

Course Specification

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Core Information

Awarding Body / Institution:	University of Wolverhampton		
School / Institute:	School of Mathematics and Computer Science		
Course Code(s):	CS003K23UV	Sandwich	4 Years
UCAS Code:	G452		
Course Title:	BSc (Hons) Computer Science (Games Development) with Sandwich Placement		
Hierarchy of Awards:	Bachelor of Science with Honours Computer Science (Games Development), having satisfactorily completed a sandwich placement Bachelor of Science with Honours Computer Science (Games Development) Bachelor of Science Computer Science (Games Development), having satisfactorily completed a sandwich placement Diploma of Higher Education Computer Science Certificate of Higher Education Computer Science University Statement of Credit University Statement of Credit		
Language of Study:	English		
Date of DAG approval:	25/Sep/2017		
Last Review:	2015/6		
Course Specification valid from:	2009/0		
Course Specification valid to:	2021/2		

Academic Staff

Course Leader:	Dr Thomas Hartley
Head of Department:	Dr Kevan Buckley

Course Information

Location of Delivery:	University of Wolverhampton
Category of Partnership:	Not delivered in partnership
Teaching Institution:	University of Wolverhampton
Open / Closed Course:	This course is open to all suitably qualified candidates.

Entry Requirements:

Entry requirements are subject to regular review. The entry requirements applicable to a particular academic year will be published on the University website (and externally as appropriate e.g. UCAS)

2017 Entry

- A Level minimum of AB or CCD.
- BTEC National Diploma grade MMM, BTEC National Certificate grade DD
- BTEC QCF Extended Diploma grade MMM, BTEC QCF Diploma grade DD
- Access to HE Diploma full award (Pass of 60 credits - of which a minimum of 45 credits must be at level 3 including 18 at Merit or Distinction).
- Applicants will normally be expected to hold GCSE English and Maths at grade C+/4 or equivalent
- If you've got other qualifications or relevant experience, please contact [The Gateway](#) for further advice before applying.
- International entry requirements and application guidance can be found [here](#)
- Successful completion of the foundation year of our [BSc \(Hons\) Science and Engineering with Foundation Year](#) guarantees entry on to this course
- Successful completion of the [International Foundation Year in Science and Engineering](#) guarantees entry on to this course

Other Requirements

Students must have studied a minimum of two years post GCSE level. However, it is expected that some applicants will be mature students with work experience, who wish to further their career development. These applicants will be processed through standard procedures, which may involve an interview as part of the process. Please see <http://wlv.ac.uk/mature> for further information.

Those who do not meet the entry requirements may be offered an alternative course.

Distinctive Features of the Course:

We have a dedicated computer games laboratory for use exclusively for games development specialists, as part of our iconic IT complex.

The department organises the leading international conference on Computer Games Development CGAMES and is publisher of the International Journal of Intelligent Games & Simulation.

A placement can be undertaken anywhere; local, national or even, in some instances, international. During a placement, you will be doing similar work to a normal employee of the organisation giving you a unique insight into your chosen profession or sector, the opportunity to acquire crucial personal skills and also the opportunity to build a network of useful contacts. Many companies that employ graduates use placement programmes as a method of recruitment so you could be fast tracked into employment or onto one of their graduate schemes if you impress them.

The team at [The Workplace](#) constantly search for new placement opportunities but if you find an opportunity that interests you or you have been successful in securing one yourself, contact them for further information and support.

Educational Aims of the Course:

The course investigates the technologies behind games development including hardware (consoles, input devices) and software games engines. It also covers the mathematics and physics required to create believable agents, non-player characters (NPCs) and virtual worlds inside a computer game. This equips you to play a valuable role as part of a games development team in the games industry, and enables you to develop your own ideas into a marketable product.

The Course has the same foundations and principles of our main Computer Science Award, with integrating computer language tools, techniques and methodologies. Additionally we will prepare you with the key skills needed to keep abreast of future developments.

Intakes:

September

Major Source of Funding:

Office for Students (OFS)

Tuition Fees:

Tuition fees are reviewed on an annual basis. The fees applicable to a particular academic year will be published on the University website.

Year	Status	Mode	Amount
2020/1	H	Full Time / Sandwich	£9250.00
2020/1	Overseas	Full Time / Sandwich	£12250.00
2021/2	H	Full Time / Sandwich	£9250.00
2021/2	Overseas	Full Time / Sandwich	£12950.00
2022/3	H	Full Time / Sandwich	£9250.00
2022/3	Overseas	Full Time / Sandwich	£13450.00

PSRB:

None

Course Structure:

September (Sandwich)

Part time students study alongside full time students. However, they do not study more than 80 credits in each academic calendar year.

