Welcome to Informatics
Informatics is the study of the structure, behaviour, and interactions of natural and engineered computational systems.
Who are you?

There are many of you (around 300)
You are all pretty smart
You are very diverse in origin and experience
Your are a huge resource for your learning
Why are you here?

To become the best student you can be
To become the best Informatician you can be
To understand how the University can help
Who are We? Bjoern Franke
Who are We? Iain Murray
Academic Community

1000 Undergraduates
300 MSc Students
300 PhD Students
200 Post Doctoral Researchers
130 Academic Staff
Plus administrators and support staff
… A big community
Transitioning to an MSc is hard
- You will get stuck…
- You will notice an increase in workload

Your Informatics Research Review group will have people with similar interests – forming a study group of 6-8 people really helps.

Most courses will have an associated Piazza Forum and course staff will respond in reasonable time.

Many courses have associated labs and courses
Lecture capture means there are video recordings of most lectures to support review.
The Institute for Academic Development offers specific support:

- [https://www.ed.ac.uk/institute-academic-development/postgraduate/taught](https://www.ed.ac.uk/institute-academic-development/postgraduate/taught)
- Short courses/workshops you can attend: [https://www.ed.ac.uk/institute-academic-development/postgraduate/taught/courses-events/open-workshops](https://www.ed.ac.uk/institute-academic-development/postgraduate/taught/courses-events/open-workshops)
- There is good transition advice (transition is hard): [https://www.ed.ac.uk/institute-academic-development/postgraduate/taught/succeeding/culture](https://www.ed.ac.uk/institute-academic-development/postgraduate/taught/succeeding/culture)
Six Ideas for Success in Informatics

• The ‘Myth of Talent’ versus Time on Task – it takes time to learn

• Learning is not easy – expect to be stuck and frustrated

• Surface Learning versus Deep Learning – anything worth learning has depth

• Engagement is Important – attending is one of the best indicators of success

• Cooperative Learning – your fellow students are a fantastic learning resource

• Monitor your learning – learning is your job – reflect on it
Enrichment

- Careers development involving companies
- Travel Fund
- Society Funding and support (Hyperloop etc)
- Explore Scotland
- Informatics Ball
- Social Media
Appleton Tower

InfBase Level 7

Level 9

ITO + Big Lab Level 6

Labs and Tutorials Level 5

More Labs Levels 3&4
Welcome to CompSoc's webservice!

This is the official website of The University of Edinburgh Artificial Intelligence and Computing Society, aka CompSoc. If you want to know more about who we are please take a look at the about page. The site is completely new, after having lost much of our old one we decided to make a new one!

Anyway you're probably itching to grab the valuable information and latest updates on CompSoc's activities, so go ahead and explore!
The Turing Trust supports education in sub-Saharan Africa by reusing computers and improving teacher training using ICT. We provide skills development in the UK while reducing waste and contributing to an environmentally friendly society.

- You can volunteer at our workshop in Edinburgh where we refurbish donated computers.
- 1,900 PCs donated last year supporting 25,000 students!
How many of you reckon you were in the top 20% of attainment at your previous University?

How many of you want to be in the top 20% of attainment here?

We want you to achieve your personal learning goals...

If you work effectively and consistently you are highly likely to graduate with a good Masters degree transcript.
Welcome to Edinburgh!