Year One Induction Lecture

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Welcome!
Your lecturers in Semester 1

Arnold Beckmann

Neal Harman

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John Sharp

Chris Whyley
Your lecturers in Semester 2

Dr Xianghua (Jason) Xie
Programming 2

Markus Roggenbach
Software development

Faron Moller
Modelling Computing Systems 2

John Sharp

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Swansea University has six Academic Colleges:

- Arts and Humanities
- Business, Economics and Law
- Engineering
- Human and Health Sciences
- Medicine
- Science
The College of Science has five Departments:

- Biosciences
- Computer Science
- Geography
- Mathematics
- Physics
Our department has 23 academic staff, about 20 research staff, 6 admin staff and about 40 research students. Our main research areas are:

- Graphics
- Human Computer Interaction
- Theory
Talbot Building

- maintains contact with industry
- about 20 staff
- summer placements
- industrial projects
- ...
You will be taught through lectures, exercise classes, and lab classes.

Your work will be assessed continuously through theoretical and practical coursework as well as exams at the end of each semester.

Tutorials will support your learning.
Tutorials

- Tutorials are weekly
- Academic Tutor (deals with course specific things, changes every year)
- Personal Tutor (deals with everything else, stays the same through your whole study)
- Year 1: Academic Tutor = Personal Tutor
- Tutorial allocation will be announced on the Notice Board on the Second Floor in a few days (check email)
What happens in tutorials?

An important role of the tutorials is to support your learning. You may ask your tutor to explain specific topics of a lecture, or to help with coursework and report writing.

You may also ask your tutor (= personal tutor) for help with any other kind of problems you might have.

But, most importantly, tutorials are a there to get to know other students and staff and to chat about science.
Attendance at lectures, lab classes and tutorials is compulsory.

Attendance is monitored.

We are obliged to chase non-attenders.

Therefore, skipping lectures wastes a lot of staff time and therefore damages the quality of our teaching!
Progression rules for Year One

- All modules $\geq 30\%$.
- Pass ($\geq 40\%$) at least 6 of the 8 modules.

For more details see the **Computer Science Course Handbook** available online at http://www.swan.ac.uk/compsci/teaching/
Free Academic English Classes
Start 8 October (programme available here).

Wellbeing Service
http://www.swan.ac.uk/wellbeing

For more services
See the University web pages and the CS handbook
My role as Year of Year

- Organise tutorials
- Co-ordinate coursework deadlines
- Resolve any issues with lectures that cannot be resolved with the lecturers directly
- Helping you to complete your First Year happily and successfully.
What happens after Year One?

While Year One provides you with basic skills needed for your Computer Science studies, in Year Two you will be taught serious scientific topics and obtain a deep understanding of current research questions. Besides lectures, lab classes and coursework, you will do a group project in software development and choose your Final Year Project.

In Year Three you do your Individual Final Year Project which will contain a substantial research component. In addition to that you choose taught modules that support your research interest. You will present an outline of your project at Gregynog and demonstrate the complete project at the Project Demonstration Fair.
"A bit like Hogwarts though, disappointingly, the stairs don’t move"
-A Third Year Student
What to do next?

Today
Now Allocation of Buddies

Next Monday (1st of October)
11am First lecture CS-110, Grove Rm 330

Wednesday 3rd or Thursday 4th October (weather permitting)
5 pm onwards Beach Party (bottom of Sketty Lane)
Questions?

The slides are on my web page

http://cs.swan.ac.uk/~csulrich/