

First Year First Day Guide 2017 Computer Science (Hons, MEng), Software Engineering



1. First Year Adviser

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Telephone: 0141 548 3390.

Email: murray.wood@strath.ac.uk

The year adviser is the first person you should contact if you have any questions regarding your course, especially regarding elective changes, timetable problems, laboratory allocation and absences.

2. Key Web pages

First Year Web Page

<https://local.cis.strath.ac.uk/wp/teaching/undergraduate/noticeboards/first-year-noticeboard/>

Timetable

<https://local.cis.strath.ac.uk/wp/teaching/undergraduate/timetable/>

University Student Guide

https://www.strath.ac.uk/media/ps/isd/17-18_student_guide.pdf

Dates

<https://www.strath.ac.uk/studying/currentstudent/keydates/keydates2017-18/>

Help – Health, Finance, Disability, Careers ...

<https://www.strath.ac.uk/sees/studentssupportwellbeing/>

Regulations

<http://www.strath.ac.uk/sees/educationenhancement/qualityassurance/universityregulations/>

3. Registration

You should all register online using **Pegasus**.

<http://pegasus.strath.ac.uk/>

Some of you have already done this.

Honours CS and SE students need to add an elective to your curriculum. You do this through Pegasus as well:

- a) Log on to Pegasus
- b) Select the 'Curriculum' tab at the top
- c) Select 'Curriculum Verification/Request Amendment' down in the Registration section at the bottom
- d) Select 'Amend Curriculum' up at the top right
- e) Select the 'Add Class' button down in middle of screen
- f) Enter the class code for your chosen elective

Depending on your degree the following provides advice on choosing that elective.

a) Computer Science and Software Engineering Hons

Compulsory Classes	Credits
CS 103 Machines, Languages & Computation [Sems 1 & 2]	20
CS 104 Information & Information Systems [Sems 1 & 2]	20
CS 105 Programming Foundations [Sems 1 & 2]	20
CS 106 Computer Systems & Organisation [Sems 1 & 2]	20
CS 109 Topics in Computing 1 [Sem 1]	10
CS 110 Combinatorics for Computer Science 1 [Sem 2]	10
MS 108 Foundations of Business Analysis and Technology [Sem 1]	10
<i>Elective Class</i>	10

Choose 10 credits worth of electives. **See later pages on elective choices.**

The very strong recommendation is to choose the follow-up class to MS108, MS109:

- 1. This is compulsory if you wish to be able to transfer to the MEng at the end of first year.**
- 2. It is a very popular class with CS students.**
- 3. You can always change to another elective before the class starts at the end of January.**

b) Computer Science (MEng)

Compulsory Classes	Credits
CS 103 Machines, Languages & Computation [Sems 1 & 2]	20
CS 104 Information & Information Systems [Sems 1 & 2]	20
CS 105 Programming Foundations [Sems 1 & 2]	20
CS 106 Computer Systems & Organisation [Sems 1 & 2]	20
CS 109 Topics in Computing 1 [Sem 1]	10
CS 110 Combinatorics for Computer Science 1 [Sem 2]	10
MS112 Foundations of Business Analysis and Technology [Sems 1 & 2]	20

Elective Classes none

4. Faculty Induction Session

Today at 12-230pm K325 (John Anderson Building). Compulsory Attendance

- 5. Principal's Inauguration Ceremony - Tuesday 19th September, between 11.00am and 11.30am**
Strong recommendation that you attend. The Principal is the head of the university and he would like to welcome you to the university. The ceremony will take place in the Barony Hall – the same place that you will graduate from in four or five years' time. All classes are cancelled at that time.
Please go to the Barony Hall for 10.45am.

6. Computer Access

First year labs will be on the 3rd floor of the Livingstone Tower (Java Programming) and the 11th / 12th / 13th floors. To login to these machines you use your University username and password.
There is a code for the door. The current number is **1748#** (you need the #). This will change in the next few weeks and you'll be told about the change.

