Please note, there are two Programme Specifications included within this PDF document:

1. **BSc and Diploma** in Computing and Information Systems and Creative Computing (New Regulations), including provision for individual courses

2. **Work Experience Entry routes related to BSc in Computing and Information Systems and BSc in Creative Computing (New Regulations)**
Programme Specification
2016–17

Computing and Information Systems
Creative Computing
(New Regulations)

BSc
CertHE
and Individual courses

Important document – please read
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**About this document**

The Programme Specification gives a broad outline of the structure and content of the programme, the entry level qualifications, as well as the learning outcomes students will achieve as they progress. Some of the information referred to in a programme specification is included in more detail on the University of London International Programmes (International Programmes) website. Where this is the case, links to the relevant webpage are included.

Where links to external organisations are provided, the University of London is not responsible for their content and does not recommend nor necessarily agree with opinions expressed and services provided at those sites.

If you have a query about any of the programme information provided, whether here or on the website, registered students should use the *ask a question* tab in the student portal [https://my.londoninternational.ac.uk/](https://my.londoninternational.ac.uk/); otherwise the *Contact Us* button at the bottom left hand corner of every webpage should be used.

A [Glossary](#) provides an explanation of the terms used in this document.

**Key revisions made**

Programme specifications are revised annually. The Lead College’s quality committee, as part of its annual review of standards, confirms the programme structure and the educational aims and learning outcomes, and advises on any development in student support. Where there are changes which may impact on continuing students, these are listed below. For all new students, the programme and general information provided in this document is correct and accurate and will be applicable for the current year.

**Significant changes made to the programme specification 2016-17:**

Registrations are no longer being accepted for the Level 4 Diploma in Computing and Information Systems and Diploma in Creative Computing. They have been replaced with a Level 4 Certificate of Higher Education in Computing and Information Systems and Certificate of Higher Education in Creative Computing.

The final examinations for the Diploma in Computing and Information Systems and the Diploma in Creative Computing will take place in 2019-20.
Title and name of awards

Award names
Computing and Information Systems
Creative Computing
Computing Studies (exit awards only)

Award titles
Students are registered on one of the following:

- Bachelor of Science Honours Degree (BSc)
- Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE)
- Diploma (registration has been discontinued)

CertHE and Diploma students study for an award which is placed at Level 4 of the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (FHEQ) and references to 'Diploma' in this document relate to this award unless explicit reference is made to the FHEQ Level 5 Diploma of Higher Education.

Exit awards for the BSc

- Diploma of Higher Education in Computing Studies (DipHE)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Computing Studies (CertHE)

Individual courses

There is also provision for individual courses to the value of 60 credits to be studied on a stand-alone basis. The courses available as individual courses are drawn from the same set of Level 4 courses available in the structure of the related degrees.

Level of the programmes


The awards are placed at the following Levels of the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (FHEQ):

- BSc – Level 6
- CertHE – Level 4
- Diploma – Level 4
- DipHE – Level 5 (exit award only)

* Students may be eligible for the award of a CertHE in Computing and Information Systems or a CertHE in Creative Computing if they have successfully completed the four Level 4 courses (120 credits) that comprise the relevant CertHE.
Relevant QAA subject benchmarks group(s)

See the QAA website for information

Awarding body
University of London

Registering body
University of London
[www.londoninternational.ac.uk](http://www.londoninternational.ac.uk)

Academic direction
Goldsmiths, University of London

Accreditation by professional or statutory body
Not applicable

Language of study and assessment
English

Mode of study
Independent or locally supported learning.

CertHE and Diploma students are required to attend a part-time or full-time programme of study at an institution that has been recognised to teach that programme.

The International Programmes website provides an overview of [teaching institutions](http://www.londoninternational.ac.uk) and a [Directory of Institutions](http://www.londoninternational.ac.uk).

Programme structures

The BSc in Computing and Information Systems (New Regulations) degree consists of courses to the value of 360 credits as follows:

- Level 4 - four compulsory full courses (each 30 credits)
- Level 5 - four compulsory full courses (each 30 credits)
- Level 6 - six 15 credit courses chosen from a list of 15 credit course options, plus a compulsory 30 credit Project which is a core course.

The BSc in Creative Computing degree consists of courses to the value of 360 credits as follows:

- Level 4 - four compulsory full courses (each 30 credits)
- Level 5 - four compulsory full courses (each 30 credits)
- Level 6 - three 15 credit courses chosen from a list of 15 credit course options, plus three compulsory 15 credit courses, and a compulsory 30 credit Project which is a core course.

