

**Welcome**

**to the**

**Department of Computing  
Imperial College London**

# MSc Team (1)

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# Degree overview

If you didn't go to the registration sessions earlier in Huxley:  
**please go to Room 370, to let us know you're here.**

MSc degree programme goes from October 2024 to September 2025.

- Taught modules during the first two terms.
- Third term / summer (from April to September) is when you work on your Individual Project.
- The degree is for **12 months** and you should be available until September 26th, 2025.

## Detailed structure

Detailed information about degree structure, choosing modules, etc., at the following session:

- MSc Advanced Computing, MSc Computing (Specialisms) orientation—**Room 308** at 11:00

Later in the day, for all of you:

- Social Event in **Huxley 221**, 13:00–14:00

Most of you will be meeting your personal tutors at **16:00**. (Check emails.)

# Teaching Systems

Scientia (<https://scientia.doc.ic.ac.uk/>)—for **module materials, coursework submission** and **feedback**

- Developed in-house by our EdTech team
- Internally open-source and welcomes student contributions (<https://gitlab.doc.ic.ac.uk/edtech/>)

Panopto (<https://imperial.cloud.panopto.eu/>)—for **lecture recordings**

EdStem Discussion board (<https://edstem.org/>)—for **Q&A**.

- You are automatically registered onto your degree board.
- You're added to module boards a few hours after you register for the module.

Timetables—information available in your welcome email.

# Good Practices

Check the guidance on using Generative

AI—<https://www.imperial.ac.uk/admin-services/library/learning-support/generative-ai-guidance/>

Have a good balance between Autumn and Spring term modules

Make sure you pay close attention to any module prerequisites

Attend lectures, tutorials, and labs

You **cannot** do a part-time job and do well on your MSc—we cannot endorse internships and are required to monitor student attendance

Ask questions on EdStem and take advantage of peer learning

Before finalising your modules, attend as many modules as you like to get a feel—no quotas in modules

Have a good work-life balance—London is an amazing city with lots to do

## Events, socials, seminars,...

Application of Computing in Industry series

(<https://www.imperial.ac.uk/computing/industry/aci/>)—first one on Wednesday October 2nd in Room 308 at 13:00

DoCSoc (<https://docsoc.co.uk>) events

Lunchtime career services events

Lots of research talks, seminar series—look out for emails

Hackathons (<https://ichack.org/>, biggest student-run in Europe), entrepreneurship events—more emails!

'Meet your alumni' events (two later this term)

MSc social events



# Your voice

We care about what you think and welcome ideas, comments, suggestions.

- Provide feedback when requested
- Give feedback to your module lecturers and GTAs
- Talk to your reps—two staff-student meetings per term in Autumn and Spring
- Talk to your personal tutor
- Talk to your degree and lab coordinators
- Talk to me 😊

**All the best for a successful,  
educative, and enjoyable MSc**

**Have a great year ahead! 😊**

# Senior Tutor Welcome



**Dr Thomas Lancaster**

**PGT Senior Tutor**

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# **Dr Thomas Lancaster**



## **MSc Related Roles**

**PGT Senior Tutor**

**Department Disability Officer**

**Project Coordinator (MSc and ISO Projects)**

**Academic Integrity Officer**

## Senior Tutor

- I have **overall responsibility for the academic and pastoral care** of PGT students in the Department, with the support of many other people including our Wellbeing Advisor, Caroline Gilchrist
- I have information about College processes, hardship funding and other services
- You can always speak to Caroline and me in confidence

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## **My Relationship With You**

**You are a student on postgraduate programme, so I intend to treat you as such**



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## Your Personal Tutor

- The first person you should speak to for **advice about non-academic issues**
- Two small group meetings per term
- Individual meetings as you need them

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**First Personal Tutor Meeting**

**Tuesday 1 October 2024  
at 16:00**

You should have a printed message with the details of your Personal Tutor  
Timings and rooms may change and some meetings may be held online  
Please check your email for any updates



## Support for Disabilities and Long-Term Health Conditions

- Through the **Disability Advisory Service (DAS)**
- DAS make recommendations to the Department for reasonable adjustments to help with your studies (we don't make the decisions within the Department)
- Please book an appointment with DAS if needed
- My role as Department Disability Officer (DDO) is as a liaison with DAS

