Welcome to the School of Computer Science

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- SCS at UNMC
- Founded in 2000
- 12 academic staff
- About 200 students
- Leading Malaysian research school
- Very closely integrated with SCS in Nottingham UK
School of Computer Science

- SCS in UK
- Founded in 1986
- 43 academic staff & 32 research fellows
- About 700 students
- Leading UK research school
  - 2014 REF - top 10 UK Computer Science departments
    - 88% of research is at international level
- Head of School
  Professor Jon Garibaldi
- Study abroad (exchange) programme
SCS Staff

Have a look at our [people page](#).

- Dr. Tomas Maul (Head of School)
- Mr. Ho Sooi Hock (Deputy HoS)
- Mr. K.R. Selvaraj (Senior Tutor)
- Dr. ZhiYuan Chen
- Mr. Sze-Ker Chew
- Dr. Siang Yew Chong
- Mr. Michael Chung
- Dr. Marina Ng
- Mr. Hani Parhizkar
- Dr. Abdur Rakib
- Dr. Iman Liao
- Professor Graham Kendall (CEO)
Undergraduate Courses (UG)

• BSc Computer Science (G400)
• BSc Software Engineering (G601)
• BSc Computer Science with Artificial Intelligence (G4G7)
Changing courses:

- Generally speaking, you can change courses at the end of the first year.
- Sometimes it is possible to change courses at the end of the 2nd year, but this depends on many factors. Case by case. Changing this late is usually not possible.
Study Abroad Programme

- Spend a full year in UK
- Must be second year
- Must return to UNMC for third year
- Malaysia fees still apply
  - Not Computer Science with AI
Credits and Modules

Some terminology from our Quality Manual.

• Credits are a notional unit of study time

• Modules are teaching units
  • Compulsory or optional
  • Compensatable or non-compensatable
  • pre or co-requisites

• Modules are worth credits
  • Mostly 10, some 20, projects may be 40
  • BSc (honours) - 120 credits per year

• Modules activities
  • Lectures / E-learning
  • Labs
  • Tutorials

1 credit corresponds notionally to about 10 hours of work
Online Information

• Moodle
  http://moodle.nottingham.ac.uk

• Module Catalogue
  http://modulecatalogue.nottingham.ac.uk/malaysia/

• Course Structures
  http://programmespec.nottingham.ac.uk/malaysia/asp/course_search.asp

• Quality Manual
  http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/academicservices/qualitymanual/

• Current Students Page
Assessment

• All modules are assessed

• Exams and/or coursework
  • Exams at end of each semester
  • Coursework deadlines vary per module
  • Weightings vary

• Coursework
  • Electronic (through Moodle)
  • Paper (faculty office - get a receipt)
  • Mark penalties for late submission

• Compensation and Resits
Support

- School
  - Personal tutor
  - Senior tutor (Selvaraj)
  - Learning Community Forum (student representatives)
  - Coursework and exam feedback (module convenors)
  - Deputy Head of School (Mr. Ho)
  - Head of School (Tomas Maul)
  - Disability support officer (Iman Liao)

- How to get meetings with staff

- University
  - Counselling service
  - Careers Advisory Office
Problems and Issues

- **Changing Optional Modules**
  - Must be done in the first two weeks of the semester
  - Your responsibility to make up missed lectures

- **Changing Courses**
  - Do it as early as possible
  - Talk to your personal tutor and/or course director
  - If other schools are involved talk to both schools

- **University**
  - Counseling Service
  - Careers Advisory Office
  - Student Services
  - Accommodation Office
Attendance

• Lectures, Labs and Tutorials are NOT OPTIONAL

• You must attend

• The first year is called the “Qualifying Year”

• You must qualify - otherwise you will be terminated!

• International students must attend - otherwise you risk getting your student visa withdrawn
Illness and Other Issues

- Extenuating Circumstances
  - Illness or other circumstances outside of your control
  - TELL US!
- Tutor and module convenors of affected modules
- If appropriate talk to disability support officer
- If appropriate talk to trained counsellors
Tips to do well (1)

• Expect your course to be tough and plan accordingly
• Turn up to lectures and labs
• Be punctual for lectures
• Check your e-mail daily
• Don’t leave things until the last minute
Tips to do well (2)

• Plan your time according to the number of credits a piece of work is worth

• If you don’t understand something in a module - ask the module convenor

• If you are feeling generally lost – talk to your tutor

• Get to know the staff and students in other years and on other courses
Tips to do well (3)

• Take advantage of University facilities
• Cultivate a sensible work/life balance
• Have fun!
Questions?