The CertHE in Computing and Information Systems and the CertHE in Creative Computing consist of:
- Level 4 - four compulsory full courses (each 30 credits)

The Level 4 Diploma in Computing and Information Systems and the Level 4 Diploma in Creative Computing consist of:
- Five compulsory courses
- All Diploma students are also required to follow and pass a first year course in Study Skills in English.

Full details of the Schemes of Award are included in the Programme Regulations.

Exit awards
There is provision for CertHE and DipHE exit awards in the programme. Students cannot register for the DipHE in Computing Studies because this is granted as an exit award only. Exit awards are granted at the discretion of the Board of Examiners and once a student has accepted an exit award they will not be permitted to continue their study of the same programme with the International Programmes.

Full details of exit award requirements are included in the Programme Regulations.

Maximum and minimum periods of registration
The maximum and minimum periods of registration, from a student’s effective date of registration, are:

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Study materials are made available after registration and on payment of the applicable fee.

Credit value of courses

Further information about the credit systems used by universities in the UK and Europe is available in:


Where credits are assigned to each course of a programme, credit indicates the amount of learning carried out in terms of the notional number of study hours needed, and a specified FHEQ credit level indicates the depth, complexity and intellectual demand of learning involved. The details below indicate the UK credits and the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) values.

For Computing and Information Systems and Creative Computing, credits are assigned to the courses as follows:

30 UK credits or 15 ECTS credits for a full course and 15 UK credits or 7.5 ECTS credits for a half course. Courses have been designated either FHEQ Level 4 (courses with the prefix CO1), Level 5 (courses with the prefix CO2) or Level 6 (courses with the prefix CO3).

Diploma course CO0001 Mathematics for Business is a foundation level course which is not credit bearing.

One UK credit equates to a notional ten hours of study.
Entrance requirements

Applicants must submit an application in line with the procedures and deadlines set out on the website. To be considered for registration with the International Programmes, applicants must normally satisfy:

- the University of London’s general entrance requirements;
- any additional programme specific entrance requirements; and
- English language requirements.

Applicants should check the programme requirements which are given on our website. Entrance requirements are set out in detail on the programme page under the Requirements tab.

General entrance requirements for Undergraduate Degrees

Age:

Applicants must normally be at least 17 years of age on or before 30 November in the year of registration.

Qualifications:

Applicants must have obtained qualifications that satisfy category G in the Qualifications for Entrance schedule.

The Qualifications for Entrance schedule can be found here:
www.londoninternational.ac.uk/sites/default/files/entrance_qualifications.pdf

General entrance requirements for Certificates of Higher Education

Age:

Applicants should check the programme requirements which are given on our website.

Qualifications:

Three separate subjects at GCSE/GCE O level with grades A to C or check the Qualifications for Entrance schedule for equivalent studies.

General Entrance Requirements for Individual Courses

As for General Entrance Requirements for Undergraduate Degrees, above.

The Qualifications for Entrance schedule can be found here:
www.londoninternational.ac.uk/sites/default/files/entrance_qualifications.pdf

Details of the programme specific requirements are given on the programme page, under the Requirements tab:

www.londoninternational.ac.uk/courses/undergraduate/goldsmiths/bsc-computing-information-systems-bsc-diploma-work-entry-route

www.londoninternational.ac.uk/courses/undergraduate/goldsmiths/bsc-creative-computing-bsc-diploma-work-entry-route
English language requirements

Applicants must satisfy the English language requirements for the programme. These are set out in detail on the programme page under the Requirements tab.

Additional information on English language proficiency tests are given on the website.

Where an applicant does not meet the prescribed English language proficiency requirements but believes that they can demonstrate the requisite proficiency for admission the University may, at its discretion, consider the application.

Internet access

Students will require regular access to a computer (or mobile device*) with an internet connection to use the International Programmes website and the Student Portal. These are where many of the programmes’ study resources are located.

* Full mobile access to VLE resources is not available for all programmes.

Computer requirements

Whether studying on their own or at an institution, students will need access to the following equipment and software.

Hardware

The recommended minimum configuration is as follows:

- Processor: 2GHz
- Hard drive: 10GB – free
- Screen resolution: 1024 x 768 colour
- Networking: Network adapter – Ethernet, Fast Ethernet, Gigabit Ethernet
- RAM: 2GB
- Audio output Soundcard: stereo
- Sound card and speakers are also recommended for playing audio materials

At Level 5, for the BSc in Computing and Information Systems, access to a suitable network is very important for full learning benefit. If a student does not have such access, it will not be impossible for them to complete the degree, but they would not have the same study experience as a student with this access. The highest level of access a student will require for effective study will be as a (temporary) network manager so that they can experiment with configuration. In particular, lack of appropriate network access will affect their ability to study ‘Data communications and enterprise networking’ in the most effective way possible.
Other machines, apart from those that are PC-compatible, are acceptable provided they run equivalent software.

