

## PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION



**Newcastle  
University**

<b>1</b>	<b>Awarding Institution</b>	Newcastle University
<b>2</b>	<b>Teaching Institution</b>	Newcastle University
<b>3</b>	<b>Final Award</b>	BSc (Hons)
<b>4</b>	<b>Programme Title</b>	Computer Science, Computer Science with Industrial Placement,  Computer Science (Mobile and Distributed Systems), Computer Science with Industrial Placement (Mobile and Distributed Systems),  Computer Science (Game Engineering), Computer Science with Industrial Placement (Game Engineering),  Computer Science (Software Engineering), Computer Science with Industrial Placement (Software Engineering),  Computer Science (Bio-computing), Computer Science with Industrial Placement (Bio-computing)  Computer Science (Security and Resilience), Computer Science with Industrial Placement (Security and Resilience),
<b>5</b>	<b>UCAS/Programme Code</b>	G400, G401, G420, G421, G450, G451, G600, G603, I520, I521, I190, I191
<b>6</b>	<b>Programme Accreditation</b>	British Computer Society
<b>7</b>	<b>QAA Subject Benchmark(s)</b>	Computing
<b>8</b>	<b>FHEQ Level</b>	6
<b>9</b>	<b>Date written/revised</b>	15 May 2012

### 10 Programme Aims

1. To produce graduates with the in-depth knowledge and skills necessary to exploit computing systems throughout their professional life. Graduates will have a clear understanding of the practical, theoretical and professional foundations of Computing Science. They will have knowledge and experience of the fundamental techniques used in modern software engineering. They will also have an understanding of the architectural concepts underpinning computer and networking hardware platforms. They will be able to apply relevant theory to the solution of practical problems and to the analysis of existing algorithms and techniques, and to recommend techniques and algorithms appropriate to specific circumstances in the areas of fundamental systems and major applications. They will also be able to appreciate, develop and evaluate new algorithms, techniques and other developments within the computing field.
2. To provide a flexible structure that allows students to follow a general programme in Computer Science, or to specialise in their final year in one of five areas:
  - a. Students who graduate with a degree in Computer Science (Mobile and

Distributed Systems) or Computer Science with Industrial Placement (Mobile and Distributed Systems) will be able to design, build and integrate advanced networked computing systems in a range of application areas, such as mobile and wireless communications, computationally intensive financial and health applications, and business-critical enterprise applications involving multiple businesses and outsourcing. We envisage students growing into architect and chief architect roles for software product groups in start-ups or other enterprises, and being able to initiate and lead consulting efforts for field implementations of networked computing solutions.

- b. Students who graduate with a degree in Computer Science (Game Engineering) or Computer Science with Industrial Placement (Game Engineering) will be able to design, develop and implement computer graphics software and applications on a variety of architectures including games consoles, graphics workstations and advanced 3D virtual reality environments, and to exploit such software and hardware in entertainment, engineering design and scientific visualisation. We envisage graduates pursuing these activities in both the entertainment and the industrial sectors; some may also seek to develop market-niche software in small or start-up companies.
- c. Students who graduate with a degree in Computer Science (Software Engineering) or Computer Science with Industrial Placement (Software Engineering) will have particular knowledge and skills related to the development of large-scale fundamental and application software systems. They will be equipped to develop as professionals to assume lead technical and team management roles in such developments. We envisage graduates going on to employment in technical positions in software houses and with companies designing and deploying software in specific industry sectors; some may also seek to develop market-niche software in small or start-up companies.
- d. Students who graduate with a degree in Computer Science (Bio-computing) or Computer Science with Industrial Placement (Bio-computing) will have particular knowledge and skills related to the development of Bio-computing, computational biology, neuroinformatics applications for data analysis, modelling and simulation. They will be equipped to develop as professionals to assume lead technical and team management roles in such developments. We envisage graduates going on to employment in technical and management positions in software houses and companies developing Bio-computing, neuroinformatics and computational biology software, and pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies; some may also seek to develop market-niche software in small or start-up companies.
- e. Students who graduate with a degree in Computer Science (Security and Resilience) or Computer Science with Industrial Placement (Security and Resilience) will have particular knowledge and skills related to the development of dependable software systems. We envisage graduates going on to employment in technical positions in software houses and with companies designing and deploying dependable software in safety-critical industry sectors.

