On our Computer Science BSc course you will gain an in-depth understanding of computer-based information systems in the heart of a connected London. The first two years of the course focus on programming, computer systems, artificial intelligence, databases, software engineering and logic. The third year includes a project implementing a sophisticated piece of software.

Key benefits

- Reputation for good teaching in a friendly environment.
- 92 per cent of research outputs ranked as world leading or internationally excellent – confirming the department’s position as a world-class institution for research in Computer Science (REF 2014).
- Excellent facilities for the sole use of the Department.
- Graduates go on to successful careers in a range of organisations including banking, finance, management and major software houses.
- This course is currently accredited by the BCS – the Chartered Institute for IT. This certifies that our course equips students with the foundations enabling a career in computing or information systems.

Course details

Our Computer Science BSc course will provide you with an in-depth understanding of the field of computer-based information systems in order to prepare you for a career in that area. Computer Science BSc at King’s gives you access not only to academics who are renowned in their field but current students who are researching and developing cutting-edge technology to advance the industry. In the third year, you will undertake a project, which involves implementing a sophisticated piece of software based on your particular interests.

You will have access to over 250 fast PCs running Windows and Linux. These are spread over several state of the art laboratories for the exclusive use of the Department.

Our student societies organise social and other activities.
Teaching
Teaching is led by the Informatics Department. You are expected to spend approximately 10 hours work per credit for each module you attend in your degree, e.g. 150 hours work for a 15 credit module. These hours cover every aspect of the module: lectures, tutorials, laboratory sessions, independent study, coursework and preparation for examinations.

Assessment
You are assessed through a combination of written examination, essays, practical examination, oral presentations, reports, class tests and projects. The nature of assessment varies by module.

Regulating body
King’s College London is regulated by the Office for Students.

Course structure
Courses are divided into modules. In each year you will normally take modules totalling 120 credits.

Year 1
Required modules
You are required to take:
• Introduction to Professional Practice (0 credits)
• Programming Practice & Applications (30 credits)
• Computer Systems (15 credits)
• Foundations of Computing 1 (15 credits)
• Data Structures (15 credits)
• Database Systems (15 credits)

Optional modules
In addition, you are required to take 15 credits from a range of optional modules, which may typically include:
• Elementary Logic with Application (15 credits)
• Computational & Mathematical Thinking for Engineers I (15 credits)

You are also required to take 15 credits from a range of optional modules, which may typically include:
• Introduction to Software Engineering (15 credits)
• Logic Design (15 credits)
• Computational & Mathematical Thinking for Engineers I (15 credits)

Year 2
Required modules
You are required to take the following modules:
• Practical Experiences of Programming (15 credits)
• Foundations of Computing 2 (15 credits)
• Operating Systems & Concurrency (15 credits)
• Introduction to Artificial Intelligence (15 credits)

Optional modules
You are required to take three modules from a range of optional modules, which may typically include:
One 30 credit module from:
• Software Engineering Group Project (30 credits)
• Robotics Group Project (30 credits)
One 15 credit module from:
• Internet Systems (15 credits)
• Introduction to Robotics (15 credits)
One 15 credit module from:
• Programming Language Design Paradigms (15 credits)
• Signals & Systems (15 credits)

Year 3
Required module
You are required to take:
• Individual Project (30 credits)

Optional modules
In addition, you are required to take 90 credits from a range of optional modules which may typically include:
• Artificial Intelligence Reasoning & Decision Making (15 credits)
• Cryptography (15 credits)
• Artificial Intelligence Planning (15 credits)
• Formal Verification (15 credits)
• Computational Models (15 credits)
• Software Architecture & Design (15 credits)
• Information Security (15 credits)
• Optimisation Methods (15 credits)
• Compilers & Formal Languages (15 credits)
• Human-Computer Interaction (15 credits)
• Agile Software Performance Engineering in Industrial Practice (15 credits)
• Machine Learning (15 credits)

The following specialised award titles are available for students, subject to the combination of modules taken in the final year:
• Artificial Intelligence
• Software Engineering

King’s College London reviews the modules offered on a regular basis to provide up-to-date, innovative and relevant programmes of study. Therefore, modules offered may change. We suggest you keep an eye on the course finder on our website for updates.

Location
The course is taught at King’s Strand and Waterloo Campuses, putting you in the heart of London with access to all its academic resources and within easy reach of the social and entertainment attractions of one of the world’s most cosmopolitan cities. The Department of Informatics offices are based at the recently renovated Bush House on the Strand Campus.

Career prospects
The Careers Service and the Department of Informatics run a careers programme for Informatics students, which includes skills sessions and visits from top employers. Our graduates go on to successful careers in a wide range of organisations including banking, finance, management, and the major software houses, where they work mainly on analysis, design, implementation and maintenance of software applications and systems. Alternatively, many of our graduates choose further study.
Fees and funding

Full-time tuition fees – UK
The UK tuition fees for the 2019–20 academic year are available on the course web page.

Please note that the tuition fees for subsequent years of study may be subject to increases in line with King’s terms and conditions.

Full-time tuition fees – EU
Students starting their programme in 2019/20 (September 2019) who are eligible to pay EU fees will pay the same rate of tuition fees as UK students. This will apply for the duration of their programme but may be subject to change by the UK Government for subsequent cohorts from 2020/21.

The UK tuition fees for the 2019–20 academic year are available on the course web page.

Please note that the tuition fees for subsequent years of study may be subject to increases in line with King’s terms and conditions.

Full-time tuition fees – International
The International tuition fees for the 2019–20 academic year are available on the course web page.

Please note that the tuition fees for subsequent years of study may be subject to increases in line with King’s terms and conditions.

All International applicants to undergraduate courses are required to pay a deposit of £2,000 against their first year’s tuition fee. This deposit is payable when you firmly accept an unconditional offer to study with us, and will be offset against your tuition fees when you join King’s.

For further information, please visit the fees and funding section of our website: www.kcl.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/fees-and-funding/index.aspx

Additional costs
In addition to tuition fees, you can also expect to pay for:
- books if you choose to buy your own copies
- clothing for optional course related events and competitions
- library fees and fines
- personal photocopies
- printing course handouts
- society membership fees
- stationery
- graduation costs
- travel costs around London and between campuses
- alternative venue examination fees

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