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# Welcome to the School of Computer Science

Dr Amr Ahmed

Head of School



# Dean's Welcome





# School of Computer Science

- SoCS at UNMC
- Founded in 2000
- 12 academic staff (*more soon*)
- About 390 students
- Research active
- Very closely integrated with SoCS in Nottingham UK



# School of Computer Science

- SoCS 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





# SoCS Staff



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

- Dr. Amr Ahmed  
(**Head of School**)
- Dr. Iman Liao  
(**Director of Teaching**)
- Dr. Tomas Maul  
(**Director of Research**)
- Mr. Michael Chung  
(**UG Programs Leader**)
- Mr. K.R. Selvaraj  
(**Senior Tutor**)
- Dr. Siang-Yew Chong  
(Admissions Officer)
- Dr. Marina Ng  
(Marketing Director)
- Dr. Siew Chin Neoh  
(Disability Liaison)
- Dr. ZhiYuan Chen  
(Industry Liaison)
- Mr. Sze-Ker Chew  
(UG Examination Officer)
- Professor Graham Kendall  
(CEO)

# Undergraduate Programmes (Plans)

**BCS accredited**

**Computer Science**

**BSc CS**

**Computer Science  
With AI**

**BSc CSAI**

**Software  
Engineering**

**BSc SE**

**Data Science  
(50/50 with  
Math)**

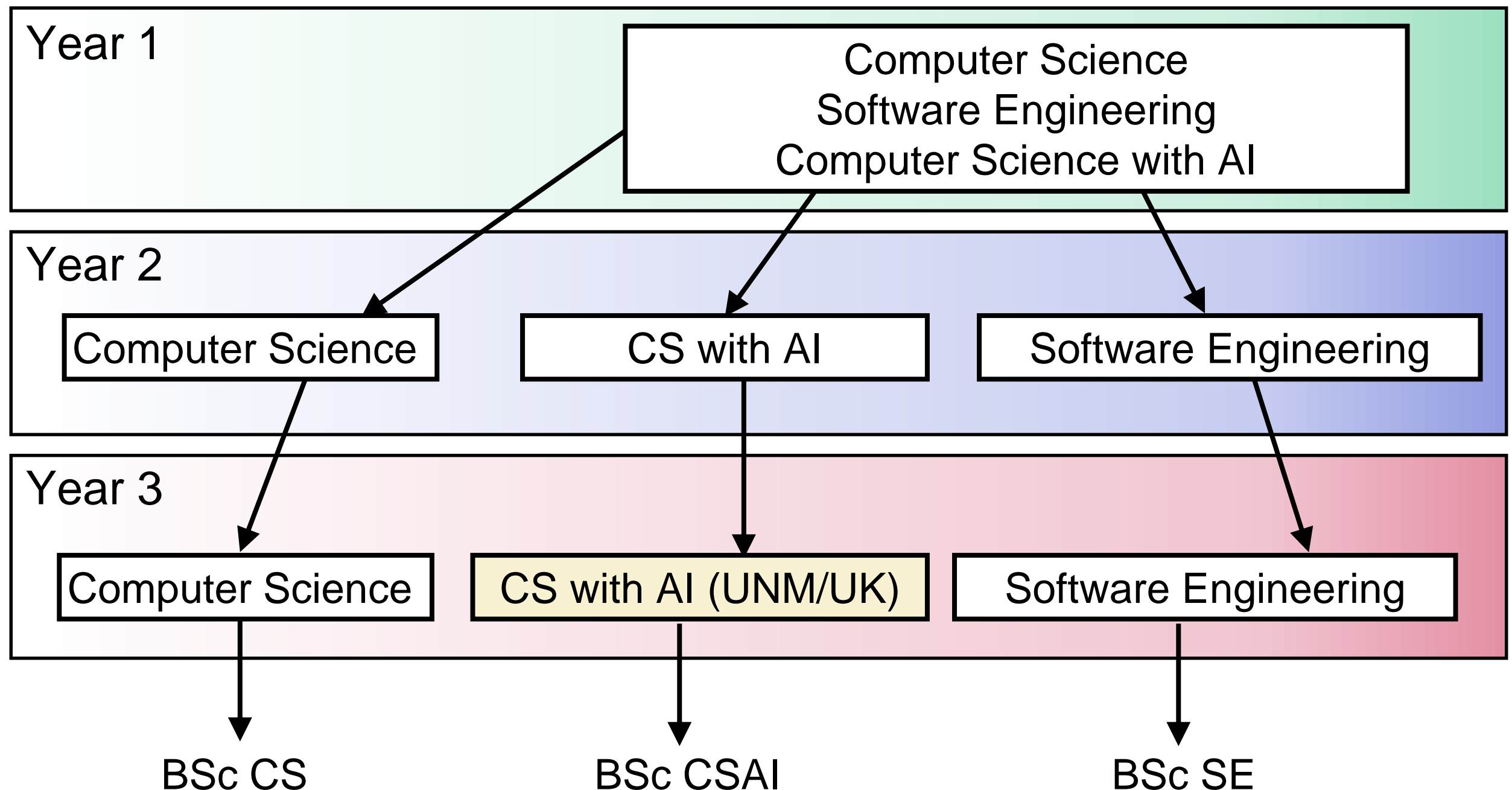
**Will start in  
2021 intake**



# UG Course/Programme Structure

Changing courses/programmes :

- Generally speaking, you can change courses/programmes at the end of the first year.
- Sometimes it is possible to change courses/programmes during the 2<sup>nd</sup> year, but this depends on many factors. Case by case. Changing this late is often not possible.
- If **international** students change course they need to re-apply for a **new Visa** Approval Letter (VAL).



# Postgraduate Programmes



- MSc in Computer Science
- MPhil in Computer Science
- PhD in Computer Science





# Study Abroad Programme

- Spend a full year in UK
- Must be second year
- Must return to UNM for third year
- Malaysia fees still apply  
(Not Computer Science with AI)
- Capped at 5. Competitive.

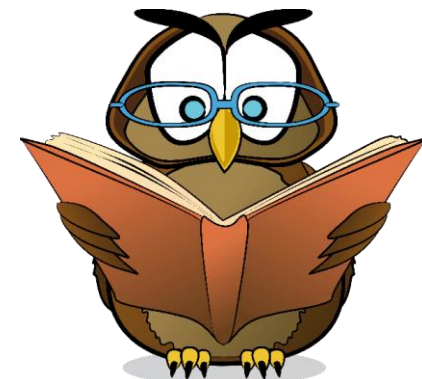


# Credits and Modules/Courses

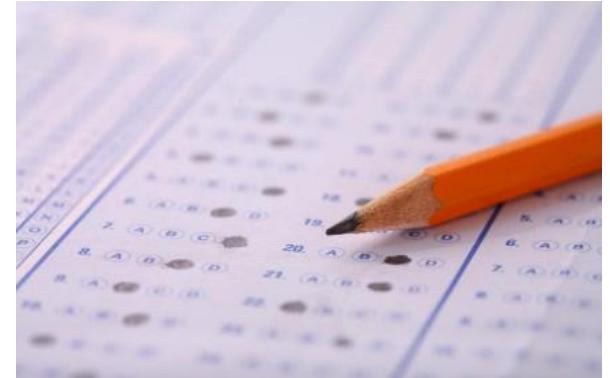
Some terminology from our [Quality Manual](#).