7. Student Business / Registry – The Student Record Office

Advice is given on official matters (e.g. registration and examinations). Students should advise Student Business of any changes to their personal or medical circumstances (change of address or medical certificates). Email: studentbusiness-science@strath.ac.uk

8. Booklist

Don't buy any books just yet.

Lecturers will let you know which books are necessary for each of your classes.

9. Accommodation Office

Information on University flats/halls if residence (on and off campus), tenancy agreements, private and rented sector. See: www.strath.ac.uk/accommodation/

10. Centre for Sport and Recreation

The Sports Centre provides a wide range of activities which include: a variety of fitness and sports coaching classes, facilities for most indoor ball and racket games, swimming and a well-equipped fitness suite. The sports centre is located on John Street, just across from the Union.

www.strath.ac.uk/sport

11. Student Health Service

The Student Health Service runs regular consultative clinics for students with physical or psychological problems. It includes well woman and family planning clinics. The service is located on Level 4, Graham Hills Building. The doctors at the Service can refer students for specialist treatment if appropriate.

Note: all students should also register with a GP.

Contact: (0141) 548 3916 (JA Campus)

email: studenthealth@strath.ac.uk

<http://www.strath.ac.uk/studenthealth/>

12. MENINGITIS

Meningitis is an acute infectious disease that can develop rapidly and has the potential to cause severe harm and can be fatal. It is a serious issue particularly for a student population. **You should all enquire about the MenC booster vaccination.**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/meningitis-c-leaflet-for-university-students>

13. Disability Service

The Disability Service offers advice and assistance to students (and prospective students) with disabilities. Assistance is available in relation to claims for Disabled Student Allowance, advice on the purchase and use of special IT equipment, and liaison with academic staff on behalf of students, e.g. in relation to adjustments which might be made in the light of a disability.

The Disability Service is located in Level 4 of the Graham Hills Building. Contact:

Disability Service, Level 4

Graham Hills Building

Tel: (0141) 548 3402

Email: disabilityservice@strath.ac.uk

www.strath.ac.uk/disabilityservice/

14. Counselling

You are all allocated a counsellor within the department. **You will meet them today.** Hopefully, you'll get to know your counsellor and they will be somebody who you will feel comfortable discussing any difficulties that arise during your time at university. They are good people to use for job references.

15. Study Expectations

A 20-credit class has around 200 hours of work associated with it. This includes all formal contact (lectures, tutorials, practicals etc.) and the additional time you spend working on the class throughout the semester. So, for a 20-credit class that runs for two semesters and has 4 hours formal contact each week (2 lectures and a lab session, say), you will be expected to put in around 4 hours additional work for the class every week (assuming you devote around 20 hours to revising for and sitting the exam).

This is particularly true of computer science classes, **where the cumulative nature of the subject means understanding the material as the class progresses is essential.**

16. Attendance and Absence

It is expected that you will attend all lectures and tutorials/practicals associated with a class. If you are absent from any important event, such as an examination, class test or weekly assessment, then you will need to provide medical or similar documentary evidence. Medical evidence is submitted via Pegasus: <http://pegasus.strath.ac.uk/> or through Student Business in the McCance Building

If in doubt, ask the first year adviser or your counsellor.

The department takes attendance very seriously, and monitors attendance at lectures, practicals and tutorials throughout first year. Computer Science is a practical subject therefore you are expected to attend all of these.

If you do not attend then you will be asked to leave the course.

17. Coursework

Computer Science is a very practical subject by nature and coursework in all classes provides the opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of the material and nurture essential practical skills. This deeper understanding you develop will make it much easier to pass the exam. Also, the work will typically contribute substantially to your mark for the class, which again takes the pressure off the examination.

So, make sure you understand the coursework requirements for each class – if you are unsure check out the class web pages or ask the lecturer.

