**Question from anonymous user**

**Anonymous**

2:44 PM

1

With the teaching being research led, what does that actually mean, is it more heavily independent or with some type of support in tasks?

**reply from Moderator**

**Moderator**

2:48 PM

I think the teaching being research-led is expressed in the sense that, starting from the third year, students learn about research subjects with very modern developments, and the courseworks are designed in such manner that you are discovering something through what you are asked to do.

**reply from Moderator**

**Moderator**

2:49 PM

There are more instructions in the first year assignments, and the support becomes more little across time, which makes the assignments harder once you advance through the years, but you get more freedom to involve your own extensions and contributions

**Question from Preetha**

**Preetha**

2:44 PM

1

Does it make sense to apply to the Maths and Computing course under the Computing Department and also a similar course under Maths Department or is it a waste of UCAS option?

**reply from Moderator**

**Moderator**

2:48 PM

I would recommend applying for both if you are interested in a Department of Computing course and a Department of Maths course.

**Question from anonymous user**

**Anonymous**

2:45 PM

6

when we get sent the recording of this live event, does this chat also stay with it?

**reply from Moderator**

**Moderator**

2:56 PM

I believe not so I would recomend copying and pasting those which you like

**reply from Moderator**

**Moderator**

2:56 PM

Hello, no the chat isn't saved, apologies. We'd suggest you make a note now of any questions/answers you're interested in.

**Question from anonymous user**

**Anonymous**

2:45 PM

Is reading a book on functional programming be a useful thing to include in the personal statement?

**reply from Moderator**

**Moderator**

2:45 PM

Yes sure, anything that shows your motivation for the subject, such as self learning

**Question from anonymous user**

**Anonymous**

2:47 PM

1

I need to submit my Accommodation choice by 29th July, can you please talk about accomodation(in context with computing students). Ps. anything you would share with me to be able to make an informed choice about my choice?

**reply from Moderator**

**Moderator**

2:48 PM

You can find a useful guide to our different halls including facilities on our accommodation web pages: <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/students/accommodation/prospective/ug/compare/>. We don't place students in halls by department

**Question from anonymous user**

**Anonymous**

2:47 PM

2

Will all applicants have to sit a STEP 3 exam or can you get in with just STEP 2

**reply from Moderator**

**Moderator**

2:48 PM

That will depend on how interviewrs find you maths ability if they feel the need to challenge you they will ask you to do STEP3

**reply from Moderator**

**Moderator**

2:48 PM

STEP 2 is the most common offer condition, but some offer holders may be asked to take STEP 3. entirely depends on your interview performance

**Question from anonymous user**

**Anonymous**

2:49 PM

why did you choose imperial?

**reply from Moderator**

**Moderator**

2:49 PM

It's amazing, it's in London!

**reply from Moderator**

**Moderator**

2:49 PM

Very practical and theoretical.

**reply from Moderator**

**Moderator**

2:51 PM

I chose Imperial over other universities as it has fantastic connections to work/ industrial placements and later real-world jobs once you graduate

**Question from anonymous user**

**Anonymous**

2:49 PM

For a computing personal statement, do i mention any maths topics?

**reply from Moderator**

**Moderator**

2:50 PM

It is not a necessity although it might be good to show you are competent at maths

**Question from anonymous user**

**Anonymous**

2:49 PM

1

Before joining the course, is there activity to boost the success in the computing course?

**reply from Moderator**

**Moderator**

2:51 PM

I would say having a go at learning a programming language by yourself from scratch

**reply from Moderator**

**Moderator**

2:51 PM

Then you can do leetcode questions to practice problem solving

**Question from anonymous user**

**Anonymous**

2:49 PM

1

are there any optional modules?

**reply from Moderator**

**Moderator**

2:50 PM

Yes, you will get to do these in your third and fourth year

**reply from Moderator**

**Moderator**

2:51 PM

There are also Horizons modules you can choose in your first and second year (to study in addition to your regular courses), more information about these here: <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/horizons/>

**Question from anonymous user**

**Anonymous**

2:50 PM

Is it hard to find accommodation in London? Especially around the CS department?

**reply from Moderator**

**Moderator**

2:51 PM

You are guaranteed accommodation in halls in Year 1, but it's not hard to find accomodation.

**reply from Moderator**

**Moderator**

2:51 PM

I didn't have any problem finding an accomodation near the Huxley building, where the Computing Department is at.

**reply from Moderator**

**Moderator**

2:51 PM

It depends on your budget though.