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# **Our Expectations**

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## Operate With Integrity

- Work professionally
- Tolerate and respect everyone's views and beliefs
- Use the computer systems for legal purposes
- Produce assessed work independently (unless you have agreement to work in a group)
- Respect your sources (avoid collusion, plagiarism and other ethical breaches)
- Complete the mandatory Plagiarism Awareness course on Blackboard

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## **Centre For Academic English**

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Unlock the full potential of your work  
throughout your time at Imperial and  
beyond

<http://www.imperial.ac.uk/academic-english>

## Attendance And Absence

- We do expect you to **participate fully** during the programme
- This includes during the summer Project period
- For students on a Tier 4 visa, please plan to be in the UK until the end of September 2025

## Late Submission Policy

Time of Late Submission	Mark Awarded
Up to 24 hours after the deadline	Capped at pass mark
More than 24 hours after the deadline	Zero

**If you think you are going to miss deadlines, please act first**

## Short-Term Extensions/Longer-Term Mitigating Circumstances

- Procedures designed to **help you to succeed**
- Please put requests in as early as possible and continue working on the assessments

<https://www.imperial.ac.uk/computing/current-students/postgraduate-student-welfare/extensions-and-mitigating-circumstances/>

# Wellbeing Support Department of Computing

Caroline Gilchrist –  
Student Wellbeing Adviser



## **Student Wellbeing Advisor**

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Huxley 304a

One-to-one appointments in person or online

Drop-in sessions

Workshops

Wellbeing initiatives

FAQs: <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/computing/current-students/student-welfare/>

## Support

- Student Counselling and Mental Health Advice Service - [www.imperial.ac.uk/counselling](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/counselling)
- Imperial College Health Centre – [www.imperialcollegehealthcentre.co.uk](http://www.imperialcollegehealthcentre.co.uk) All students should be registered with a London based GP throughout their studies
- Chaplaincy - [www.imperial.ac.uk/chaplaincy](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/chaplaincy)
- International Student Support - [www.imperial.ac.uk/study/international-students](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/international-students)

## Support (cont.)

- Student Support Zone - <http://www.imperial.ac.uk/student-support-zone>
- Student Hub - [www.imperial.ac.uk/student-hub](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/student-hub)
- Imperial Success Guide - <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/students/success-guide/>

DoC website – wellbeing resources



Women and Non-Binary in Computing

**Welcome to Imperial!**



# WELCOME TO WIC



Community of undergraduates, postgraduates and staff dedicated to running initiatives that tackle the gender imbalance in computer science



HubSpot

 **SIG**  
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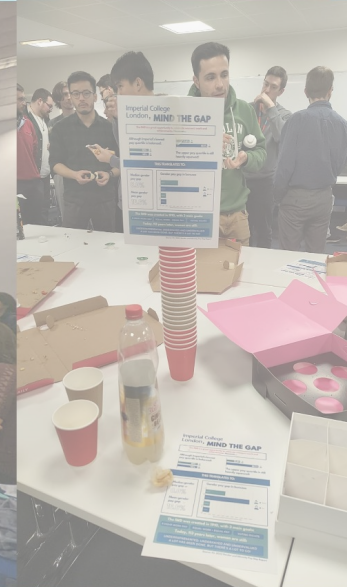
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# EVENTS

Socials ● Workshops ● Industry events ● GirlsWhoML  
● Women At Imperial Week ● Hackathons



# UPCOMING EVENTS



## Welcome Breakfast

Want to know more about WiC?

Join us for a chat and a bite to eat to catch-up during your first week of classes!

(Everybody is welcome – can promise lots and lots of food!)

**When:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October, 8:30-11am

**Where:** Huxley Foyer





# GET INVOLVED!



Keep up to date with the latest events:

Want to help with events or outreach?



WiC Events 23-24  
WhatsApp group

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WiC Volunteers 23-24  
WhatsApp group

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# THANK YOU

WELCOME AND SEE YOU ALL SOON!

Keep in touch!



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