- 3. To provide a programme that equips students with subject-specific and transferable skills that will enable them to pursue a variety of careers within, and outside, the IT industry, including research.
- 4. To provide a programme which meets the accreditation requirements of appropriate professional bodies, thus providing the basis for further professional development and lifelong learning.
- 5. To provide a programme which meets the FHEQ at Honours level and which takes appropriate account of the subject benchmark statements in Computing.
- 6. For those students taking a programme with industrial placement, to provide students with the opportunity to develop their skills within an industrial setting.

## **11 Learning Outcomes**

The programme provides opportunities for students to develop and demonstrate knowledge and understanding, qualities, skills and other attributes in the following areas. The programme outcomes have references to the benchmark statements for Computing.

The strategy of the degree programmes is to give a broad coverage of the subject of Computer Science in Stages 1 and 2, and when taken, the industrial placement between stages 2 and 3, and then to offer specialisation at Stage 3 in the form of a wide range of optional modules.

Those students who specialise in the area of Mobile and Distributed Systems are eligible for the award of the degree of Computer Science (Mobile and Distributed Systems) or Computer Science with Industrial Placement (Mobile and Distributed Systems).

Those students who specialise in the area of Game Engineering are eligible for the award of the degree of Computer Science (Game Engineering) or Computer Science with Industrial Placement (Game Engineering).

Those students who specialise in the area of Software Engineering are eligible for the award of the degree of Computer Science (Software Engineering) or Computer Science with Industrial Placement (Software Engineering).

Those students who specialise in the area of Bio-computing are eligible for the award of the degree of Computer Science (Bio-computing) or Computer Science with Industrial Placement (Bio-computing).

Those students who specialise in the area of Security and Resilience are eligible for the award of the degree of Computer Science (Security and Resilience) or Computer Science with Industrial Placement (Security and Resilience).

The following identifies the generic Intended Learning Outcomes for all programmes and specific outcomes for a particular specialisation. There will be variation depending on the options taken at Stage 3 and the nature of any industrial placement.

### **Knowledge and Understanding**

On completing any of the programmes students should have gained and be able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of:

- A1. a diverse range of programming paradigms and languages supported by programming language principles
- A2. the principles of software engineering
- A3. the theoretical and mathematical foundations of Computer Science
- A4. techniques for the development of data representations and algorithms
- A5. computer and network organisation and hardware architectures
- A6. professional issues, including legal and ethical aspects of professional practice, professional development, social roles and effects of computing systems
- A7. research techniques

Additionally, a student will have gained and be able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of a range of topics depending on their compulsory or optional modules.

A student taking modules from the Mobile and Distributed Systems specialism will additionally have gained and be able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of:

- A8. technological foundations of networked systems, in depth and breadth
- A9. mobile systems development
- A10. fundamental networked and internet protocols and algorithms
- A11. techniques for networked and Internet programming
- A12. solutions for secure and reliable networked and internet computing

A student taking modules from the Games Engineering specialism will additionally have gained and be able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of:

- A13. the technological foundations of computer games systems and virtual reality platforms
- A14. the mathematical principles and algorithmic basis of computer graphics
- A15. design issues and development techniques for computer graphics and games engineering
- A16. human requirements and technical capabilities of modern games, graphics platforms, and virtual environments
- A17. fundamental problems and approaches in artificial intelligence, as applied to computer games, visualisation and virtual environments

A student taking modules from the Software Engineering specialism will additionally have gained and be able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of:

- A18. modern software engineering processes
- A19. software architectures and their theoretical foundations
- A20. design techniques for large-scale and complex software systems
- A21. basic principles of advanced software CASE tools
- A22. validation and verification techniques
- A23. software project management techniques
- A24. legal issues affecting software projects

A student taking modules from the Bio-Computing specialism will additionally have gained and be able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of:

- A25. current bioinformatics, computational biology and neuroinformatics software
- A26. theoretical foundations of bioinformatics, computational biology and neuroinformatics
- A27. aspects of biological systems that are relevant for bioinformatics, computational biology and neuroinformatics
- A28. biologically inspired computing methods and techniques
- A29. software techniques used to develop bioinformatics, computational biology and neuroinformatics applications
- A30. ethical and legal issues affecting the development of bioinformatics, computational biology and neuroinformatics software

A student taking modules from the Security and Resilience specialism will additionally have gained and be able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of:

- A31. theoretical foundations of reliable systems design including fault-tolerance and fault-avoidance
- A32. cryptographic techniques

Intended learning outcomes A8-A32 may have been achieved by students of other degrees depending on the options taken at Stage 3.

### **Teaching and Learning Methods**

Lectures are the main way of imparting knowledge and understanding (A1-A32), but tutorials are also used. Practical classes feature prominently, especially to support the Stage 1 programming modules (A1, A2). Visiting speakers provide seminars on aspects of being an IT professional (A6). Students are expected to contribute to their own learning experience by independent reading. They are provided with references to books which are categorised as *essential*, *recommended*, or *background* reading, as well as scientific papers and other learning materials including appropriate web URLs. In addition, when taken, an industrial placement will involve the development of knowledge within an industrial setting.

**Assessment Strategy**

Knowledge and understanding are assessed by means of closed and open book written examinations, and coursework, including team and individual project reports and log books (A1-A32).

## **Intellectual Skills**

On completing any of the programmes students should have skills in the areas of:

- B1. carrying out the process of software development, including: the analysis of system requirements; the production of system specifications using appropriate models and techniques; software validation and verification
- B2. using a variety of advanced (especially object-oriented) programming languages and paradigms
- B3. using a variety of computer-based (including operating) systems
- B4. applying theoretical concepts of Computer Science in the design and analysis of systems and algorithms
- B5. identifying and implementing appropriate algorithms and data structures
- B6. using and providing network information services

A student will have additional skills depending on their compulsory or optional modules.

A student taking modules from the Mobile and Distributed Systems specialism will additionally have skills in the areas of:

- B7. designing and building realistic networked systems and Internet applications
- B8. identifying and analysing issues such as security and reliability in networked systems and Internet applications
- B9. integrating a wide variety of protocols and platforms, including trust and dependability computing
- B10. articulating the key contributions of emerging and future networked and internet computing technologies

A student taking modules from the Games Engineering specialism will additionally have skills in the areas of:

- B11. developing and/or implementing graphics algorithms and applications in standard software environments
- B12. modelling, rendering and interaction in 3D graphical environments
- B13. mathematical techniques for the manipulation of 3D geometry
- B14. implementing artificial intelligence algorithms in a declarative programming language

A successful student for the degree of Computer Science (Software Engineering) or Computer Science with Industrial Placement (Software Engineering) will have additional skills in the areas of:

- B15. validation and verification techniques for designs and software
- B16. using software Architecture Description Languages
- B17. making informed choices among software tools and techniques
- B18. project management, including estimation and planning

A student taking modules from the Bio-Computing specialism will additionally have skills in the areas of:

- B19. software development using software languages and development environments specific to Bio-computing, computational biology and neuroinformatics (e.g. Python, Matlab, and similar software)
- B20. using large scale online Bio-computing and neuroinformatics databases
- B21. making informed choices among software tools and techniques relevant for Bio-computing, computational biology and neuroinformatics applications
- B22. implementing biologically inspired computation algorithms

A student taking modules from the Security and Resilience specialism will additionally have skills in the areas of:

- B23. software development for dependable systems
- B24. implementing cryptographic algorithms

Intended learning outcomes B7-B24 may have been achieved by students of other degrees depending on the options taken at Stage 3.