Software

Students are advised to make use of common operating systems and software, as follows:

- Windows™ or Linux or Macintosh.
- Word processor, spreadsheet and database. No applications are recommended specifically, but under Windows™, an integrated package such as Microsoft Office is sufficient, while under Linux, OpenOffice is adequate.
- The Java SE Development Kit (JDK) version 6 or higher, available for free from oracle.com.
- For Level 6, additional software is required for some courses. This information is given under the course outlines.

Students with specific access requirements

International Programmes welcomes applications from those with disabilities and/or those who have specific access requirements. The University will make every effort to provide reasonable adjustments to enable such students to have the same chance as all other students to complete their studies successfully.

The University is committed to managing the application procedure and the programme itself to offer all students the opportunity to participate fully. Students with a disability or others who may need special arrangements to assist in taking examinations (such as a separate room or special aids) should complete the relevant section of the application form, or contact the Inclusive Practice Manager. Requests will be considered by a University panel, whose purpose is to ensure that students with disabilities and/or specific access requirements are neither advantaged nor disadvantaged by such arrangements when compared with other students.

For further information, see Inclusive Practice Policy

Sources of funding and scholarships

Information about potential sources of funding and scholarships is updated annually and where available is included in the prospectus web pages.

For further information see www.londoninternational.ac.uk/distance-and-flexible-learning/funding-your-study.

Educational aims and learning outcomes of the programmes

The educational aims of these programmes are informed by the Computing Subject Benchmark Statement, the QAA Code of Practice, the National Qualifications Framework, the ACM-IEEE Curriculum Guidelines, and the Goldsmiths Teaching and Learning Strategy.

The BSc, CertHE and Diploma in Computing and Information Systems are aimed at students who wish to develop careers in information technology management. The programmes are intended to give students the skills to solve technical problems and to determine robust solutions to incomplete or ill-specified scenarios typical of business environments in IT terms. Graduates are well-equipped to perform information system
functions for large scale organisations and to bridge the gap of language and understanding between technical and non-technical management.

The **BSc, CertHE and Diploma in Creative Computing** are aimed at students who wish to develop the ability to solve technical problems and also to create original works in visual and sound media.

BSc students will have the skills to become technically competent creative professionals and to undertake project management and creative development roles in public and private sector organisations. Students will also develop skills in research and apply those skills to a practical project in a creative area and the production of a related project report.

There is a natural progression of skills as students progress through these programmes. On successful completion of the CertHE or Diploma a student will have reached the same stage as a degree student who has completed Level 4 and will have developed a range of fundamental mathematical and computing skills.

For those students studying for the BSc, the purpose of the Level 5 courses is to consolidate the topics of Level 4, especially those topics most needed in the analysis and design of software systems. Students will develop and demonstrate more knowledge and greater understanding as they progress through the programme. At this level, a student will begin to create substantial applications involving graphics and databases. At Level 6, more specialist optional courses are offered, and students may select those in which they are particularly interested. The Project is the capstone of the degree, and students are expected to demonstrate and develop aspects of what they have learnt from the taught courses, in an extended piece of individual work.

**Learning outcomes - BSc in Computing and Information Systems**

**A. Knowledge and understanding**

Successful students should be able to:

A1: demonstrate systematic and critical understanding of key issues underlying computers, software, the Internet, information systems, e-Commerce, databases and algorithms, including coherent and detailed knowledge from specialist options

A2: explain and demonstrate how theoretical models and abstractions underpin reasoning about computing systems

A3: develop and implement complex software systems that meet user requirements using high-level programming languages

A4: demonstrate a detailed knowledge of how computer networks work, appropriate to a range of contexts

A5: use discrete mathematics for practical problem-solving in computing

A6: demonstrate knowledge of object oriented programming approaches, and their value

A7: demonstrate a detailed knowledge of techniques and methods in eliciting user requirements and developing system specifications

A8: utilise e-Commerce concepts in analysing business scenarios
A9: demonstrate understanding of methods for decomposing large problems into solvable sub-problems

A10: explain and demonstrate the importance of evaluation in checking that an implemented computing system meets specifications and that it fulfils its intended purpose (verification and validation)

A11 demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the range of uses of computing systems in business environments and discuss methods of evaluating a system’s effectiveness in a given context

A12: give an account of the various roles people undertake in the design and use of socio-technical systems

A13: discuss complex ethical, social and legal issues pertaining to contemporary and future computing systems

Teaching/learning methods and strategies for cognitive abilities

Students will be given the opportunity to acquire these abilities through the subject guides for the courses, the recommended textbooks, further reading and through formative assessments. For example, A1, A2, A4, A5, A7, A11 and A13 are addressed in the Level 4, 5 and 6 subject guides. They are reinforced by being a fundamental part of examples used in the guide, and in individual coursework.

