

School of Physics, Engineering and Computer Science Postgraduate 2026-2027 Semester A Intake Study Pattern

1-Year Full Time Route Programmes (September 2026 Intake), including:

COM:

- **MSc Computer Science (Modular)**
- **MSc Data Science and Machine Learning**
- **MSc Advanced Computer Science**
- **MSc Cyber Security**
- **MSc Artificial Intelligence and Robotics**
- **MSc Software Engineering**

PAM:

- **MSc Astrophysics**
- **MSc Theoretical Physics**
- **MSc Data Science**

ENG:

- **MSc Supply Chain and Logistics Management**
- **MSc Manufacturing Management**
- **MSc Communications and Information Engineering**
- **MSc Electronics Engineering**
- **MSc Power Electronics and Control**
- **MSc Aerospace Engineering**
- **MSc Automotive Engineering**
- **MSc Mechanical Engineering**
- **MSc Civil Engineering**
- **MSc Smart Manufacturing and AI**

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School of Physics, Engineering and Computer Science Postgraduate Programmes 2026-2027

Semester A Intake Study Pattern

16 Month Full Time Route Programmes (September 2026 intake), including:

ENG:

- MSc Supply Chain and Logistics Management
- MSc Manufacturing Management
- MSc Communications and Information Engineering
- MSc Electronics Engineering
- MSc Power Electronics and Control
- MSc Aerospace Engineering
- MSc Automotive Engineering
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School of Physics, Engineering and Computer Science Postgraduate Programmes 2026-2027 Study Pattern

2-Year Extended Study Routes Programmes (September 2026 Intake), including:

COM:

- MSc Data Science and Machine Learning
- MSc Advanced Computer Science
- MSc Cyber Security
- MSc Artificial Intelligence and Robotics
- MSc Software Engineering

PAM:

- MSc Astrophysics (Extended Professional Practice route only)
- MSc Theoretical Physics (Extended Professional Practice route only)
- MSc Data Science

ENG:

- MSc Supply Chain and Logistics Management
- MSc Manufacturing Management
- MSc Communications and Information Engineering
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Year 2 – Sem A only (Sem B onwards TBC)

Semester A 2027 - 2028		
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Note: Sandwich students are enrolled on Placement modules across semesters A and B in Year 2

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2-Year Extended Study Routes Programmes (September 2026 Intake), including:

PAM:

- **MSc Astrophysics (Advanced Research route only)**
- **MSc Theoretical Physics (Advanced Research route only)**

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18-month Full Time Route Programmes (January 2027 intake), including:

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Semester C 2026 - 2027		
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Semester B 2027-2028 Calendar TBC

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- **MSc Advanced Computer Science**
- **MSc Cyber Security**
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