All computer science teaching materials should be accessible via the VLE called **MyPlace**: <http://classes.myplace.strath.ac.uk/>

18. Assessment

The assessment for a class will again be explained by the class lecturer and duplicated on the myplace web pages. Many classes involve a combination of coursework and examination and your final mark is a combination of your performance in both these components. Most degree examinations take place in May (for semester 2 classes, or classes which run over both semesters), with only a few classes examined in January (semester 1 only classes). The pass mark for classes is 40%. The formal Faculty Examination Board in June operates the University compensation scheme which may grant a pass in one class failed with a mark between 30% and 39% (inclusive), if your average is 45% or above - **this means it is in your interests to do as well as possible in *all* examinations.**

19. Plagiarism

The nature of some practical work in Computer Science makes plagiarism (copying) feasible and, under the pressure of deadlines, potentially tempting. This is, of course, cheating, and it is not tolerated. By all means seek help from staff, and collaboration with your fellow students is encouraged provided this takes the form of general discussions of problems and possible solutions. Ultimately, all work must be completed independently and it is essential that you understand completely any work you submit. Plagiarism is not taken lightly – even in minor cases a mark of 0 is awarded to *all* concerned (including those supplying any solution). Major cases, such as projects or repeat offences, may result in a Senate Disciplinary Hearing and the requirement for the student to withdraw from their course and the University. Some students may appear to get away with plagiarism but, because much of the work in Computer Science is **cumulative, it will always catch up with them.**

Do not be tempted to plagiarise: there are plenty of places you can go for help if you are finding the work difficult – please use them.

Your First Year Classes

Here's a short summary of the first year computing classes that most of you will be taking. Full syllabus details can be found here:

<https://local.cis.strath.ac.uk/wp/teaching/undergraduate/handbook2017/curriculum/>

CS103 Machines, Languages and Computation

To help students to achieve a broad knowledge of the essence of computation and computational systems, as embodied by the notions of computable functions, formal languages and recursion, logic and computability and abstract machines.

Lecturers in charge: Dr John Levine and Dr David Bevan

Email: john.levine@strath.ac.uk

CS104 Information and Information Systems

To help students understand a broad knowledge of information systems and how information is created, used and disseminated within an information society.

Lecturer in charge: Dr David Bevan and Dr Dmitri Roussinov

Email: george.weir@strath.ac.uk

CS105 Programming Foundations

Programming Foundations looks at the key areas of Java and object-oriented program design and provides you with the skills to be able to design and build small systems by yourself by the end of the class. The first step on the road to developing a sound and comprehensive knowledge of programming.

Lecturers in charge: Isla Ross and Murray Wood

Email: isla.ross@strath.ac.uk murray.wood@strath.ac.uk

CS106 Computer Systems and Organisation

To enable the student to develop an understanding and appreciation of a computer system's functional components – both hardware and software, their characteristics, their interactions, and their fundamental role in the manipulation of data.

Lecturers in charge: Dr Conor McBride and Dr Ross Duncan

Email: conor.mcbride@strath.ac.uk ross.duncan@strath.ac.uk

CS109 Topics in Computing 1

To help the student to develop a broader perspective of computer science and to develop problem solving, team working, presentational skills, as well as personal and professional development skills.

Lecturer in charge: Dr Alex Coddington

Email: alex.coddington@strath.ac.uk

CS110 Combinatorics for Computer Science 1

The aim of this class is to introduce the basic combinatorial tools of computer science, to train students in mathematical thinking and reasoning that is pertinent to computer science, and to present that reasoning in rigorous written text.

Lecturer in charge: Prof. Einar Steingrímsson

Email: einar.steingrimsson@strath.ac.uk

MS108 Foundations of Business Analysis and Technology

This class will introduce a variety of analytical methods that form the basis of understanding, analysing and seeking to resolve any business problem as well as providing students with an overview of technological change and how it affects all aspects of an organisation.