#### **Teaching and Learning Methods**

B1-B6 feature prominently in all modules. In particular a team project at Stage 2 gives students experience of working with others (see D7 below) to engineer a complex piece of software (B2, B4, B5). When taken, the industrial placement will require students to produce solutions to a customer's requirements (B1-B6). In many cases the industrial placement when taken, and an individual project at Stage 3 will require students to develop a large piece of software to a customer's requirements (B1, B2, B4, B5). In all other modules, coursework is used to develop these skills (B1-B24).

#### **Assessment Strategy**

Subject-specific and professional skills are assessed by coursework (B1-B24).

#### **Practical Skills**

On completing any of the programmes students should have the ability to:

- C1. conduct investigations using the technical and professional literature
- C2. use and evaluate appropriate tools and techniques
- C3. undertake empirical evaluation of alternative solutions
- C4. solve problems by identifying suitable approaches using computer-based systems
- C5. reason abstractly about the structure and behaviour of computer systems

#### **Teaching and Learning Methods**

All modules involve coursework, much of which involves problem solving skills (C4). This is especially so in the team and individual projects, and, when taken, the industrial placement, where students need to select, evaluate and apply appropriate tools and techniques (C2). Here and elsewhere students will need to investigate possible alternatives in the technical and professional literature (C1, C3), and to reason about computer systems (C5).

#### **Assessment Strategy**

Practical skills are assessed by a range of coursework (reports, design documents, etc.) (C1-C5).

#### **Transferable/Key Skills**

On completing any of the programmes students should be able to use the following skills:

- D1. written communication, particularly technical writing
- D2. problem solving
- D3. interpersonal communication
- D4. initiative
- D5. oral presentation
- D6. adaptability
- D7. teamwork
- D8. numeracy
- D9. planning and organisation
- D10. computer literacy

## **Teaching and Learning Methods**

Key skills feature throughout the programme; teamwork in the Stage 2 team project and when taken, the industrial placement (D7); oral presentation, interpersonal communication, and planning and organisation in the final year research methods and individual project modules, as well as the Stage 2 team project and when taken, the industrial placement (D3, D5, D9); written communication in all modules, but especially in the team and final year projects and when taken, the industrial placement (D1); numeracy is covered by a Mathematics module at Stage 1 and exercises in the programming modules (D8); computer literacy, problem solving, initiative and adaptability are necessarily covered throughout the programme (D2, D4, D6, D10).

## **Assessment Strategy**

Key (transferable) skills are assessed by both written and oral presentations (D1-D10). Teamwork in the Stage 2 team project is assessed both by the module leader at team oral presentations and by a team monitor (a member of teaching staff) who attends team formal meetings (D5, D7). When taken, the industrial placement is assessed by the Module Leader with input from an industrial supervisor and on a pass/fail basis. No resit opportunity is available. Students who fail the placement are able to proceed to Stage 3 of the corresponding "without Industry" programme.

## **12 Programme Curriculum, Structure and Features**

### **Basic structure of the programme**

This programme has 3 Stages and when an industrial placement is taken, an intercalating year between stages 2 and 3. Students are required to take 120 credits at each Stage (except during an intercalating year).

Students take six compulsory 20-credit modules in each of Stages 1 and 2. The teaching of these modules is split equally across semesters 1 and 2 so that students study 60 credits in each semester. At Stage 1 students take CSC1025 Mathematics. Further mathematical concepts are covered as and where necessary in modules at each Stage.

Students taking one of the industrial placement degrees will take an industrial placement year between Stages 2 and 3.

A wide range of optional modules is available at Stage 3, however all students must take the 40-credit individual project module CSC3095.