Methods for assessing attainment of cognitive abilities

These abilities are assessed through a mixture of examinations, coursework assignments, and a substantial project in the final year. In particular, A1 is assessed directly by examinations in all three years and by very focused coursework in the first year; A2 is assessed by an examination in the first year and it also forms part of the assessment in coursework and examinations later in the programme; A4 is assessed by examination and coursework in the second year; A5 is called upon throughout the degree; A12 is assessed through various coursework and exams; A3, A9 and A11 are some of the principal criteria in assessing the final year project and on examinations and coursework in several programming and software development courses throughout the programme. Assessments for the final year project and, to a lesser extent for all coursework include criteria regarding original and critical thinking about a subject, understanding the implications of a problem specification, formulating and presenting a clear argument, interpreting material in one’s own words, and proficiency at analysis and evaluation.

B. Intellectual and practical skills

Successful students should be able to:

B1: select and employ appropriate techniques to gather requirements from stakeholders

B2: write working programs to meet user requirements

B3: propose IT solutions for business problems and evaluate the fit of computing systems to business requirements

B4: model requirements and the systems they lead to in an appropriate modelling language

B5: develop software architectures of some complexity from user requirements and specifications
**Teaching and learning methods for intellectual and practical skills**

B1, B4, B5 and B11 are taught in subject guides and associated material in the Virtual Learning Environment, and in recommended further reading. The learning is reinforced by structured coursework and assessed in the examination. B3, B12 and B10 are most especially learnt in the final year project.

**Assessment methods for intellectual and practical skills**

A combination of unseen examinations, coursework assignments, and the final year project.

**C. Transferable skills**

Successful students should be able to:

C1: determine the relevant information from disparate sources to identify and address complex issues

C2: demonstrate confidence in tackling complex problems in a systematic logical manner

C3: employ information and communications technologies effectively

C4: communicate ideas effectively using appropriate combinations of text, graphics, video, etc.

C5: reason logically and argue persuasively

C6: study and work independently

C7: manage their own learning and work to deadlines effectively

C8: undertake and manage sustained project work to completion

**Teaching/learning methods and strategies for transferable skills**

Although these abilities are assessed through coursework and examination, considerable benefit will be gained from independent learning undertaken. Much of the coursework, throughout the programme, is designed to build upon these abilities. In particular, students are expected to be able to use libraries and find material to support their coursework and to be able to write up their coursework in a comprehensible way using the English language and diagrams where appropriate.
Methods for assessing attainment of transferable skills

These abilities are assessed throughout the programme. All coursework involves C1 and C3; C1 is assessed directly in a first year course, and it is also, along with C4, part of the assessment of many coursework and the final year project.

Learning outcomes - CertHE in Computing and Information Systems

A. Knowledge and understanding

Successful students should be able to:

A1: display basic knowledge and understanding of the fundamental topics underlying the use of computers, software networks, the Internet and information systems

A2: use discrete mathematics for practical problem-solving in computing

A3: understand object oriented programming approaches

A4: utilise e-Commerce concepts in analysing a business scenario

A5: understand how to implement a simple system corresponding to a limited requirement set

B. Intellectual and practical skills

Successful students should be able to:

B1: write a working program to meet specified user requirements for a simple system

B2: propose e-Commerce solutions for limited business problems

B3: test, correct and extend the functionality of an existing program of limited complexity and size

C. Transferable skills

Successful students should be able to:

C1: determine the relevant information in a specified context for a given problem

C2: solve straightforward problems in a systematic logical manner

C3: employ information and communications technologies effectively

C4: communicate ideas effectively using key methods

C5: reason logically and argue coherently for straightforward scenarios

C6: work independently on well-specified tasks

C7: manage time and work to deadlines on well-specified tasks
Learning outcomes - Diploma in Computing and Information Systems

A. Knowledge and understanding

Successful students should be able to:

A1: display basic knowledge and understanding of the fundamental topics underlying the use of computers, software networks, the Internet and information systems

A2: use discrete mathematics for practical problem-solving in business and computing

A3: understand object oriented programming approaches

A4: utilise e-Commerce concepts in analysing a business scenario

A5: understand how to implement a simple system corresponding to a limited requirement set

B. Intellectual and practical skills

Successful students should be able to:

B1: write a working program to meet specified user requirements for a simple system

B2: propose e-Commerce solutions for limited business problems

B3: test, correct and extend the functionality of an existing program of limited complexity and size

C. Transferable skills

Successful students should be able to:

C1: determine the relevant information in a specified context for a given problem

C2: solve straightforward problems in a systematic logical manner

C3: employ information and communications technologies effectively

C4: communicate ideas effectively using key methods

C5: reason logically and argue coherently for straightforward scenarios

C6: work independently on well-specified tasks

C7: manage time and work to deadlines on well-specified tasks

Learning outcomes - BSc in Creative Computing

A. Knowledge and understanding

Successful students should be able to:

A1: demonstrate systematic and critical understanding of key issues underlying computers, software, the Internet, human perception, digital signal processing, sound and music, and creativity and image making, databases and algorithms, including coherent and detailed knowledge from specialist options
A2: explain and demonstrate how theoretical models and abstractions underpin reasoning about computing systems

A3: develop and implement a substantial digital art-work using high-level programming languages or interactive design tools

A4: evaluate and critique their own and other creative artefacts

A5: develop and implement complex software systems that meet user requirements using high-level programming languages

A6: use discrete and continuous mathematics for practical problem-solving in computing, and apply this to the creative computing paradigm

A7: demonstrate knowledge of object oriented programming approaches, and their value

A8: demonstrate a detailed knowledge of techniques and methods in eliciting user requirements and developing system specifications

A9: demonstrate understanding of methods for decomposing large problems into solvable sub-problems

A10: explain and demonstrate the importance of evaluation in checking that an implemented computing system meets specifications and that it fulfils its intended purpose (verification and validation)

A11: demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the range of uses of computing systems in creative contexts and discuss methods of evaluating a system's effectiveness in a given context

A12: give an account of the various roles people undertake in the design and use of socio-technical systems

A13: discuss complex ethical, social and legal issues pertaining to contemporary and future computing systems

Teaching/learning methods and strategies for cognitive abilities

Students will be given the opportunity to acquire these abilities through the course unit subject guide, the recommended textbook, further reading and through formative assessments. For example, A1, A2, A3 and A8 are addressed in the subject guides. They are then reinforced by being a fundamental part of examples used in the guide, and in individual course work in subsequent years. Acquisition of the remaining cognitive abilities becomes an integral part of the study material, recommended reading and coursework in years two and three.

Methods for assessing attainment of cognitive abilities

These abilities are assessed through a mixture of examinations, coursework assignments, and a substantial project in the final year. In particular, A1 is assessed directly by examinations in all three years and by very focused coursework in the first year; A4 and A5 are assessed by coursework; A3, A4 and A10 are assessed in the final year project; A2, A6 and A8 are assessed through various coursework and exams. Assessments for the final year project and, to a lesser extent for all coursework, include criteria regarding original and critical thinking about a subject, understanding the implications of a problem specification, formulating and presenting a clear argument, interpreting material in one’s own words, and proficiency at analysis and evaluation.
B. Intellectual and practical skills

Successful students should be able to:

B1: select and employ appropriate techniques to gather requirements from potential users
B2: model requirements and the systems they lead to in an appropriate modelling language
B3: develop software architectures of some complexity from user requirements and specifications
B4: test, correct and extend the functionality of existing programs, with particular focus on the creative domain
B5: create a substantial computer-based art-work and be able to critique its value
B6: discuss classic algorithms to solve certain common problems, and develop algorithms to solve new problems.
B7: apply general design techniques, principles for analysing algorithms and problems, and basic methods of proving correctness of algorithms.
B8: break down complex problems, with an emphasis on creative computing, and select and employ appropriate data structures and algorithms
B9: select and employ appropriate methods from the software development lifecycle, through requirements to implementation and testing
B10: turn a creative idea into a digital implementation
B11: carry out substantial independent work through an individual project

Teaching and learning methods for intellectual and practical skills

B1-B3 and B5 are taught in subject guides and associated material in the Virtual Learning Environment, and in recommended further reading. The learning is reinforced by structured coursework and assessed in the examination. B10 is developed in coursework. B10 and B11 are most especially learnt in the final year project.

Assessment methods for intellectual and practical skills

A combination of unseen examinations, coursework assignments (B1-B5), and the final year project (all).

