

SCC141

Seminar 1 (weeks 1 and 2)

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What you can expect from these seminars

- To discuss different ideas and concepts with your peers
- To learn from each other
- To receive input from the teaching staff on your ideas
- **Please note that seminar attendance is compulsory and will directly feed into your assessment**

What we expect from you

- To work on the assigned tasks during and outside of the session
- To engage in discussion with your peers
- To be polite and respectful to your peers and teaching staff

Getting to know your groups...

- You have been pre-allocated groups – you will work in these groups for the remainder of the term, including on seminar tasks and your assignment (due in week 10)
- Find your group and introduce yourself:
 - Name, where you're from, hot drink of choice (tea, coffee, something else?)
 - What made you study computer science?
 - What are you looking forward to as you start your studies? Is there anything you feel apprehensive about?



Introduction to the assignment for "Term 1" (more details to follow in Week 3)

- A group report on the question “What makes a good Computing professional?”
 - **Section 1:** What are the skills and characteristics that make a good computing professional? (~400 words)
 - **Section 2:** What are good practices for human-centred design? (~400 words)
 - **Section 3:** Personal reflection section – reflect on something you’ve learnt this term and how this relates to where you see yourself in 5 years (up to 250 words for each group member)
 - **Coursework weighting: 10%**
- **Deadline:** 4 pm, Friday of week 10
- **Each of the seminars will guide you through exercises that will help you with these sections**

Group discussion: Section 1

- What do you think are the skills that a computer scientist needs?
- Which skills do you feel confident and less confident in?
- Take a look again at the lecture topics for SCC141 for Term 1: do any of these topics surprise you?
 - Computing Professional Responsibilities, System Development Life Cycle, Requirements, Users, Usability and User Experience, Accessibility, Solving Problems, Software Copyright Licensing, Ethics, System, Software and Human Failure

Moving forward: facilitating group work

- We expect you to meet with your group outside of the seminar session to work on the assignment
- Discuss how you are going to do this – find a time you can all make and decide where to meet
- Arrange how you are going to communicate