary in new situations

D5 Display personal responsibility by working to multiple deadlines in complex activities

D6 Employ discrete and continuous mathematical skills as appropriate

D7 Demonstrate significantly enhanced group working abilities

D8 Further develop career plans and personal objectives

D9 Communicate effectively with non-specialist as well as computer scientist professionals at a range of levels

D10 Undertake a range of technical roles within a team and be able to display leadership
Teaching, learning and assessment methods

Learning and Teaching on all our programmes aims to combine an understanding of fundamental CS principles, development of strong practical skills and the group-working, learning and communication skills that are essential for any computing professional.

Course units which involve practical elements all have associated laboratory exercises, usually in timetabled sessions with staff and demonstrator support. Most labs operate a system of face-to-face marking in the lab so that students receive immediate feedback on their work. Units without labs all have regular coursework exercises to support skills development and feedback.

Most units are lecture based, with lab or coursework exercises used to reinforce and enhance knowledge and skills first encountered in lectures. The first year team project deviates significantly from this model and takes an Enquiry Based Learning approach. This unit aims to encourage students to be more actively engaged with, and responsible for, their own learning, to develop skills in problem solving, communication, independent learning, and group work, and to signal the importance we attach to independent learning. This approach is followed up in the second year with the workshop based approach used in the compulsory Software Engineering unit, which also contains a major group working component.

The choice of units offered to students on our programmes is very broad, but they also require depth in particular subject areas. This is achieved using the notion of Themes. A theme is a group of related second and third year course units which form a coherent whole; usually one second year and two third year units. All joint honours students are required to complete at least one theme to achieve some depth of study in Computer Science.

All students undertake an individual 3rd year project, supervised by a member of academic task, which usually involves the development of significant software or hardware product. Assessment of this unit involves presentations of plans and results and a major written report. Assessment in almost all units is a combination of lab/coursework and examination.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment of intended learning outcomes

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**Programme structure**

**MANDATORY UNITS - 110 CREDITS**

**OPTIONAL UNITS - 10 CREDITS**

**Level 1 - compulsory units**

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**Level 1 - option pool 1**

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**Level 2 options**

**MANDATORY UNITS - 70 CREDITS**

**OPTIONAL UNITS - 50 CREDITS**

**Level 2 - compulsory units**

All of the units in this pool are mandatory.

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<td>MATH20201</td>
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**Level 2 - option pool 2**

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**Level 2 - option pool 3**

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**Level 2 - option pool 4**

From this option pool choose 20 credits.
### Level 3 options

**MANDATORY UNITS - 30 CREDITS**

**OPTIONAL UNITS - 90 CREDITS**

You must register for the following:

A minimum of 50 COMP units (including the project)

A minimum of 50 MATH units, of which at least 40 credits must be at level 3

The remaining 20 credits can be either COMP on level 3 or MATH on level 2 or 3.

Overall from the 120 credits, a minimum of 100 must be level 3

Please note that some combinations of course units may not be possible due to timetable clashes.

If you wish to enrol on optional units (COMP or MATH) that are not listed below you must have permission from the Programme Tutor - Dr Andrea Schalk.

#### Level 3 - compulsory units

All of the units in this pool are mandatory.

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*You must also choose 50 additional credits in Sem 1 and 50 additional credits in Sem 2.*

#### Level 3 - option pool 1

From this option pool choose a maximum of 50 credits and a minimum of 30 credits.

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#### Level 3 - option pool 2

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Other third year maths course units may be available subject to students satisfying their pre-requisites, and there not being any timetable clashes. The remaining Maths credits can be chosen from 2nd Year Maths units. If you have any questions contact the CM tutor.
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Mechanisms for programme revision

Course units are reviewed annually by the Undergraduate Committee, as part of the Annual Review process, taking into account the results and comments from Course Unit Evaluation Questionnaires. Input is also received from the Teaching Assessment Panel, which has a responsibility for monitoring teaching quality in the School.

Programmes have been reviewed regularly by groups created specifically for this purpose; the last major review resulted in a new programme portfolio design which started in the first year in 2008-9. The responsibility for leadership of programme review is now in the hands of the Director of Teaching Strategy (currently Dr Steve Pettifer) who chairs a School Teaching Strategy Committee.