**reply from Moderator**

**Moderator**

2:54 PM

There is certain eligibility criteria for the first year guarantee for Imperial accommodation - for example, you must have put Imperial as your first choice of offer: <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/students/accommodation/prospective/ug/how-to-apply/accommodation-guarantee/>

**reply from Moderator**

**Moderator**

2:54 PM

There are still options for lower budgets if you could go by bus or underground to Imperial.

**reply from Moderator**

**Moderator**

2:55 PM

There is a really useful area guide to London and the typical accommodation options available at the bottom of this accommodation webpage: <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/students/accommodation/private-accommodation/private-housing/>

**Question from anonymous user**

**Anonymous (You)**

2:50 PM

Is it easy for oversea student to catch up lesson in English?

**reply from Moderator**

**Moderator**

2:52 PM

We have a Centre for Academic English that provides additional support and activities: <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/academic-english/current-students/undergraduate/>

**Question from anonymous user**

**Anonymous**

2:52 PM

Do I have to live in uni accomodation? or can I stay at home

**reply from Moderator**

**Moderator**

2:53 PM

You can stay at home although I recommend going to halls if you can!

**reply from Moderator**

**Moderator**

2:53 PM

Hi, no you don't have to live in uni accommodation, it's totally your choice. Around 90% of first year students choose to live in halls.

**Question from Raphael Darley**

**Raphael Darley**

2:53 PM

How long are the terms?

**reply from Moderator**

**Moderator**

2:53 PM

The first two terms are 11 weeks and the final term is 9 weeks

**reply from Moderator**

**Moderator**

2:53 PM

In first year^

**reply from Moderator**

**Moderator**

2:54 PM

Second year is the same but third year depends on whether you are on the BEng or the MEng

**reply from Moderator**

**Moderator**

2:55 PM

MEng will finish after the second term and go on the industrial placement

**Question from anonymous user**

**Anonymous**

2:54 PM

1

What if you struggle in the course and decide to quit. Is it possible to quit while in the middle of a course?

**reply from Moderator**

**Moderator**

2:55 PM

You can take an interruption of studies or decide to leave if your circumstances change

**reply from Moderator**

**Moderator**

2:56 PM

I took an interruption of studies as I wasn't sure if Computing was right for me. But I'm loving it now!

**Question from anonymous user**

**Anonymous**

2:54 PM

1

Can fee status be changed in the midst? if your nationality or residency status changes?

**reply from Moderator**

**Moderator**

2:56 PM

It is not normally possible to amend your fee status once you have registered as a student and begun your degree at Imperial.

**reply from Moderator**

**Moderator**

2:57 PM

If you are an applicant and you believe we have assessed your fee status incorrectly, there is an appeal process: <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/ug/fees-and-funding/tuition-fees/fee-status/>

**Question from anonymous user**

**Anonymous**

2:55 PM

2

How easy is it to receive help or guidance from staff within normal tasks as well as projects?

**reply from Moderator**

**Moderator**

2:56 PM

There are a lot of lab hours for group projects where you can get help with bugs or directions on where to go if you are stuck

**reply from Moderator**

**Moderator**

2:57 PM

And we also have an online forum dedicated for Student-Staff communication. The questions can be seen by all students and they can be addressed at any moments. Generally the professors respond until the next day.

**Question from anonymous user**

**Anonymous**

2:56 PM

2

when is the STEP given? What is STEP 1, STEP2 etc? And what tips do you have for it

**reply from Moderator**

**Moderator**

2:58 PM

The STEP requirements will be given to you on the offer. I think STEP 1 no longer exists during recent years and STEP 2 and 3 are just higher and harder versions. To prepare for STEP exams well, I suggest to look up for some past year papers to practise with,

**reply from Moderator**

**Moderator**

2:58 PM

STEP takes place in June, you can see dates on their website here (not updated for 2023 yet): <https://www.admissionstesting.org/for-test-takers/step/dates-and-costs/>. STEP 1 no longer exists, so we would ask you for either STEP 2, STEP 3, or both.

**Question from Kyran**

**Kyran**

2:57 PM

3

Are AS levels considered when giving out offers or is it solely based on A levels?

**Question from Anonymous**

**Anonymous**

2:58 PM

I can't take Further Maths since I'm in Scotland, would it be a struggle in the first year having only done Advanced Higher maths and Statistics?

**reply from Moderator**

**Moderator**

2:59 PM

You should be fine. All students are assigned a personal maths tutor during their first year for additional support