

From all the staff in the Department of Informatics, welcome!

Welcome to the Department of Informatics, to the School of Engineering and Informatics, and to the University of Sussex. Choosing a degree subject and a place to study are important decisions, and we are delighted that your choices have led you to Informatics at Sussex.

Although Sussex was established just over 50 years ago, it has built an international reputation for excellence in teaching and research. Informatics runs Bachelor's degrees in Computer Science, Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence, Computing for Business and Management, Computing for Digital Media, and Games and Multimedia Environments. You will be taught by staff of the highest calibre and study intellectually stimulating and challenging topics — within an academically and pastorally supportive environment.

Computing is one of the fastest moving areas in the modern world, and we (both you as students and us as staff) are fortunate to be living in such exciting times. Through our links with industry and our research, we keep abreast of the latest developments and, when appropriate, refine and redesign our degrees to keep them current. As well as technical skills and a broad understanding of the field, we also aim to give you opportunities to develop transferable skills such as team working and technical communication which you are likely to draw on daily over the course of your future career.

We want you to have a successful time at Sussex. The pandemic may have made your journey here difficult, but we are ready to support you going forward. As we continue to make our various contributions to teaching, support and administration, we trust that you will show a similar commitment to your studies. In particular, meet regularly with your Academic Advisor and attend all your lectures and classes, whether online or in-person. Prepare for and contribute to seminars, exercise classes and practicals: they will help you deepen your understanding and highlight areas that you need to work more on.

We hope that you will enjoy and make the most of your time in Informatics and participate actively in the life of the Department.

Best wishes,

Dr Ian Mackie Head of Department

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