Introduction to Informatics Year 2

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  - course structure
  - requirements for passing, progression
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- Inf 2B: learning (10pts)
- Inf 2D: Reasoning and Agents (20pts)
- Probability with Applications (20pts; Maths)
### Compulsory Courses According to Degree

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- Other joint degrees: variable
- Details in DPTs:
  
  [http://www.drps.ed.ac.uk/18-19/dpt/drps_inf.htm](http://www.drps.ed.ac.uk/18-19/dpt/drps_inf.htm)
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Strategy 2:
- Look for something different you are interested in.
- Check the course is in the right semester and fits your timetable.
  - a handy list: http://homepages.inf.ed.ac.uk/imurray2/pt/outside_courses.html or Google "Informatics outside courses"
- Discuss with your Personal Tutor if unsure.
All courses have both lectures and tutorials.

▶ Independent study time is important for revising lecture materials, reading textbooks, and working through exercises before tutorials.
▶ Over the semester, roughly 4 hours of self-study per hour of lecture (includes revision, tutorial exercises, coursework, etc)
▶ Build consistent weekly study time into your schedule.
Differences to year 1

All courses have assessed coursework.

- Inf2c (CS and SE): 60% Exam and 40% Coursework
- Inf2b and inf2d: 75% Exam, 25% Coursework
- Inf2-IADS and PwA: 80% Exam and 20% Coursework
- DMMR: 85% Exam and 15% Coursework
Passing criteria

The following courses require 40% marks overall (exam + coursework):

- INF-2-IADS - Introduction to Algorithms and Data Structures
- INF-2B - Learning
- INF-2D - Reasoning and Agents
- DMMR - Discrete Mathematics and Mathematical Reasoning

The following courses require 40% overall (exam + coursework) AND 40% in exam:

- INF-2C - Introduction to Computer Systems
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Coursework and time management

Courseworks are important for learning/assesing practical skills. BUT there is also other material to learn.

- Look over all cw deadlines right now, and check again when any are announced—don’t wait till the last minute.
- Study material as it comes—this will make cw much easier.
- Do not spend all your semester time just doing cw. Tutorial exercises and revision are crucial for exams.
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To progress to 3rd year honours, you must:

▶ Pass all compulsory courses
▶ Joint degrees (e.g. Cog Sci, CS& Mgmt, CS & Phys) may have stricter requirements (like pass with a certain mark.)
▶ See Degree Programme Tables for details.
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