Lecturer in charge: Dr Rebwar Kamal Gharib (Management Science)

Email: rebwar.k.gharib@strath.ac.uk



Ten Top Tips for Surviving First Year

1. Attend as much as you can.

Missing the one lecture or lab now and again is not a massive problem, but if you miss classes, you'll fall behind and won't know what's going on. Don't rely on myplace for getting notes and assignments: sometimes these are handed out only in lectures. Our statistics show that those students who attend all their classes get the best marks. Conversely, students who don't attend are the ones who fall behind and then eventually drop out.

2. Try to pass every class.

Most of you are taking 120 credits this year and we expect you to finish the year with a full 120 credits in the bag. If you fail a class, you have to take the class again in 2nd year, which on top of a hefty 2nd year is very bad news.

3. Know how the University compensation scheme works

If your weighted average mark over all the classes you are taking is $\geq 45\%$ you can be compensated in one 20 credit class if the mark is between 30% and 39% inclusive.

4. Every mark counts.

Since you need an average of $\geq 45\%$, and every mark you get counts towards this, it follows that you should try to accumulate as many marks you can in everything. High marks are really worth getting, as they can help compensate for lower marks in other classes. Make sure you attend all your class tests and hand in something for every assignment.

5. Don't Miss Your Class Tests.

In our first year, you'll have weekly classwork to do, either in our labs or in your own time. Your understanding of this work is assessed by means of class tests, which are mini-exams taken in the regular lecture / lab slot. All of these class tests count towards your final mark and most classes offer you exemption from the degree exam (the big exam taken in January or May) if you perform well. Make sure you don't miss the class tests!

6. Programming Foundations is REALLY important.

Put a good lot of effort into CS105 Programming Foundations. This class is the most vital one to understand properly to survive 2nd year. It is the first class in a sequence of classes which will teach you how to design and implement serious pieces of software in Java.

7. Know who's who.

The important people to know are the Director of Undergraduate Teaching (Dr Alex Coddington), the First Year Adviser of Studies (Murray Wood) and your academic counsellor. If things go wrong, let us know as soon as possible.

8. Talk to us.

CIS at Strathclyde prides itself on having approachable and friendly academic staff. Unlike in other universities, you are students in our department from your first year onwards, and we'll soon get to know you. Come and ask us things if you need help.

9. Don't Copy.

Copying someone else's work is called plagiarism and we don't tolerate it. You can discuss assigned work with each other, but the work that you hand in must be yours and yours alone.

10. Every good student deserves a transfer.

If you want to transfer from BSc (Hons) to MEng then impress us. To get onto the MEng, you need $\geq 70\%$ average and $\geq 70\%$ in Programming.

You also need to take and pass the follow-up class to MS108 as an elective – MS109 Foundations of Business Analysis and Technology (Semester 2)

John Levine, 25th September 2008, revised by MIW September 2013.

Useful University Dates

Semester 1 11 September 2017 – 15 December 2017 (teaching starts Monday 18th September)

Semester 2 8 January 2017 - 18 May 2018

The following are the official term dates for use by SAAS and others who fund students by term rather than semester:

Term 1 11 September 2017 - 15 December 2017 (14 weeks)

Term 2 8 January 2018 - 30 March 2018 (12 weeks)

Term 3 16 April 2018 - 18 May 2018 (5 weeks)

Student Holidays

Christmas Vacation: 18 December 2017 - 7 January 2018

Spring Vacation: 2 April 2018 - 15 April 2018

University Closed

25 September 2017

← **Note!**

23 December 2017 - 3 January 2018

30th March and 2nd April 2018

7, 28 May 2018

13, 16 July 2018

Examinations

Semester 1 Diet – December 2017

4th December 2017 – 15th December 2017 (inclusive)

Semester 2 Diet – April/May 2017

16th April 2018 – 18th May 2018 (inclusive)

Re-sit Diet – August 2017

1st August 2018 – 14th August 2018 (inclusive)

Note: You MUST attend during the following dates:

18 September - 15 December 2017

8 January – 30 March 2018

16 April – 18 May 2017

Electives for Computer Science and Software Engineering,

MEng Computer Science

No elective in first year (it comes in third year).