Students who take CSC3101 Distributed Systems, CSC3102 System and Network Security, CSC3103 Internet Technology and CSC3122 Mobile Computer System Development are eligible for the award of a degree in Computer Science (Mobile and Distributed Systems) or Computer Science with Industrial Placement (Mobile and Distributed Systems).

Students who take CSC3201 Graphics, CSC3202 Computer Games Development, CSC3203 Artificial Intelligence for Games and CSC3204 Advanced Graphics and Virtual Environments are eligible for the award of a degree in Computer Science (Games Engineering) or Computer Science with Industrial Placement (Games Engineering).

Students who take CSC3004 Understanding Programming Languages, CSC3005 Real-time Systems, CSC3303 Software Project Management and CSC3304 Software Verification Technologies are eligible for the award of a degree in Computer Science (Software Engineering) or Computer Science with Industrial Placement (Software Engineering).

Students who take CSC3424 Bioinformatics Algorithms, CSC3423 Biologically Inspired Computing, CSC3006 Evolution of Complex Systems and CSC3504 Web Site Management and Design are eligible for the award of a degree in Computer Science (Bio-computing) or Computer Science with Industrial Placement (Bio-computing).

Students who take CSC3002 Reliability and Fault Tolerance, CSC3102 System and Network Security, CSC3304 Software Verification Technologies and CSC3621 Cryptography are eligible for the award of a degree in Computer Science (Security and Resilience) or Computer Science with Industrial Placement (Security and Resilience).

**Key features of the programme (including what makes the programme distinctive)**

Students may elect to one semester of their final year abroad at one of our ERASMUS partner institutions.

Students taking one of the industrial placement degrees will take an industrial placement year between Stages 2 and 3.

To gain BCS accreditation students are required to have studied Stages 2 and 3 at the Newcastle campus. Students must have also passed a problem-solving project at the first attempt.

**Programme regulations (link to on-line version)**

<http://www.ncl.ac.uk/regulations/programme/>

**13 Criteria for admission**

***Entry qualifications G400, G420, G450, G600, I520, I190:***

**A Levels**

AAB-ABB/AAC (excluding General Studies and Critical Thinking). GCSE Mathematics grade B required.

**Scottish Qualifications**

AAABB-AABBB at Higher Grade. Mathematics required at grade 2 Standard Grade (or Intermediate 2 equivalent) if not offered at Higher Grade. Combinations of Highers and Advanced Highers accepted.

**International Baccalaureate**

35 points. Standard Level Mathematics or Mathematical Studies required at grade 5 if not offered at Higher Level.

**Irish Leaving Certificate**

A1A1A1B1B-AABBB

**Access Qualifications**

A unit in Mathematical Studies essential. At least 15 level 3 credits in a science subject at Distinction. In addition, at least 30 level 3 credits at a minimum of Merit.

**BTEC Level 5 HND**

Applicants will be considered on an individual basis.

**BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma (formerly BTEC National Diploma)**

Applicants will be considered on an individual basis.

**Cambridge Pre-U**

D3,D3,M2-D3,M2,M2/D3,D3,M3 in Principal Subjects. GCSE Mathematics grade B required.

***Entry qualifications G401, G421, G451, G603, I521, I191:***

**A Levels**

AAB (excluding General Studies and Critical Thinking). GCSE Mathematics grade B required.

**Scottish Qualifications**

AAABB at Higher Grade. Mathematics required at grade 2 Standard Grade (or Intermediate 2 equivalent) if not offered at Higher Grade. Combinations of Highers and Advanced Highers accepted.

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#### *Admissions policy/selection tools*

Applicants are invited to visit the School for interview and to see the University and to meet staff current undergraduates on the programme. Attendance is strongly encouraged but not compulsory and applicants who are not based in the UK are not expected to attend.

#### *Additional Requirements*

None.