Module	Title	Credits	Period	Type
4CS001	Introductory Programming And Problem Solving	20	SEM1	Core
4CS015	Fundamentals of Computing	20	SEM1	Core
4CS020	Introduction to Games Technology for Serious Applications	20	SEM2	Core
4CS017	Internet Software Architecture	20	SEM1	Core
4MM013	Computational Mathematics	20	SEM2	Core
4CS021	Introduction to Object-Oriented Programming	20	SEM2	Core

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Module	Title	Credits	Period	Type
5CS019	Object-Oriented Design and Programming	20	SEM1	Core
5CS025	Games Development	20	SEM1	Core
5CS027	Techniques for Games Development	20	SEM2	Core
5CS020	Human - Computer Interaction	20	SEM2	Core
5CS024	Collaborative Development	20	SEM2	Core

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5CI022	Databases	20	SEM1	
5CS023	Web Development	20	SEM1	
5CS021	Numerical Methods and Concurrency	20	SEM1	
5CS037	Concepts and Technologies of AI	20	SEM1	

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Module	Title	Credits	Period	Type
5MM006	Industrial Placement	40	CRYRA	Core

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Module	Title	Credits	Period	Type
6CS025	Advanced Games Technologies and Programming	20	SEM2	Core
6CS007	Project and Professionalism	40	YEAR	Core

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6CS005	High Performance Computing	20	SEM1
6CS013	Emerging Interactive Technologies	20	SEM1
6CS014	Complex Systems	20	SEM1
6CS027	Secure Mobile Application Development	20	SEM1

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6CS012	Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning	20	SEM2
6CS028	Advanced Web Development	20	SEM2
6CS030	Big Data	20	SEM2

Please note: Optional modules might not run every year, the course team will decide on an annual basis which options will be running, based on student demand and academic factors, to create the best learning experience.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment

Academic Regulations Exemption:

Section 5.2.3 - Exemption to include specialist modules at Level 5 in order to prepare students for progression to Level 6

Approved by AFRSC on 6th June 2016.

Reference Points:

- Quality Code - [Part A: Setting and Maintaining Academic Standards](#). Including;
- [Qualifications Frameworks](#)
- [Characteristics Statements](#)
- [Credit Frameworks](#)
- [Subject Benchmark Statements - Computing](#)
- Quality Code - [Part B: Assuring and Enhancing Academic Quality](#)
- [University Policies and Regulations](#)
- [Equality Act \(2010\)](#).

Overview of Assessment:

As part of the course approval process, the course learning outcomes were mapped to each of the modules forming the diet of the programme of study. This process confirmed that all course learning outcomes can be met through successful completion of the modules. This mapping applies to the final award as well as to all of the intermediate awards.

Learning Outcomes	Modules
CERTHE01 Demonstrate knowledge of the underlying concepts and principles associated with your area(s) of study, and an ability to evaluate and interpret these within the context of that area of study.	
CERTHE02 Demonstrate an ability to present, evaluate and interpret qualitative and quantitative data, in order to develop lines of argument and make sound judgements in accordance with basic theories and concepts of your subject(s) of study.	
CERTHE03 Evaluate the appropriateness of different approaches to solving problems related to your area(s) of study and/or work.	
CERTHE04 Communicate the results of your study/work accurately and reliably, and with structured and coherent arguments.	
CERTHE05 Demonstrate the qualities and transferable skills necessary for employment requiring the exercise of some personal responsibility.	
DIPHE01 Demonstrate knowledge and critical understanding of the well-established principles of your area(s) of study, and of the way in which those principles have developed with an understanding of the limits of your knowledge, and how this influences analyses and interpretations based on that knowledge.	
DIPHE02 Demonstrate the ability to apply underlying concepts and principles outside the context in which they were first studied, including, where appropriate, the application of those principles in an employment context.	
DIPHE03 Demonstrate knowledge of the main methods of enquiry in the subject(s) relevant to the named award, and ability to evaluate critically the appropriateness of different approaches to solving problems in the field of study.	
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DIPHE06 Demonstrate the qualities and transferable skills necessary for employment, requiring the exercise of personal responsibility and decision-making and undertake further training, developing existing skills and acquire new competences that will enable them to assume significant responsibility within organisations.	
BHONSN01 Apply appropriate theory, tools and techniques (e.g. theory and practice of programming, object-oriented design and analysis, design and construction of data systems,	

concurrent and distributed systems) to the analysis, design and synthesis of solutions to requirements in the domain of Computer Science.

Learning Outcomes

Modules

BHONSN02 Demonstrate mastery of the essential facts, concepts, principles, theories and practices enabling graduate employment in applications of Computer Science (e.g. Software development, media computing, systems analysis).