Computer Science and Software Engineering

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3. You can always change to another elective before the class starts at the end of January.

Otherwise, to balance your load, you are advised to take a semester 2, 10-credit elective.

More Electives

You can find out about all electives in the class catalogue:

<http://but.mis.strath.ac.uk/classcatalogue/>

You can search for the details of a particular class here:

www.strath.ac.uk/timetables/

Select 'Class Timetables', put a class code in and select 'Standard Both Teaching Weeks'

Electives ... in order of past popularity

CS108 Vertically Integrated Project (Text Lab) 10 credits Semester 2
Wednesday 2-3 GH731 Wednesday 3-5 LT13_01

TextLab focuses on the use of software tools and techniques for textual analysis and how these tools may be applied in understanding the content and characteristics of different types of text. Such applications of software textual analysis are increasingly used across a broad range of disciplines including literature studies (e.g., automating genre identification), education (e.g., for plagiarism detection) and digital forensics (e.g., for authorship analysis). TextLab will mainly comprise lab-based group activities and students will use both Linux and Windows-based software tools. Some of the software tools are generic and may be applied to any textual data. Other software tools are specifically configured for use in analysing Shakespeare plays.

59101 USE AND ABUSE OF DRUGS IN SOCIETY 10 credits Semester 2
Monday 1-2 RC345 and Friday 1-2 TG223

This is a first year elective class that is intended to give an introduction to the therapeutic use of drugs to treat a number of clinically important medical conditions. Additionally, the abuse of drugs (both recreational and those with therapeutic properties) will also be discussed.

PH161 THE UNIVERSE AND EVERYTHING 10 credits Semester 2
Monday 1-2 RC667 and Friday 1-2 RC667

This class is designed to provide students from all faculties with a qualitative understanding of the origins, the structure and the future of the universe, from the very large to the very small electron and quarks. Students will be aware of current investigations on Chaos, complexity, quantum uncertainty and reality.

MM105 APPLICATIONS OF MATHEMATICS**20 credits (requires Higher Maths at B)****Semester 1, Tuesday 11-12****Semester1, Thursday 11-12****Semester 2, Monday 3-4****Semester2, Wednesday 11-12****Can be taken as independent 10 credit classes: MM108 Semester 1 or MM109 Semester 2**

Codes and encryption. Mathematical background: natural numbers and integers, factorisation, proof by induction, highest common factor, lowest common multiple, Euclidean Algorithm, prime numbers and the Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic, Diophantine equations, modular arithmetic, congruence mod n , solving equations in Z_n , Euler's phi-function and theorem. Discrete dynamical systems. Graph theory. Paradoxes in mathematics and statistics.

99202 INTRODUCTION TO FORENSIC SCIENCE**10 Credits Semester 2****This class is offered as an online module. You register for the class and details will be sent to you.**

This class provides an introduction to the use of science in the legal process. Crime scene investigation, continuity of evidence, analysis of certain types of sample and report writing are all considered, to give a comprehensive overview of the subject.

23101 PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES AND DRUG DEVELOPMENT**10 Credits BOTH SEMESTERS****Wednesday 9-10 JA317**

This class aims to give students within the Faculty of Science an introduction to modern drug development.

EC111 INTRODUCTION TO ECONOMICS**20 credits BOTH SEMESTERS****Tuesday 9-10 JA325 and Thursday 9-10 JA325**

The main topics covered by the class will include: the nature, central problems and significance of economics; supply and demand and an introduction to the theory of the firm; the nature of and solutions to market failure; income determination; prices and money; fiscal and monetary policy; the functioning of the mixed economy; and the economic role of government.

PH160 INTRODUCTION TO ASTRONOMY**10 Credits Semester 1****Tuesday 1-2 GH514 / Assembly Hall****Thursday 1-2 USSA 801 / Level 8****Requires Higher Maths and Standard Grade Physics**

Observational Astronomy: scale, time, distance, and light; telescopes; celestial mechanics; the solar system. Planets and the Solar System: gravity and the solar system; origin of the solar system; the terrestrial planets; the Jovian planets; the Sun.