#### *Level of English Language capability*

For applicants whose first language is not English we ask for IELTS 6.5 or equivalent.

### **14 Support for Student Learning**

The Student Services portal provides links to key services and other information and is available at: <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/students/>

#### *Induction*

During the first week of the first semester students attend an induction programme. New students will be given a general introduction to University life and the University's principle support services and general information about the School and their programme, as described in the Student Handbook and the Degree Programme Handbook. New and continuing students will be given detailed programme information and the timetable of lectures/practicals/labs/tutorials/etc. The International Office offers an additional induction programme for overseas students.

#### *Study skills support*

Students will learn a range of Personal Transferable Skills, including Study Skills, as outlined in this Programme Specification. Some of this material, e.g. time management is covered in the appropriate Induction Programme. Students are explicitly tutored on their approach to both team and individual projects.

Numeracy support is available through Maths Aid and help with academic writing is available from the Writing Centre (further information is available from the Robinson Library).

#### *Academic support*

The initial point of contact for a student is with a lecturer or module leader, or their tutor (see below) for more generic issues. Thereafter the Degree Programme Director or Head of School may be consulted. Issues relating to the programmes may be raised at the Staff-Student Committee, and/or at the Board of Studies.

#### *Industrial Placement (when taken)*

During the industrial placement, students will have a supervisor from the School as well as an industrial supervisor as detailed in the School's Placement Handbook.

#### *Pastoral support*

All students are assigned a personal tutor whose responsibility is to monitor the academic performance and overall well-being of their tutees. In addition the University offers a range of support services, including one-to-one counselling and guidance or group sessions / workshops on a range of topics, such as emotional issues e.g. Stress and anxiety, student finance and budgeting, disability matters etc. There is specialist support available for students with dyslexia and mental health issues. Furthermore, the Union Society operates a Student Advice Centre, which can provide advocacy and support to students on a range of topics including housing, debt, legal issues etc.

#### *Support for students with disabilities*

The University's Disability Support Service provides help and advice for disabled students at the University - and those thinking of coming to Newcastle. It provides individuals with: advice about the University's facilities, services and the accessibility of campus; details about the technical support available; guidance in study skills and advice on financial support arrangements; a resources room with equipment and software to assist students in their studies.

#### *Learning resources*

The University's main learning resources are provided by the Robinson and Walton Libraries (for books, journals, online resources) and Information Systems and Services, which supports campus-wide computing facilities:

All new students whose first language is not English are required to take an English Language test in the Language Centre. Where appropriate, in-sessional language training can be provided. The Language Centre houses a range of resources for learning other languages which may be particularly appropriate for those interested in an Erasmus exchange.

## **15 Methods for evaluating and improving the quality and standards of teaching and learning**

#### *Module reviews*

All modules are subject to review by questionnaires which are considered by the Staff Student Committee and Board of Studies. Changes to existing modules or the introduction of new modules are considered at the School Teaching and Learning Committee and at the Board of Studies. Student opinion is sought at the Staff Student Committee and/or the Board of Studies. New modules and major changes to existing modules are subject to approval by the Faculty Teaching, Learning and Student Experience Committee.

#### *Programme reviews*

The Board of Studies conducts an Annual Monitoring and Review of the degree programmes and reports to Faculty Teaching, Learning and Student Experience Committee. The FTLSEC takes an overview of all programmes within the Faculty and reports any Faculty or institutional issues to the University Teaching and Learning Committee.

#### *External Examiner reports*

External Examiner reports are considered by the Board of Studies. The Board responds to these reports through Faculty Teaching, Learning and Student Experience Committee. External Examiner reports are shared with institutional student representatives, through the Staff-Student Committee.

