



**Swansea University
Prifysgol Abertawe**

**FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND
ENGINEERING**

**POSTGRADUATE STUDENT
HANDBOOK**

MSC (FHEQ LEVEL 7)

**VIRTUAL REALITY WITH
INDUSTRY**

DEGREE PROGRAMMES

SUBJECT SPECIFIC

PART TWO OF TWO

MODULE AND COURSE STRUCTURE

2024-25

Welcome to the Faculty of Science and Engineering!

Whether you are a new or a returning student, we could not be happier to be on this journey with you.

At Swansea University and in the Faculty of Science and Engineering, we believe in working in partnership with students. We work hard to break down barriers and value the contribution of everyone.

Our goal is an inclusive community where everyone is respected, and everyone's contributions are valued. Always feel free to talk to academic, technical and administrative staff, administrators - I'm sure you will find many friendly helping hands ready to assist you. And make the most of living and working alongside your fellow students.

During your time with us, please learn, create, collaborate, and most of all – enjoy yourself!

Professor David Smith
Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Executive Dean
Faculty of Science and Engineering



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The 24-25 academic year begins on 23 September 2024

Full term dates can be found [here](#)

DATES OF 24-25 TERMS

23 September 2024 – 13 December 2024

06 January 2025 – 11 April 2025

06 May 2025 – 06 June 2025

SEMESTER 1

23 September 2024 – 27 January 2025

SEMESTER 2

27 January 2025 – 06 June 2025

SUMMER

09 June 2025 – 19 September 2025

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Swansea University and the Faculty of Science of Engineering takes any form of **academic misconduct** very seriously. In order to maintain academic integrity and ensure that the quality of an Award from Swansea University is not diminished, it is important to ensure that all students are judged on their ability. No student should have an unfair advantage over another as a result of academic misconduct - whether this is in the form of **Plagiarism, Collusion** or **Commissioning**.

It is important that you are aware of the **guidelines** governing Academic Misconduct within the University/Faculty of Science and Engineering and the possible implications. The Faculty of Science and Engineering will not take intent into consideration and in relation to an allegation of academic misconduct - there can be no defence that the offence was committed unintentionally or accidentally.

Please ensure that you read the University webpages covering the topic – procedural guidance [here](#) and further information [here](#). You should also read the Faculty Part One handbook fully, in particular the pages that concern Academic Misconduct/Academic Integrity.

STUDENT SUPPORT

The **Student Experience and Information Team** are here to support you through your studies and to provide non-judgemental advice and guidance. If you have any questions relating to your academic or personal life you can contact the Team and chat through your support options.

The Team is available for in-person support meetings and can also be contacted via email (studentsupport-scienceengineering@swansea.ac.uk) or phone (**+44 (0) 1792 295514**). You can access their full contact details [here](#).

To visit the Team you can attend either of the following Receptions:

- Reception in the Foyer of Engineering Central, [Bay Campus](#)
- Reception on the first-floor landing of the Wallace Building, [Singleton Park Campus](#)
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Standard Reception opening hours are Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm however, this may vary outside of term time.

The current [FSE Student webpages](#) also contain useful information and links to additional resources:



READING LISTS

Reading lists for each module are available on the course Canvas page and are also accessible via <http://ifindreading.swan.ac.uk/>.

We do not expect you to purchase textbooks, unless it is a specified key text for the course.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN COMPULSORY AND CORE MODULES

Compulsory modules must be **pursued** by a student.

Core modules must not only be **pursued**, but also **passed** before a student can proceed to the next level of study or qualify for an award. Failures in core modules must be redeemed.

Further information can be found under “Modular Terminology” on the following link - <https://myuni.swansea.ac.uk/academic-life/academic-regulations/taught-guidance/essential-info-taught-students/your-programme-explained/>

2-year MScs with Industry - Student FAQs

<p>1. Which courses will be offering 2-year MSc with Industry</p>	<p>a. MSc Electronic and Electrical Engineering with Industry b. MSc Materials Engineering with Industry c. MSc Mechanical Engineering with Industry d. MSc Computational Engineering with Industry e. MSc Civil Engineering with Industry f. MSc Structural Engineering with Industry g. MSc Power Engineering and Sustainable Energy with Industry</p>																												
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3. Who will be providing support to me during my placement?	The academic coordinator of the 'with Industry' programme will oversee the support and monitoring. They will also act as supervisor for the industrial experience module, and they guide students via weekly interactions. Attendance will be monitored by the academic supervisor, in conjunction with the placement company as relevant. UKVI requirements will be met with regular meetings with the supervisor (face to face). There will also be resource within Academic Registry to monitor the students in Year 2 to ensure UKVI compliance.
4. Are there any conditions for progression to Year 2?	To remain on the MSc with Industry, students will need to have successfully completed Part 1 (supplementary exams are permitted) and to have secured an appropriate placement(s). Any student who does not meet these criteria will be transferred to the normal one-year MSc.
5. What about my Visa?	Swansea University will support the application for a 2-year Visa.
6. What are the entry requirements	Entry requirements for the 2-year MSc schemes will be a 2:1 in a relevant degree (higher than the 1-year MSc entry requirement).
7. What is the application process?	Intake will be capped at 10 students per MSc and we are anticipating high demand. If we cannot offer the 2-year MSc we may be able to offer the existing 1-year MSc courses.
8. Will I be able to work alongside my study?	You will be able to work for 20 hours per week on top of the MSc.
9. How will I secure a placement?	Where possible, placements will be secured in advance of recruitment. Some placement opportunities will be available as students apply and competitive applications against these will take place. The remaining placement projects will need to be secured by students with support of University staff and this process will take place during October – June of the first year.
10. Is my placement guaranteed?	No - it is the responsibility of the student to secure a suitable placement with the assistance of University staff. Any student who does not meet these criteria will be transferred to the normal one-year MSc working to the same dissertation deadline as the 1-year MSc.