Stars, Galaxies and Cosmology: Stellar Appearances: stellar evolution; galaxies; cosmology.

LANGUAGE ELECTIVES

Courses in French, Italian and Spanish are available. 1 semester modules worth 20 credits are offered at both Beginners/False Beginners and Post-Higher levels.

The **Introduction to French / Italian / Spanish 1A** classes (Beginners / False beginners) will give you a solid knowledge of the basic grammar and vocabulary and are designed to enable you to reach a good communicative level in the language. This is an intensive course aiming to bring students up to a good communicative level in one semester.

The teaching is usually carried out in tutorial groups (20) at set times arranged in the Department. The beginner's classes offer 3 hours per week and the Post-Higher classes 3 hours per week.

If in doubt about which level to select or for any further information, please contact the appropriate contact person in the School of Humanities using the links below.

- French: Cédric Moreau, c.moreau@strath.ac.uk
- Italian: Dr Paul Hare, paul.hare@strath.ac.uk
- Spanish: vanesa.sabala@strath.ac.uk

Class codes:

French 1A	R1107	Introduction to Italian 1A	R3110
Introduction to French 1A	R1109	Spanish 1A	R4107
Italian 1A	R3108	Introduction to Spanish 1A	R4109

Centre for Lifelong Learning

It may also be possible to take a class from the Centre for Lifelong Learning. These are much more general classes covering Art, Photography, Literature, Drama, Film, Psychology, Genealogy, Languages.

See here:

<https://mycll.strath.ac.uk/?p=Evening%20and%20Weekend>

These classes run in the evening and at weekends.

They depend on places being available.

You have to be very careful with the assessment procedures for these classes. It must be completed before the June exam board.

Should you wish to change your elective to one of those available from the CLL you will need to first check online that a place is available. You need to create a CLL account first and then fill in an online application form to take the class. This must then be signed off by Murray Wood and then taken to the Centre for Life Long Learning to sign up for class (do this all quickly to ensure place still available).

You will also then require to have your curriculum changed and approved on Pegasus - so you'll need to obtain the appropriate class code from the CLL for this - it should begin with OS. If you are permitted to take an elective that starts in semester 1 then you should do this soon. You should be aware that any resit option for such a class may be a resubmission of work shortly after a first deadline. If you pick one of these classes and do not submit work then it does still count in your credit mark average for the year (score would likely be 0 for Absent) so be careful if you do choose one of these classes as your elective.

Timetable

You have been given a paper copy of your timetable – it doesn't include your elective times. These are on the elective sheet. If you choose a Semester 1 elective, then you must immediately start attending the lectures for that class as well.

The CIS master timetables can be found here (bit easier to read):
<https://local.cis.strath.ac.uk/wp/teaching/undergraduate/timetable/>

***You should find your own personalised timetables on MyPlace:
<http://classes.myplace.strath.ac.uk/>

Tutorials and practicals for all subjects (except CS109) DON'T START IN WEEK 1 – individual lecturers will tell you when they start. You only attend 1 Tutorial and 1 Computer Lab for each class.

Timetable for next week, week 1, (plus any semester 1 elective)

***As rooms often change right up to start of term please double check online departmental timetable. That is definitive version: <https://local.cis.strath.ac.uk/wp/teaching/undergraduate/timetable/>

Monday 18th September Week 1

10-11 Lecture CS103 Machines, Languages and Computation GH514
11-12 Lecture CS104 Information and Information Systems RC641
1-2 Lecture CS106 Computer Systems and Organisation SW105
2-3 Lecture CS105 Programming Foundations GH514

Tuesday 29th September

1045-1130 Principal's Inauguration Ceremony / Welcome, Barony Hall
2-3 Lecture MS108 / MS112 Foundations of Business Analysis and Technology MC301 (Taster Lecture)

Wednesday 20th September

10-11 Lecture CS109 Topics in Computing 1 JA317
11-1 Computer Lab CS109 Livingstone Tower Level 11 or Level 13
[3-4 Lecture MS108 / MS112 Foundations of Business Analysis and Technology USSA8/801 (Taster Lecture **REPEAT**)]

Thursday 21st September

NO labs or MS108/112 lecture in week 1, start week 2. Only possible class is if you choose a Semester 1 elective which has a Thursday lecture.