- Modules/Courses are teaching units
  - Compulsory or optional
  - Compensatable or **non-compensatable**
  - Pre or co-requisites
- Modules/Courses are worth credits
  - Credits are a notional unit of study time
  - Mostly 10, some 20, projects may be 40
  - BSc (honours) - 120 credits per year
- Module/Course activities
  - Lectures / E-learning
  - Labs / workshops
  - Tutorials

[1 credit](#) corresponds notionally to about 10 hours of work



# Assessment



- All modules/courses are assessed
- Exams and/or coursework
  - Exams at end of each semester
  - Coursework deadlines vary per module/course
  - Weightings vary
- Coursework
  - Electronic (through Moodle)
  - *If Paper (faculty office - get a receipt)*
  - Mark penalties for late submission
- Resits



# Online Information

- Moodle

<http://moodle.nottingham.ac.uk>

- MyNottingham

<https://mynottingham.nottingham.ac.uk>

- Quality Manual

<http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/academicservices/qualitymanual/>

- Current Students Page

<http://www.nottingham.edu.my/ComputerScience/Current/StudentDocuments.aspx>



# Support

- School
  - **Coursework and exam** feedback (module/course convenors)
  - **Program:** UG Programs Leader (Mr Michael Chung)
  - Personal tutor: 1<sup>st</sup> point of contact (if don't know where t go)
  - Senior tutor (Mr Selvaraj)
  - Learning Community Forum (student representatives)
  - Disability support officer (Dr Siew Chin Neoh)
  - Director of Teaching (Dr Iman Liao)
  - Head of School (Dr Amr Ahmed)
- How to get meetings with staff
- University
  - Counselling service
  - Careers Advisory Office



# Problems and Issues

- Changing Optional Modules/Courses
  - Must be done in the first two weeks of the semester
  - Your responsibility to make up missed lectures
- Changing Courses/Programmes
  - Do it as early as possible
  - Talk to your personal tutor
  - 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. Attendance is compulsory and recorded. {**Instatt App**}
- International students must attend - otherwise you risk getting your student visa withdrawn {online option now is only *exceptional arrangements due to COVID*}
- The first year is called the “***Qualifying Year***”
- You must qualify - otherwise you will be terminated!
- Can be terminated in other years too.

# Illness and Other Issues

- Extenuating Circumstances

- Illness or other circumstances outside of your control

- **TELL US!**

- Extenuating Circumstances Form (ECF).


- **Tutor** and **module/course convenors** of affected modules/courses
- Apply **on time**. (Don't delay it. Timing is important)
- If appropriate talk to **disability support officer**
- If appropriate talk to trained **counsellors**



You are  
**NOT**  
alone.

# Useful Web Page

<http://www.nottingham.edu.my/ComputerScience/Current/StudentDocuments.aspx>




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## School of Computer Science



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### Student Information

#### Information for 2020-2021

#### General Information for all Computer Science Students

- View [key academic dates](#) and [teaching timetables](#).
- View [plan structures and course information](#).
- Read several notes and pointers on [avoiding plagiarism](#).
- Download [LCF minutes](#).
- For industry related information, please contact [Dr Chen Zhiyuan](#).

#### Induction Package

##### Presentation Slides

- Download school welcome.
- Download student data capture (SDC) e-form.

##### Handbooks

- Handbooks and general guidance can be found in the following [Sharepoint folder](#).

##### Other Documentation

- Download [timetable of additional induction talks/meetings](#).
- Download a [guide on academic offenses and plagiarism](#).



# Tips to do well (1)

- Expect your programme to be **tough** and **plan accordingly**
- **Turn up** to lectures and labs
- Be **punctual** for lectures
- Check your **(UNM) 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/course - **ask** the module/course convenor
- If you are feeling generally **lost** – **talk to your tutor**; they can give general academic advice
- Get to **know the staff and students** in other years and on other courses/programmes

# Tips to do well (3)

- Take advantage of University **facilities**
- Cultivate a sensible **work/life balance**
- **Have fun!** (sensibly & responsively)





# Student Data Capture (SDC) e-form

Student Data Capture (SDC) e-form consists of three sections.

Please complete all sections (about 10 minutes).

[https://nottinghammy.asia.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_8kcWA5BvZYT9rlb?Q\\_CHL=qr](https://nottinghammy.asia.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8kcWA5BvZYT9rlb?Q_CHL=qr)



# Questions?

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