C. Transferable skills

Successful students should be able to:

C1: determine the relevant information from disparate sources to identify and address complex issues
C2: demonstrate confidence in tackling complex problems in a systematic logical manner
C3: employ information and communications technologies effectively
C4: communicate ideas effectively using appropriate combinations of text, graphics, video, etc.
C5: reason logically and argue persuasively
C6: study and work independently
C7: manage their own learning and work to deadlines effectively

C8: undertake and manage sustained project work to completion

**Teaching/learning methods and strategies for transferable skills**

Although these abilities are assessed through coursework and examination, considerable benefit will be gained from independent learning undertaken. Much of the coursework, throughout the programme, is designed to build upon these abilities. In particular, students are expected to be able to use libraries and find material to support their coursework and to be able to write up their coursework in a comprehensible way using the English language and diagrams where appropriate.

**Methods for assessing attainment of transferable skills:**

These abilities are assessed throughout the programme. All coursework involves C1; C2 is assessed directly in all courses, and it is also, along with C4, part of the assessment of many coursework and the final year project. Development of C7 is evidenced by success in coursework and the project.

**Learning outcomes - CertHE in Creative Computing**

**A. Knowledge and understanding**

Successful students should be able to:

A1: display basic knowledge and understanding of the fundamental topics underlying the use of computers, software, the Internet and multimedia processing

A2: understand basic principles of colour, sound and image (2D and 3D)

A3: use discrete and continuous mathematics for practical problem-solving in computing

A4: understand object oriented programming approaches

A5: understand how to implement a system corresponding to a straightforward user requirement set

**B. Intellectual and practical skills**

Successful students should be able to:

B1: write a working program to meet specified user requirements for a simple system

B2: test, correct and extend the functionality of an existing program of limited complexity and size

B3: develop a simple creative artefact and critique its value

**C. Transferable skills**

Successful students should be able to:

C1: determine the relevant information in a specified context for a given problem

C2: solve straightforward problems in a systematic logical manner

C3: employ information and communications technologies effectively
C4: communicate ideas effectively using key methods
C5: reason logically and argue coherently for straightforward scenarios
C6: work independently on well-specified tasks
C7: manage time and work to deadlines on well-specified tasks

Learning outcomes - Diploma in Creative Computing

A. Knowledge and understanding
Successful students should be able to:
A1: display basic knowledge and understanding of the fundamental topics underlying the use of computers, software, the Internet and multimedia processing
A2: understand basic principles of colour, sound and image (2D and 3D)
A3: use discrete and continuous mathematics for practical problem-solving in business and computing
A4: understand object oriented programming approaches
A5: understand how to implement a system corresponding to a straightforward user requirement set

B. Intellectual and practical skills
Successful students should be able to:
B1: write a working program to meet specified user requirements for a simple system
B2: test, correct and extend the functionality of an existing program of limited complexity and size
B3: develop a simple creative artefact and critique its value

C. Transferable skills
Successful students should be able to:
C1: determine the relevant information in a specified context for a given problem
C2: solve straightforward problems in a systematic logical manner
C3: employ information and communications technologies effectively
C4: communicate ideas effectively using key methods
C5: reason logically and argue coherently for straightforward scenarios
C6: work independently on well-specified tasks
C7: manage time and work to deadlines on well-specified tasks
Learning outcomes – Certificate of Higher Education in Computing Studies (exit award)

A. Knowledge and understanding

Successful students should be able to:

A1: demonstrate engagement with an essential introduction to computing studies
A2: demonstrate an understanding of the concepts and principles related to key areas of study
A3: have obtained fundamental skills for employment and for further study

B. Intellectual and practical skills

Successful students should be able to:

B1: critically evaluate information and evidence to support conclusions and recommendations
B2: develop proficiency through practice and experiential learning
B3: break down problems and select and employ a limited range of methods to solve

C. Transferable skills

Successful students should be able to:

C1: determine relevant information in a specified context for a given problem
C2: solve straightforward problems in a systematic logical manner
C3: communicate ideas effectively using key methods
C4: work independently on well-specified tasks
C5: manage time and work to deadlines on well-specified tasks

Learning outcomes – Diploma of Higher Education in Computing Studies (exit award)

A. Knowledge and understanding

Successful students should be able to:

A1: demonstrate engagement with an essential introduction to computing studies
A2: demonstrate an understanding of the concepts and principles related to key areas of study
A3: demonstrate a broader understanding and further analytical and technical skills relating to the study of computing
A4: have obtained a range of knowledge and skills in computing to equip them for employment or further study
B. Intellectual and practical skills

Successful students should be able to:

B1: recognise and analyse criteria and specifications appropriate to specific problems and plan strategies for their solution

B2: critically evaluate information and evidence to support conclusions and recommendations

B3: develop increased proficiency through practice and experiential learning

B4: break down problems and select and employ a range of appropriate methods to solve

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Successful students should be able to:

C1: organise information and determine relevance in a structured way

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C4: reason logically and argue persuasively

C5: work independently

C6: manage time and work to deadlines effectively

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**After graduation**

**Further study**

Successful completion of the CertHE or Diploma allows students to progress to the related BSc or another degree programme. Successful completion of the degree programme may serve as preparation for students who wish to go on to take further study in the subject area. This may be undertaken at Goldsmiths or elsewhere.