Friday 22nd September

10-11 Lecture CS103 Machines, Languages and Computation GH514
11-12 Lecture CS104 Information and Information Systems UC201
12-1 Lecture CS106 Computer Systems and Organisation RC641
2-3 Lecture CS105 Programming Foundations Tg312

Monday 25th September Week 2

For one day only HOLIDAY!!

Finding Your Way Around – Best to use web pages listed below

Maps:

<http://www.strath.ac.uk/maps/>

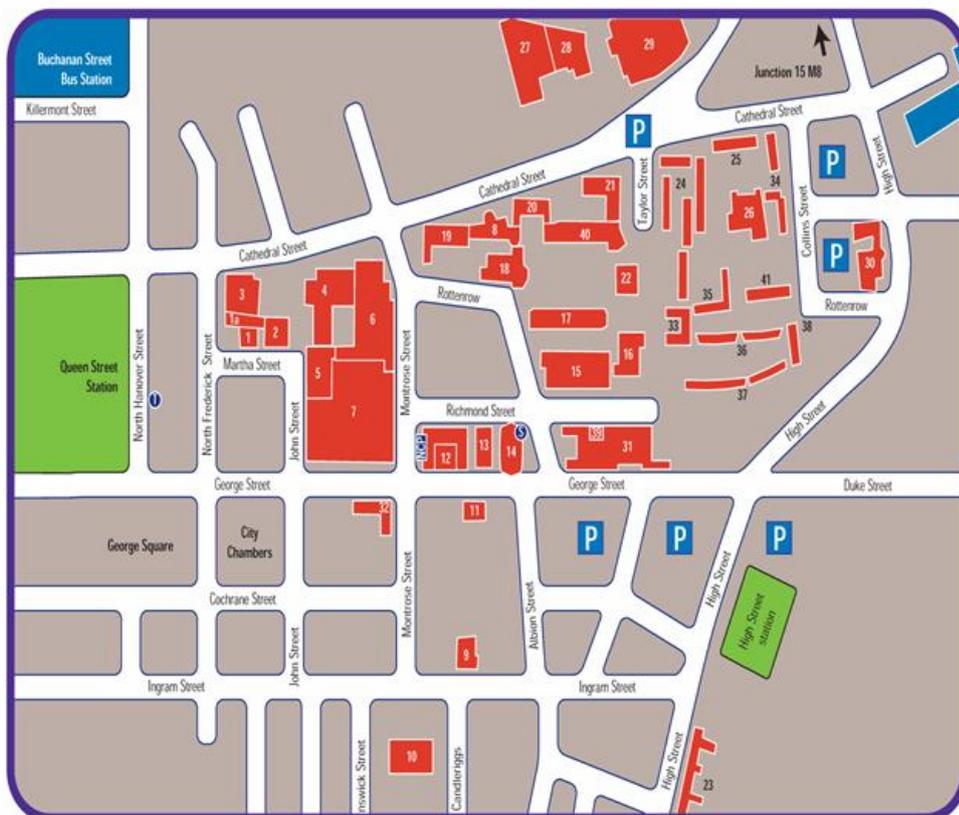
Building Codes:

<http://www.strath.ac.uk/estates/admin/roombooking/buildingcodes/>

Prefix Building Name

AB	John Arbuthnott Building Robertson Wing SIPBS	HL	Kelvin Hydrodynamics Laboratory
AL	181 St James Road (Estates)	HW	Hamnett Wing SIPBS
AQ	Lord Todd Building	JA	John Anderson Building
AR	Architecture Building	JW	James Weir Building
AT	Alexander Turnbull Building	LH	Lord Hope Building
BH	Barony Hall	LT	Livingstone Tower
CL	Collins Building	MC	McCance Building
CSR	Sports Centre (Strathclyde)	RC	Royal College (Assembly Hall Level 4)
CU	Curran Building (Library)	SP	St Pauls Chaplaincy Centre
CV	Colville Building	SW	Stenhouse Wing (Business School)
CW	Cathedral Street Wing (Business School)	TC	Technology Innovation Centre
DW	Sir William Duncan Wing	TG	Thomas Graham Building
GH	Graham Hills Building	UC	University Centre
HD	Henry Dyer Building	USSA	Students' Union
		WC	Wolfson Centre

1	Student Refectory	23	Andrew Ure Hall
1a	Staff Club	24	Birkbeck Court
2	St Paul's Building	25	Garnett Hall
3	Sports Centre	26	The LordTodd/ Village Office
4	Thomas Graham Building	27	181 St James Road
5	Students' Union	28	Lord Hope Building
6	James Weir Building	29	Curran Building/ Library
7	Royal College Building	30	Barony Hall
8	Graduate School of Business	31	Graham Hills Building
9	Ramshorn Theatre	32	Exchange House
10	Patrick Thomas Court	33	Chancellors Hall
11	Alexander Turnbull Building	34	Murray Hall
12	McCance Building	35	Forbes Hall
13	Collins Building	36	Thomas Campbell Court
14	Livingstone Tower	37	James Blyth Court
15	Colville Building	38	James Young Hall
16	John Anderson Building	39	Accommodation Office
17	Architecture Building	40	John Arbuthnott Building
18	Sir William Duncan Building	41	James Gould Hall
19	Henry Dyer Building	S	24 Hour Security
20	Stenhouse Building	T	Taxi
21	Todd Wing of John Arbuthnott Building	NCP	National Car Park
22	Wolfson Centre		



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Email: [murray.wood <at> strath.ac.uk](mailto:murray.wood@strath.ac.uk)

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Student Voice at Strathclyde

Student voice is a term used across the UK Higher Education Sector to describe the opportunities for the student perspective to be heard within the activities of universities. The following provides an overview of student voice activities at the University of Strathclyde.

Class level Student Voice

The University and Students Association jointly support the class representative system. Each class has elected student representatives who provide a formal conduit of students' experience back to staff. The class reps are elected, or sometimes volunteer, from the members of the class. The students union provides training for class reps and they are expected to meet with staff through the programme or department level Student Staff Liaison Committees, which run each semester. To aid the class reps in gathering the views of their peers, MyPlace provides a 'contact the class reps' link. Staff also support the process by allowing class reps opportunities to speak to the class during scheduled classroom activities and support other information gathering activities, such as discussion of specific issues or plans.

Most staff also run 'office hours', which are advertised drop in times where students can visit staff in their office for one-to-one support and guidance. Staff also gather class level information by asking student to complete a class evaluation survey. The feedback from this is considered by the lecturer and department, feeding refinements and innovations to classes and programmes.

Faculty and University level Student Voice

The Students' Association manages the annual election of Faculty Student Representatives. These faculty reps are part of their faculty's committees linked to academic matters and are asked to input to discussions and working groups developing new academic initiatives and programmes.

Within Strathclyde, elected representatives from the Student Union Executive Team are full members of education related university committees, such as Education Strategy Committee, Learning Enhancement Committee and the Quality Assurance Committee. They have full member representation in both University Senate and University Court, attending associated strategic planning events.

Other Student Voice Structures

In addition to the formal representation through the class representative system and the student union executive team, Strathclyde uses student interns to directly input into special projects. Developments such as the Strathclyde Personal Development Planning system, including the PDP student planning form, were developed by teams of student interns researching and developing material specific to the needs of Strathclyde students. The student internships, which are paid positions, are recruited from the student community to ensure that student views are centre to the developments at Strathclyde.