#### *Student evaluations*

All modules, and the degree programme, are subject to review by student questionnaires. Informal student evaluation is also obtained at the Staff Student Committee and the Board of Studies. The National Student Survey is sent out every year to final-year undergraduate students and consists of a set of questions seeking the students' views on the quality of the learning and teaching in their HEIs. Further information is at [www.thestudentsurvey.com/](http://www.thestudentsurvey.com/). With reference to the outcomes of the NSS and institutional student satisfaction surveys actions are taken at all appropriate levels by the institution.

#### *Mechanisms for gaining student feedback*

Feedback is channelled via the Staff Student Committee and the Board of Studies.

#### *Faculty and University Review Mechanisms*

The programme is subject to the University's Internal Subject Review process.

#### *Accreditation reports*

A request for accreditation by the British Computer Society of the degrees in Computer Science (Bio-computing), Computer Science with Industrial Placement (Bio-computing), Computer Science (Security and Resilience) and Computer Science with Industrial Placement (Security and Resilience) will be in 2013. All other programmes covered by this Degree Programme Specification were accredited by the British Computer Society in October 2008.

#### *Additional mechanisms*

None.

## **16 Regulation of assessment**

#### *Pass mark*

The pass mark is 40.

#### *Course requirements*

Progression is subject to the University's Undergraduate Progress Regulations and Undergraduate Examination Conventions. In summary, students must pass, or be deemed to have passed, 120 credits at each Stage. Limited compensation up to 40 credits and down to a mark of 35 is possible at each Stage and there are resit opportunities, with certain restrictions.

#### *Weighting of stages*

The marks from Stages 2 and 3 will contribute to the final classification of the degree

The weighting of marks contributing to the degree for Stages 2 and 3 is 50 : 50

#### *Common Marking Scheme*

The University employs a common marking scheme, which is specified in the Undergraduate Examination Conventions, namely

	<b>Modules used for degree classification</b>	<b>Modules not used for degree classification</b>
<40	Fail	Failing
40-49	Third Class	Basic
50-59	Second Class, Second Division	Good
60-69	Second Class, First Division	Very Good
70+	First Class	Excellent

#### *Role of the External Examiner*

An External Examiner, a distinguished member of the subject community, is appointed by Faculty Teaching, Learning and Student Experience Committee, following recommendation from the Board of Studies. The External Examiner is expected to:

See and approve examination papers

Moderate examination and coursework marking

Attend the Board of Examiners

Report to the University on the standards of the programme

In addition, information relating to the programme is provided in:

The University Prospectus (see <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/undergraduate/>)

The School Brochure <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/computing/>

The University Regulations (see <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/regulations/docs/>)

The Degree Programme Handbook  
(see <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/computing/current/documents/StudentHandbook.pdf>)

Please note. This specification provides a concise summary of the main features of the programme and of the learning outcomes that a typical student might reasonably be expected to achieve if she/he takes full advantage of the learning opportunities provided. The accuracy of the information contained is reviewed by the University and may be checked by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education.

## Annex

### **Mapping of Intended Learning Outcomes onto Curriculum/Modules**

Notes:

1. Modules in bold text are compulsory for all students.
2. Modules qualified by (MD) are compulsory for students wishing to have the degree title Computer Science (Mobile and Distributed Systems) or Computer Science with Industrial Placement (Mobile and Distributed Systems) and are optional for all other programmes.
3. Modules qualified by (GE) are compulsory for students wishing to have the degree title Computer Science (Game Engineering) or Computer Science with Industrial Placement (Game Engineering) and are optional for all other programmes.
4. Modules qualified by (SE) are compulsory for students wishing to have the degree title Computer Science (Software Engineering) or Computer Science with Industrial Placement (Software Engineering) and are optional for all other programmes.
5. Modules qualified by (BI) are compulsory for students wishing to have the degree title Computer Science (Bio-computing) or Computer Science with Industrial Placement (Bio-computing) and are optional for all other programmes.
6. Modules qualified by (SR) are compulsory for students wishing to have the degree title Computer Science (Security and Resilience) or Computer Science with Industrial Placement (security and Resilience) and are optional for all other programmes.





