Semester 1 was all a blur

I don't understand what's going on

There is light at the end of the tunnel

Welcome To Semester 2

Why are we here?

• Purpose of the meeting is to help you:
  – Make the most of this semester
  – Achieve what you are capable of
  – Help you achieve your plans for the future
• So:
  – Exams
  – Projects
  – Careers

Exams

• Option choices deadline: 5pm Fri 10th February
• Feedback session
  – A chance to see last semester’s answer books
  – Weds 15th March 2pm
• Resits
  – There are none
• Mitigating Circumstances?
  – Tell us as soon as possible, deadlines will be announced
Your final degree

• Graduating this year:
  – Y2 average counts 33%
  – Y3 average counts 67%
  • 40 credit project is c.22% of the degree

• For Honours status you need to pass
  – 80 Y3 credits >40% (class indicated)
  – 60 Y3 credits >40% (drop a class)

• Failing exams
  – Can fail exams and not fail your degree
  – NO RESITS

Project Timetable

• Demonstrations: 8 – 22 March 2017
• Stop implementing: 24 March 2017
  – 8 weeks
• Give your supervisor time to proofread
  • And you time to correct
• Submission (report and screencast): 2 May 2017
• Plagiarism
  – Report automatically checked
• Balance work between project and course units

Graduation

• 10th – 21st July
  – Date and time to be confirmed, prob end of March
• Then what?
  – Work
  – Further study

What next?

• Congratulations if you’re already sorted
• Most larger companies have closed but ...
  Lots of SMEs recruiting computer scientists
• See Moodle http://bit.ly/csmcrjobs (see later)
• See Careers Link http://www.careers.manchester.ac.uk/careerslink
• And www.gradcracker.com, glassdoor, linkedin etc

www.highfliers.co.uk
Dates for your Diary

- Manchester Digital Skills Festival 2017
  - [www.manchesterdigital.com](http://www.manchesterdigital.com) Town Hall
- Talent Day: Weds Feb 15th
  - ~70 local employers, 1500 students
- University Careers fairs
  - #MyFutureFest (7th Feb)
  - May the 4th (be with you)
    - Star Wars Day
    - Armitage Centre Fallowfield

www.SiliconMilkRoundabout.com

- 20th – 21st May 2017 in London

CV?


Unique Selling Points @csacr

- ~9000 grads in CompSci from UK Universities, what makes you special?
  - Fundamentals (not fashions)
  - Science (and engineering)
  - Mix of hardware AND software
  - Stendhal is unique
- Quick learners!
  - Proven ability to pick up stuff

Help and advice

- Come and see me (LF25) or speak to Mabel (LF26)
- Drop-in sessions
- Careers Service
  - CV / application help
  - Assessment Centres
  - Interviews
- Dominic Laing (after Feb 14th)
Further study / research

• Now is the time to be applying: Deadlines vary, but the earlier you apply the more likely you are to be able to be considered for funding (if there is any available)

• What and Where to study?
  http://www.cs.manchester.ac.uk/study/postgraduate-taught/
  http://www.cs.manchester.ac.uk/study/postgraduate-research/

• Good luck, May the Force be with you!

Review/Feedback

• I take trying to improve what we do seriously

• Lots of ways for you to give us feedback:
  – Suggestion boxes (physical and online),
  – Staff Student Committee (SSC),
  – CEQ/UEQs,
  – Exam feedback session: Wed 15th March, 2pm,
  – Speak to tutors, Lab supervisors, Director of UG, Head of School...
  – President’s visit: Wed 1st March, 3pm,
  – National Student Survey.

National Student Survey (NSS)

• Conducted by IPSOS MORI for the Government.
• Another feedback mechanism for us, but:
• You fill it in from now to April, we don’t get the results until late August.
• NSS asks for an overview of the whole of your time here...
  – Use UEQs, SSC, suggestion boxes for feedback on course units
  – We want to hear about current issues directly
  – Use NSS to rate your overall experience from day 1

What is NSS used for?

• NSS is how we benchmark ourselves against other universities.
• It’s important that it’s representative of what you all think, so please do complete it.
• Last year 68% of CS students completed it (University mean of 72%), please help us by making it higher this year.
• Give detailed comments in the text boxes so we understand your scores.
• Some detail of how scores are calculated...

What does NSS look like?

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<th>The teaching on my course</th>
<th>Always agree</th>
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<td>2. Staff have made the subject interesting.</td>
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<td>3. Staff are enthusiastic about what they are teaching.</td>
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<td>4. The course is intellectually stimulating.</td>
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<td>5. My communication skills have improved.</td>
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<td>22. Overall, I am satisfied with the quality of the course.</td>
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What do the results look like?

Two main numbers for each question: Mean score and %Agree

NSS Subject Results 2012

Computer Science

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I look at how we compare to other universities for ALL questions. The headline figure most widely used for comparison is %Agree with Q22

Please fill in the NSS with an honest appraisal of your whole degree
SCS NSS Lottery 2017

- NSS started 30 January
  - IPSOS MORI will eventually pester you until you complete NSS.
- Some more positive encouragement:
  - Complete the NSS survey
  - Print out the confirmation Page
  - Take it to SSO (LF21)
  - Free bar of chocolate for everyone!
  - Entry into a prize draw

The Prize Draw

- 5x £100 vouchers
- 10 Feb, 24 Feb, 10 March, 24 March, 28 April
- You stay in if you don’t win
  - More chances to win if you enter earlier

University Prize Draw

- Ten £400 amazon vouchers in a prize draw at the end of the NSS
- Also, £1 donated to four established University charities for each submission.

You Said – We Did

- Delayed Feedback
- Inconsistent marking
- Content in years/courses
- No Halal outlets nearby
- Monitoring lecturers
- Continuing to train Teaching Assistants
- Ongoing course reviews

The End.

- Any Questions?