

Programme Specification

Programme Summary Information			
1	Course Titles		BSc (Hons) Computer Networks and Security MSci Computer Networks and Security
2	BCU Course Codes	UCAS Codes	BSc (Hons) US0671 GG49 MSci UM0041 I122
3	Awarding Institution		Birmingham City University
4	Teaching Institution(s) (if different from point 3)		
5	Professional Statutory or Regulatory Body (PSRB) accreditation (if applicable)		

6	Programme Description
	<p>Fascinated by cyber security in today's society? It's a key concern for modern organisations in our digital world. Secure communication technologies form the bedrock of our modern connected mobile society and our BSc (Hons) / MSci Computer Networks and Security degree course focuses on the practical needs of businesses that require high quality computer and network security, ensuring you're equipped for a career in this increasingly important industry.</p> <p>What's covered in the course?</p> <p>The course takes a practice-led approach, making use of equipment and tools found in the industry to give you the best preparation for a successful career. Our approach prioritises the practical skills sought by industry, backing this up with a thorough understanding of theory. The course delivers the latest in computing, network and security technologies, with the opportunity to gain additional accreditation from Cisco, Juniper, Huawei, Palo Alto and the Linux Professional Institute. Birmingham City University is also home to Cisco Systems, Juniper, Palo Alto and the Microsoft Academy Centres. You'll learn from a well-rounded curriculum in computer network engineering, programming, server systems, security theory and practice, as well as management-level skills such as project and change management, maximizing your career potential.</p> <p>Studying computing with us puts you at the heart of an exciting, innovative community. Part of your first-year assessment will involve taking part in our annual Innovation Fest, where students get together to solve society's problems with creative technology. Previous projects have included medical assistance drones, accessible gaming controllers, and smart housing solutions. The event brings together students, academics and industry guests, so it is a great way to have fun, build experience and network, and win prizes!</p> <p>Upon graduation, you could progress into a career as a network security engineer, network administrator, and network security analyst or network security architect.</p>

7 Programme Awards			
7a	Possible Final Awards for the Computer Networks and Security programme	Level	Credits Awarded
	For BSc (Hons): Bachelor of Science with Honours Computer Networks and Security	6	360
	Bachelor of Science with Honours Computer Networks and Security with Professional Placement Year	6	480
	For MSci: Integrated Master of Science Computer Networks and Security	7	480
	Integrated Master of Science Computer Networks and Security with Professional Placement Year	7	600
7b	Possible Exit Awards and Credits Awarded for the Computer Networks and Security programme		
	Certificate of Higher Education Computer Networks and Security	4	120
	Diploma of Higher Education Computer Networks and Security	5	240
	Bachelor of Science Computer Networks and Security	6	300

8 Derogation from the University Regulations	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For modules with more than one item of assessment, students must achieve a minimum of 30% (undergraduate) or 40% (postgraduate) in each item of assessment in order to pass the module. 2. Compensation of marginal failure in up to 20 credits is permitted at each level. 3. Condonement of failed modules is not permitted. 4. Students on an Integrated Masters course must achieve an overall average of 50% or above at the end of Level 5 to remain on the Integrated Masters course.

9 Delivery Patterns			
Mode(s) of Study	Location	Duration of Study	Code
BSc (Hons) Full Time	City Centre	3 years	US0671
BSc (Hons) with Professional Placement Full Time	City Centre	4 years	US1086
MSci Full Time	City Centre	4 years	UM0041
MSci with Professional Placement Full Time	City Centre	5 years	UM0056

10	Entry Requirements
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The admission requirements for this programme are stated on the programme page of the BCU website at <https://www.bcu.ac.uk/> or may be found by searching for the programme entry profile located on the UCAS website.