BHONSN03 Demonstrate a range of transferable skills in: problem solving; communication; project management; working individually and in teams; self-management; and the ability to gather, evaluate and reflect on information from relevant sources and synthesise new knowledge and solutions to requirements in the domain of applications of Computer Science.

BHONSN04 Demonstrate a range of social, legal, ethical and professional skills required for continuing professional development in the Computer Science Discipline within a world-wide context.

BHONSN05 Apply a full understanding, knowledge and experience of the principles of computer games technology (e.g. computer graphics, artificial intelligence, simulation, visualisation, animation, physics and game engines) and its applications to the design and production of computer games products.

BHONSN06 Demonstrate and apply knowledge of computer hardware and software with particular reference to the application of computing practice to the delivery of high quality computer games.

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Teaching, Learning and Assessment:

You will engage with a range of learning activities which will include lectures, tutorials, workshops and on-line forums and in class discussions. The learning activities on your course will develop distinctive graduate attributes that will make you stand out and enhance your employability. These skills will be embedded into the curriculum throughout your course. Examples include:

Digitally Literacy: All Computer Science graduates will be users of advanced technologies. However, on your course you will develop your skills to encompass literacy more fully such as learning how to find information and how to take best advantage of digital resources and the Internet to make you effective in the Information Age.

Global Citizenship: On each level of your course you will learn about social, legal and ethical aspects of Computing, which will broaden your understanding of the way the world works and how communication and collaboration are evolving.

Knowledgeable and Enterprising: Throughout your course you will build up your professional and employability skills and learn to apply the knowledge you have acquired in an enterprising way. You will constantly nurture your own intellectual curiosity. The tools, methodologies and techniques that you will learn have been carefully selected to prepare you with the skills that employers demand and the opportunities for work based learning and placements will allow you to gain the vital experience that they often expect.

Assessment Methods:

At the University of Wolverhampton, a variety of modes of assessment will be used to support and test your learning and progress and to help you develop capabilities that are valued beyond your University studies and into your working life. Your course may include a variety of assessment activities:

Written examinations (including online examinations, open and closed book examinations and quizzes)
Coursework (for example, essays, reports, portfolios, project proposals and briefs, CVs, poster presentation)
Practical (for example, oral and video presentations, laboratory work, performances, practical skills assessment)

In the final year of your undergraduate degree, and at the end of your postgraduate degree, you are likely to be expected to write an extended piece of work or research, such as a dissertation or a practice-based piece of research.

Student Support:

Course support:

At the start of each year of your course you will be assigned a Personal Tutor who will guide you through the induction process and provide support and academic counselling throughout the year on an appointment basis. They should be able to offer you advice and guidance to help you liaise with other staff and support facilities in the School and University. You should meet your Personal Tutor at least 3 times a year, which must include meetings that you are invited to at critical points in your course.

The Personal Tutor provides academic counselling and will be accessible throughout the week on a drop-in or appointment basis to discuss timetables, requests for extensions, requests for extenuating circumstances, general concerns about study and student life and general programme planning. The Personal Tutor will act as a first point of contact in relation to leave of absence (including returning after leave), withdrawal, transferring to another course (internal and external) and changes to mode of attendance.

Your Course Leader will be available thereafter for meetings by appointment to discuss leave of absence, withdrawal, transferring to another course (internal and external), changes to mode of attendance, returning

after leave of absence and direct entrants.

Subject support:

Tutorials, workshops, seminars and meetings - provide the primary opportunities for students to interact with staff on topics relating to modules. All modules provide at least one of these forms of face-to-face support.

Formative feedback - tutors provide personalised written feedback on most summative assessments. The mechanism for feedback from purely formative tasks varies between assessments, but will always be provided in some form. Online formative tasks often provide feedback straight away. On occasions tutors may provide generalised verbal feedback to the whole class on points relating to an assessment.

Assessment and subject-based surgeries provide additional student support for subjects that students often need extra help with. They are often concentrated around the times when assessments take place. Revision sessions are provided for many modules that have exam-like tests and enable you to interact with tutors to review parts of the course. Mock exams and tests may provide opportunities to experience an examination environment before the final summative test and give you feedback on your understanding.

Employability in the Curriculum:

Graduates from this course can expect to open up a career in the games industry such as games programmer/developer. In addition, you could become a programmer, system developer or technician.

Successful completion of the course will also allow you to continue your studies at postgraduate level.

In 2009, a team of our students won a BAFTA award after winning a national competition Dare to be Digital, a video games development contest organised with Channel 4.

The completion of a Sandwich Year will enable you to gain valuable hands on experience in a relevant work environment. This will not only provide additional practical subject skills but it will also develop personal transferable skills such as communication skills, problem solving skills and demonstrate competency in working with other people. This will increase your employability and assist you in gaining employment in the future.



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