**Graduate employment routes**

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**Careers advice and resources**

The University of London's Careers Service can provide confidential advice and guidance appropriate to the diverse needs of students and graduates, at any stage of their career. Advisers can assist on an individual basis (including help with career planning, CV writing and interview technique), through face-to-face, Skype or phone appointments, or through a 30 minute e-Advice service. Students may also make use of the dedicated careers library.

For further information, please see [www.thecareersgroup.co.uk/develop-talent](http://www.thecareersgroup.co.uk/develop-talent)

**The Alumni Association**

Upon graduation, International Programmes' students automatically become members of its Alumni Association, a diverse community of over 100,000 alumni in more than 180 countries. The Alumni Association can provide past students with lifelong links to the University of London and each other. Benefits include invitations to events, access to local groups, a bi-monthly e-newsletter, social networking groups, and the opportunity to become an Alumni Ambassador for the University of London.

For further information, please see [www.londoninternational.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.londoninternational.ac.uk/alumni), [www.facebook.com/londonualumni](http://www.facebook.com/londonualumni) and [http://linkd.in/alumniassociation](http://linkd.in/alumniassociation)
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About this document

The programme specification gives a broad outline of the structure and content of the Work Experience Entry route. Some of the information referred to is included in more detail on the International Programmes website. Where this is the case, links to the relevant webpage are included.

Where links to external organisations are provided, The University of London is not responsible for their content and does not recommend nor necessarily agree with opinions expressed and services provided at those sites.

If you have a query about any of the programme information provided, whether here or on the website, registered students should use the ask a question tab in the student portal https://my.londoninternational.ac.uk/; otherwise the Contact Us button at the bottom left hand corner of every webpage should be used.

A Glossary provides an explanation of the terms used in this document.

Key revisions made

Programme specifications are revised annually. The quality committee of the College providing academic direction, as part of its annual review of standards, confirms the programme structure and the educational aims and learning outcomes, and advises on any development in student support. Where there are changes which may impact on continuing students, these are listed below. For all new students, the information provided in this document is correct and accurate and will be applicable for the current year.

Significant changes made in 2016-17:

No significant changes
The relationship between the BSc, the Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE), and the Work Experience Entry route

The Work Experience Entry route is not a qualification or an award. It is an entry route that provides access for students who do not fulfil the stated entry requirements for the degree. The Work Experience Entry route is not an entry route to the CertHE.

The BSc and the CertHE are awards or qualifications, obtained after fulfilling the requirements stated in the regulations (see Schemes of award).

The CertHE is a qualification in its own right and an alternative entry route to the BSc. A student who does not fulfil the stated entry requirements for the degree may be able to study towards the CertHE. Once the student has completed all of the requirements for the CertHE to be awarded, they may progress to the degree. In this case, unlike the Work Experience Entry route, a CertHE is awarded as well.

In summary

The BSc and the CertHE are awards; the Work Experience Entry route and the CertHE are entry routes to the BSc.
Work Experience Entry route (New Regulations) 2016-17

The Work Experience Entry route provides an opportunity for those who may not satisfy the University’s entrance requirements for the BSc in Computing and Information Systems or the BSc in Creative Computing to gain access to these degrees.

The Work Experience Entry route comprises two full courses. The assessment of each course is a combination of an unseen written examination and coursework.

Level of the Work Experience Entry route


The Work Experience Entry routes are placed at the following Level of the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (FHEQ):

- Level 4

Body certifying the Work Experience Entry route

University of London

Registering body

University of London

www.londoninternational.ac.uk

Academic direction

Goldsmiths, University of London

Language of study and assessment

English

Mode of study

Independent or locally supported learning

Work Experience Entry route structures

The Work Experience Entry route related to the BSc in Computing and Information Systems comprises two 30 credit courses as follows:

- CO1108 Information systems: foundations of e-business
- CO1109 Introduction to Java and object oriented programming

The Work Experience Entry route related to the BSc in Creative Computing comprises two 30 credit courses as follows:

- CO1109 Introduction to Java and object-oriented programming
- CO1112 Creative computing I: image, sound and motion
Maximum and minimum periods of registration

The maximum and minimum period of registration, from a student's effective date of registration, are:

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Study materials are made available after registration and on payment of the applicable fee.

