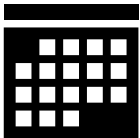

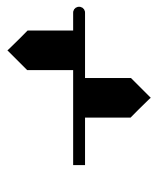


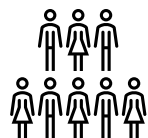


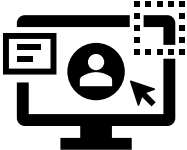






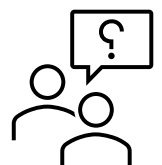




Information for undergraduate first-year students (Year 1) 2020/21 academic year	
General information	
 Academic calendar 2020/21	<p>Welcome to King's Monday 14 September – Friday 25 September 2020</p> <p>Semester 1</p> <p>Teaching: Monday 28 September – Friday 30 October 2020</p> <p>Reading week (no teaching): Monday 2 November – Friday 6 November 2020</p> <p>Teaching: Monday 9 November – Friday 11 December 2020</p> <p>Teaching/revision: Monday 14 December – Friday 18 December 2020</p> <p>Examination period: Friday 8 January – Thursday 14 January 2021</p> <p>Semester 2</p> <p>Teaching: Friday 15 January – Thursday 1 April 2021</p> <p>Teaching/revision: Monday 26 April – Friday 30 April 2021</p> <p>Examination period: Tuesday 4 May – Friday 4 June 2021</p>
 On campus vs. online teaching	<p>The College has said that students are expected to be on campus, if possible.</p> <p>We understand that for many of our students, this will not be possible or preferable.</p> <p>If you choose not to come to campus, we will ensure that you still receive the best possible teaching and support.</p>
Modules	
 Taking modules outside the department and/or outside your programme	<p>Please see the information in the handbook for the modules which are available to you on your programme.</p> <p>Language modules You can take a language course as “not for credit” (this means that it will not count towards your degree). Please visit the Modern Language Centre's website for more information.</p>
 Requesting to change your modules/choosing your modules	<p>You will automatically be enrolled on your modules for the year.</p> <p>However, there is an optional module in both semester 1 & semester 2 which you can request to take. More information on this can be found on your programme page. If you would like to request to take these modules, please complete this form by 2 October 2020.</p> <p>There will be another opportunity to request the semester 2 optional module between 11-22 January 2020. Again, you will need to complete this form by the deadline.</p> <p>Please make sure you read the information on this page before requesting any changes.</p> <p>These optional modules are run by the Department of Engineering and have limited space.</p>
Teaching and specialist equipment	
 Lectures	<p>Traditional lectures will be replaced by online, asynchronous resources for all modules.</p> <p>The format of this will vary from module to module but could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recorded material, split into 5-to-15-minute chunks Reading of articles, book chapters etc. Self-assessment activities
 Large-group tutorials	<p>These will be online, live and interactive.</p>

 <p>Small-group tutorials</p>	<p>These will be led by Teaching Assistants and will be live and interactive.</p> <p>Small-group tutorials will vary from module to module. Some modules may only have small-group tutorials every other week whilst others may have them every week. Some modules may have the option of small-group tutorials on campus (where this is the case, there will also be an online option for those not in London), whilst small-group tutorials for other modules will be solely online. This is driven by the type of module and the teaching content.</p> <p>We will share the specifics of individual modules as soon as these have been confirmed.</p>
 <p>Labs</p>	<p>Detailed per module information is being documented to configure the software environment needed for lab-based teaching on your personal computer.</p> <p>While installing the majority of software directly on your device will be possible we will recommend configuring a Linux based virtual machine for consistency with the NMS lab based environment.</p>
 <p>Specialist equipment/specialist software</p>	<p>The majority of teaching exercises will run on a modestly specced laptop or desktop computer. We will share with you shortly the minimum system requirements needed. In case your computer does not meet these requirements options will be available to ensure you are provided with the necessary computing environment.</p> <p>Some modules and projects may also require more computational resources, again, in these cases a suitable hosted computing environment will be made available. More details will follow on these topics.</p>
Assessment and feedback	
 <p>Assessment</p>	<p>Your modules will be assessed through coursework, examinations and participation in the course.</p> <p>An overview of the assessment structure for each of your modules, can be found here. Further information will also be available on the KEATS page for each module.</p> <p>Examinations for semester 1 modules in January will be held online. A decision has not been made yet about whether examinations for semester 2 modules will also be online or face-to-face.</p>
 <p>Assessment results</p>	<p><u>Coursework</u> You should receive your coursework results and feedback within four weeks of submission</p> <p><u>Exam marks</u> Exam marks will be released at the same time as module marks (please see below for more information)</p> <p><u>Module marks</u> Semester 1: Provisional results will be released in February/March 2021</p> <p>Semester 2: Results will be released in July 2021</p> <p>August reassessment: Results will be released ahead of the start of the 2021/22 academic year</p> <p><u>Overall mark for the year</u> You will find out if you passed or failed the year in July 2021</p>
 <p>Feedback</p>	<p>You will be given feedback via different methods depending on your module and the ways that you have been assessed/interact with your fellow students, module lecturers and TAs. Different methods of feedback which you might receive include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual feedback on submitted work for work which contributes to at least 10% of the final mark • General feedback on the performance of the cohort for submitted work or an exam • Automated individual feedback on quizzes and programming tasks • Feedback from your peers • Self-evaluation where you will comment on your contribution/performance • Asking questions in live sessions • Asking questions in discussion forums • Revision sessions
Timetables and study space	
 <p>Timetables</p>	<p><u>General information</u> Due to the complexity of timetabling, the following principles will be in place this academic year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The standard teaching day will be from 8am to 6pm <p>Wednesday afternoons will not be protected; you may have teaching during this time, which you will be expected to attend</p>

	<p><u>On campus</u> The central Timetabling team will try to limit the number of days you have to come to campus for live sessions.</p> <p><u>Online</u> The central Timetabling team will take into consideration different time zones when arranging live sessions to ensure that no students are disadvantaged.</p>
 Using lab and study spaces within the department of Informatics	<p>Due to the complexities involved in ensuring that our study spaces are safe for students during the current pandemic, study spaces will not be available within the Department of Informatics (floors 5-7, Bush House).</p>
Support	
 Your personal tutor	<p>You will be assigned a personal tutor by the end of the welcome weeks and will receive an email to confirm who your tutor is and how to contact them.</p> <p>You will be part of a tutor group, with other students in their first year (likely on the same programme) and you will have online sessions for your group to meet with your personal tutor a few times a semester.</p> <p>If you would like to talk to your personal tutor outside of these group meetings, please contact them to make an appointment.</p>
 Academic office hours	<p>Academic staff will hold office hours online only, at least for Semester 1.</p> <p>More information will be provided as soon as it become available.</p>
 Questions regarding your programme, modules etc.	<p><u>General queries</u> You will be able to ask general questions in our online forums. You will be able to see what questions other students are asking and contribute to the answers if you wish.</p> <p><u>Queries about your specific circumstances</u> Please contact your Programmes Officer</p> <p>Email: ug-informatics@kcl.ac.uk</p> <p>We are currently working on other ways for you to contact us and will let you know as soon as these are confirmed.</p> <p>Department Office: The Department Office is currently closed. We will let you know when it re-opens</p>
 Other useful resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student handbook 2020/21 • College FAQs for 2020/21 academic year • Careers information for NMS students