

## Study with us

# **About your course**

#### **Courses covered**

Code	Title
PEWACSM	MSc Advanced Computer Science
PEWAIM	MSc Artificial Intelligence
PEWCYSM	MSc Cyber Security
PEWDSAM	MSc Data Science and Analytics
PEWSEM	MSc Software Engineering

You can find full details of your course in the Programme Specification.

## **Important points**

- The Department of Computer Science is based at the University's College Lane Campus.
  Computer Science has been taught and studied here since 1956, making it one of the
  oldest academic Computer Science establishments in the UK. The Department is also one
  of the largest in the country. Students come to the Department from all over the world to
  obtain an education in Computer Science as undergraduates, Master's degree students,
  and PhD research students.
- The Department is also a centre for Computer Science research, with world-class research strengths that cross boundaries into computational biology, robotics, software design, processor design and cyber security. The Department has an established Cyber Security Centre.
- To enrol on the project module, students must typically have studied 120 credits of taught modules from the programme and passed at least 60 credits.
- In compliance with university regulations and/or professional accreditation requirements, assessments have designated submission deadlines. Some assessments may include tests, which will typically be available within a 24-hour window. Remote live invigilation may be used for academic quality assurance purposes.
- The programme adopts a block teaching delivery model, which means that learners focus
  on one module at a time. The modules are delivered in either 8-week or 16-week blocks.
- There are typically two teaching blocks per semester. For example, in Semester A, there is one teaching block commencing in September and another in November.
- The programme is designed for asynchronous learning, providing greater flexibility for our learners to manage their studies alongside their commitments.

### **Academic Year**

### Academic Year 2024 - 2025

The University's academic year is made up of 3 Semesters (A, B and C). Semester A and B are made up of teaching weeks followed by exams, where applicable (the re-sit period falls within Semester C). Semester C is normally used for final dissertations and projects.

- Semester A runs from Monday 23 September 2024 to Friday 17 January 2025
- Semester B runs from Monday 20 January 2025 to Friday 9 May 2025
- Semester C runs from Monday 12 May 2025 to Friday 5 September 2025

## **Additional expenses**

Description	Year	Mandatory/ Optional	Estimated cost
To study online, you will need access to a suitable computer (including webcam) and a good reliable Internet connection.  Most modern PCs and Macs (less than five years old) should be fine.  Full system requirements details can be found on the Online Distance Learning website: <a href="https://www.herts.ac.uk/courses/online-distance-learning/how-online-study-works/system-requirements-for-study">https://www.herts.ac.uk/courses/online-distance-learning/how-online-study-works/system-requirements-for-study</a>	All years	Mandatory	From £400
As part of this course, some of the modules you will study may require you to take an online test, which will be invigilated remotely in real-time.	All years	Mandatory	£25-50 per module that includes a test that requires remote live invigilation
Texts to support the curriculum. Postgraduate study requires extensive reading and access to reference works. Recommended texts are available online via the University's the Learning Resource Centre.	All years	Optional	The average price of a recommended text is £50, although you may be able to buy second-hand copies.
On completion of your programme of studies, you will have the opportunity to attend our UK Award Ceremony.  When registering for the Ceremony you will receive 1 free graduate ticket for yourself.  Details regarding attendance to the Award Ceremony can be found on the website <a href="http://www.herts.ac.uk/ceremonies">http://www.herts.ac.uk/ceremonies</a>	Final year	Optional	Attendance to the UK Award Ceremony may incur additional costs i.e. guest tickets, travel and accommodation. The exact value of these costs will depend on when you will graduate and where you are travelling from.

No additional expenses have been specified for this course.