Credit value of courses

Further information about the credit systems used by universities in the UK and Europe is available in:


Where credits are assigned to each course of a programme, credit indicates the amount of learning carried out in terms of the notional number of study hours needed, and a specified FHEQ credit level indicates the depth, complexity and intellectual demand of learning involved. The details below indicate the UK credits and the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) values.

For the Work Experience Entry routes related to the Computing and Information Systems and Creative Computing, credits are assigned to the courses as follows:

30 UK credits or 15 ECTS credits for each course. All courses have been designated FHEQ Level 4.

One UK credit equates to a notional ten hours of study.

Progression and credit

A student who has successfully completed the Work Experience Entry route by passing the relevant two full courses will be deemed to have satisfied the entrance requirements for the BSc in Computing and Information Systems or the BSc in Creative Computing and may progress to the degree by applying to transfer their registration.

The Work Experience Entry route does not give automatic access to any other award of the University.

Students who transfer to the BSc in Computing and Information Systems or the BSc in Creative Computing will be credited with those courses passed as part of the Work Experience Entry route.

Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL)

Accreditation of prior learning is not allowed for the Work Experience Entry routes.
Entrance requirements

Applicants must submit an application in line with the procedures and deadlines set out on the website.

Details of the Work Experience Entry route entrance requirements are given on the programme page, under the Requirements tab:


English language requirements

Applicants must satisfy the English language requirements for the programme.

Additional information on English language proficiency tests are given on the website.

Where an applicant does not meet the prescribed English language proficiency requirements but believes that they can demonstrate the requisite proficiency for admission the University may, at its discretion, consider the application.

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Internet access

Students must have regular access to a computer (or mobile device*) with an internet connection to use the University of London International Programmes website and the Student Portal. These are where many of the programmes’ study resources are located.

* Full mobile access to VLE resources is not available for all programmes.

Computer requirements

Whether studying on their own or at an institution, students will need access to the following equipment and software.

Hardware

The recommended minimum configuration is as follows:

- Processor: 2GHz
- Hard drive: 10GB – free
- Screen resolution: 1024 x 768 colour
- Networking: Network adapter – Ethernet, Fast Ethernet, Gigabit Ethernet
RAM: 2GB

Audio output Soundcard: stereo

Sound card and speakers are also recommended for playing audio materials.

Other machines, apart from those that are PC-compatible, are acceptable provided they run equivalent software.

**Software**

Students are advised to make use of common operating systems and software, as follows:

- Windows™ or Linux or Macintosh.

- Word processor, spreadsheet and database. No applications are recommended specifically, but under Windows™, an integrated package such as Microsoft Office is sufficient, while under Linux, OpenOffice is adequate.

- The Java SE Development Kit (JDK) version 6 or higher, available for free from oracle.com.

**Students with specific access requirements**

The International Programmes welcomes applications from those with disabilities and/or those who have specific access requirements. The University will make every effort to provide reasonable adjustments to enable such students to have the same chance as all other students to complete their studies successfully.

The University is committed to managing the application procedure and the programme itself to offer all students the opportunity to participate fully. Students with a disability or others who may need special arrangements to assist in taking examinations (such as a separate room or special aids) should complete the relevant section of the application form, or contact the Inclusive Practice Manager. Requests will be considered by a University panel, whose purpose is to ensure that students with disabilities and/or specific access requirements are neither advantaged nor disadvantaged by such arrangements when compared with other students.

For further information, see Inclusive Practice Policy

**Sources of funding and scholarships**

Information about potential sources of funding and scholarships is updated annually and where available is included in the prospectus web pages.

For further information see www.londoninternational.ac.uk/distance-and-flexible-learning/funding-your-study.
Educational aims and learning outcomes of the programmes

The educational aims of these programmes are informed by the Computing Subject Benchmark Statement, the QAA Code of Practice, the National Qualifications Framework, the ACM-IEEE Curriculum Guidelines, and the Goldsmiths Teaching and Learning Strategy.

The **BSc in Computing and Information Systems** is aimed at students who wish to develop careers in information technology management. The programme is intended to give students the skills to solve technical problems and to determine robust solutions to incomplete or ill-specified scenarios typical of business environments in IT terms. Graduates are well-equipped to perform information system functions for large scale organisations and to bridge the gap of language and understanding between technical and non-technical management.

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BSc students will have the skills to become technically competent creative professionals and to undertake project management and creative development roles in public and private sector organisations. Students will also develop skills in research and apply those skills to a practical project in a creative area and the production of a related project report.

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**Learning outcomes** Work Experience Entry Route related to the BSc Computing and Information Systems

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- be able to communicate ideas and findings in a reliable and structured way; and

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