11. What is the course timeline?	YEAR 1	
	Sept – June	Year 1 Taught Modules (120 credits) and also alongside this MSc Industrial Experience Preparation module (EG-M194). The pre-placement sessions will take place to prepare you ahead of the placement and will cover academic requirements that you will have to fulfil during your time in industry.
	Oct – June	Process to apply for and secure placement/s (subject to successful completion of Part 1 in June)
	June/August	<p>Exams (June first-sit and August supp exams) Check point for Part 1 completion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If you've passed all modules (compensation permitted in programmes that have non-CORE module) - Board confirmation of completion of Part 1. - Board confirmation of placement secured. <p>If both confirmed, then you can proceed to dissertation and placement year.</p> <p>If placement has not been secured, then you will be transferred to standard 1-year MSc and submit the dissertation in line with the deadline.</p> <p>If Part 1 is not completed due to academic failure, then you will fail the degree. You may be awarded a post-graduate certificate as an exit qualification.</p>
YEAR 2		
June – Sept	<p>Part A: Dissertation (60 credits): September submission: Learning outcomes and assessment as per 1-year MSc dissertation.</p> <p>Part B: Industrial experience - module EG-M39 (60 credits): 32 weeks of industrial experience</p> <p>EG-M39 assessment points (Three pass/fail components):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 - Placement Report: The student is expected within the first few months of the placement to complete a report which includes an overview health and safety as well as your main responsibilities in the placement (December 20%) 2 - Final Placement Report: This report summarises the students year in industry placement/ project experience. The report will include a reflective section covering the student's role in the engineering placement / project, highlighting their personal initiative and their role in the evaluation of new engineering concepts (May 60%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recorded Presentation: Every student is expected to record and submit through Canvas a maximum 5-minutes PowerPoint presentation video summarising your MSc Year in Industry placement (May 20%) 	

13. What happens if I fail to complete Part 1 by June?	You will be entered in for supplementary examinations (resits) for the taught modules in August.
14. What happens if I fail to complete Part 1 following resits in August?	If you fail to pass all August resits, then you will fail the degree. You may be awarded a post-graduate certificate as an exit qualification.
12. What happens if I pass Part 1 but have not secured a suitable placement or project?	You will be transferred to the standard 1-year MSc Course and have until September to complete the dissertation. If you were required to undertake resit examinations the dissertation deadline will be moved on to December.
14. What happens if I fail any of <u>Year 2</u> assessments	You will have one opportunity to repeat or resubmit assessment (capped at 50%). These must be completed by August of Year 2, so within the UKVI time allowance. If you fail any repeat / resubmission, then you will fail the degree and may be awarded a post-graduate certificate as an exit qualification.
15. What happens if I drop out of Year 2 at any point in Year 2?	Drop out will result in failure of the degree. You may be awarded a post-graduate certificate as an exit qualification. If student has valid extenuating circumstances Extensions may be applied / deferred fairly and extensions to UKVI time allowance will be sought on an individual basis
16. What if I don't complete the Industrial Module (EG-M39)?	Failure to complete the industrial experience module (EG-M39) will lead to failure of the degree, even if the dissertation module has been passed. After June of Year 1, there will be no scope to transfer from the 2-year MSc to the 1-year MSc equivalent.

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Virtual Reality with Industry

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Semester 1 Modules	Semester 2 Modules
EG-M126 Development of Virtual Reality Applications 1 30 Credits Mr S Vowles/Mr EL Thomas	EG-M130 Development of Virtual Reality Applications 2 30 Credits Mr S Vowles/Mr EL Thomas
EG-M331 Game Design and Programming 15 Credits Mr EL Thomas/Mr S Vowles	EG-M131 Case Study in state-of-the-art Virtual Reality 15 Credits Dr PJ Dorrington
MSDM00 The Digital Revolution (VR) 15 Credits Dr RJ Jones/Dr LE Evans/Dr CA Pak	MN-M587 Digital Marketing 15 Credits Mr PA Davies
EG-M194 MSc Industrial Experience Preparation 0 Credits Dr V Samaras	
EG-M39 MSc Industrial Experience 60 Credits Dr V Samaras/Dr J Clancy/Dr A Munnangi CORE	
Dissertation	
EG-D13 MSc Dissertation - Virtual Reality 60 Credits Dr PJ Dorrington CORE	
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