

## MODULE DESCRIPTOR

<b>MODULE TITLE</b>	PROFESSIONAL PLACEMENT		
<b>MODULE CODE</b>	CO4822 (L7)	<b>CREDIT VALUE</b>	60 UK CREDITS / 30 ECTS
<b>SCHOOL</b>	SCHOOL OF SCIENCES		

### MODULE AIMS

- To provide students with practical experience of working in a computer-related environment.
- To encourage students to build on and apply the material studied during the taught element of their course.
- To expose students to professional working practices.
- To develop students' personal and professional skills.

### MODULE CONTENT

This module allows students to develop an understanding of the professional practices associated with working in the computing industry. Students will research, secure and undertake a period of work experience or industrial placement in an organisation appropriate to the field of study.

The placement period should normally cover a minimum of 24 weeks full-time throughout the course of the module and a maximum of 40 weeks.

Subject to negotiation with tutors, the placement might extend across more than one organisation. Students will be expected to reflect upon this work experience critically and to apply their experience to theoretical and conceptual elements of their course.

### INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

On successful completion of this module a student will be able to:

1. Critically analyse relevant technical, business and industry-related issues.
2. Critically evaluate their experience of working as a computer professional within a team.
3. Demonstrate the development of personal and professional skills, such as communication, teamwork, problem solving, decision-making, initiative and creativity.

### TEACHING METHODS

The professional placement is optional and is normally undertaken after the student successfully completes 120 credits/ 60 ECTS of taught modules. The normal length of the placement period is 24 weeks, though some placements may extend beyond this time at the discretion of both the employer and the student and may have duration of up to 40 weeks. A continuous placement with a single employer is preferred, though exceptional circumstances may necessitate a change of employer. The validity of any placement is assessed on an individual basis. The work undertaken by the student must be of an adequate technical standard in an area of work strongly related to the field of computing. The student writes a placement logbook / diary and produces an end of placement report for assessment by the industrial placements tutor. The employer nominates an industrial supervisor, who is the main point of contact with the employer.

### ASSESSMENT METHODS

This module is assessed through a placement logbook/diary and a final report.