11	Programme Learning Outcomes
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	Knowledge & Understanding
1	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of network design and systems management, analysis of business requirements and documentation procedures for Network Design and systems management.
2	Demonstrate knowledge of principles and underlying technologies of computer and data communications, device operating systems, and their underpinning protocols and data structures.
3	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of appropriate tools, techniques and standards used in designing, managing and securing data communication systems and computer networked systems.
4	Describe the open standards for data communication systems and principal requirements for network and information security.
	Cognitive & Intellectual Skills
5	Make proficient use of information and materials from a variety of sources for independent enquiry and learning.
6	Demonstrate a creative and innovative ability in the synthesis of solutions and in formulating designs in secure digital and computer networked systems.
7	Draw independent conclusions based on a rigorous, analytical and critical assessment of arguments and opinions.
8	Critically analyse and evaluate the requirements for network security within a range of network and business requirements.
	Practical & Professional Skills
9	Plan, design and employ techniques and technologies used by network security engineers and managers for computer and information management.
10	Demonstrate practical skills acquired through work carried out in laboratories and workshops in individual and/or group project work in accordance with ethical standards, professional codes of conduct and set guidelines.
11	Implement applications using appropriate methodologies, tools and techniques.
12	Work independently or within a group, with limited need for supervision, in a professional and/or industrial context.
	Key Transferable Skills
13	Monitor, record, analyse and interpret data to effectively communicate to diverse audiences.
14	Manage time, prioritise activities and work to time-scales.
15	Demonstrate effective information retrieval skills from a range of sources and be able to cite and reference such sources.
16	Reflect on progress and plan for personal and career development.

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Level 6:

In order to complete this programme a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 120 credits):

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
CMP6200	Individual Honours Project	40
CMP6176	Ethical Hacking	20
CMP6178	Wireless Networking Technologies	20
CMP6220	Advanced Firewall Systems	20
CMP6183	Network Security	20

Level 7:

In order to complete this programme a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 120 credits):

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
CMP7207	Group Integrated Master's Project	40
CMP7154	Information Security	20
CMP7221	Network Automation and Orchestration	20
CMP7151	Advanced Networking Systems and Security	20
CMP7155	Network Management	20

12b Structure Diagram

Level 7 – Year 5			
Semester 2	Integrated Masters Project [40 credits]	Information Security [20 Credits]	Network Automation and Orchestration [20 Credits]
Semester 1		Advanced Network Systems and Security [20 Credits]	Network Management [20 Credits]
Level 6 – Year 4			
Semester 2	Individual Honours Project [40 credits]	Network Security [20 Credits]	Ethical Hacking [20 Credits]
Semester 1		Advanced Firewall Systems [20 Credits]	Wireless Networking Technologies [20 Credits]
Professional Placement – Year 3 (optional) Professional Placement Module (120 Credits)			
Level 5 – Year 2			
Semester 2	Enterprise Practice Project * [20 Credits]	System Security Attacks and Defences [20 Credits]	Enterprise Network Systems [20 Credits]
Semester 1	Server Systems [20 Credits]	Programming for Network Engineers [20 Credits]	Networking Technologies [20 Credits]
Level 4 – Year 1			
Semester 2	Innovation Project [20 Credits]	Applied Operating Systems [20 Credits]	Network Fundamentals [20 Credits]
Semester 1	Computer Programming [20 Credits]	Maths for Computing [20 Credits]	Computer Systems [20 Credits]

13 Overall Student Workload and Balance of Assessment

Overall student *workload* consists of class contact hours, independent learning and assessment activity, with each credit taken equating to a total study time of around 10 hours. While actual contact hours may depend on the optional modules selected, the following information gives an indication of how much time students will need to allocate to different activities at each level of the course.

- *Scheduled Learning* includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, contact time specified in timetable
- *Directed Learning* includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning
- *Private Study* includes preparation for exams

The *balance of assessment* by mode of assessment (e.g. coursework, exam and in-person) depends to some extent on the optional modules chosen by students. The approximate percentage of the course assessed by coursework, exam and in-person is shown below.

Level 4

Workload

25% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	304
Directed Learning	443
Private Study	453
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	83%
Exam	17%
In-Person	0

Level 5

Workload

24% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	288
Directed Learning	438
Private Study	474
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	50%
Exam	33%
In-Person	17%

Level 6
Workload
17% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	202
Directed Learning	374
Private Study	624
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	58%
Exam	32%
In-Person	10%

Level 7
Workload
18% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	210
Directed Learning	372
Private Study	618
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	46%
Exam	40%
In-Person	14%