



**UNIVERSITY OF
PLYMOUTH**

PROGRAMME QUALITY HANDBOOK 2025/26

HNC Applied Cyber Security

Welcome and Introduction to HNC Applied Cyber Security

Welcome to HNC Applied Cyber Security delivered at City College Plymouth.

This programme has been designed to equip you with the skills and knowledge base required to work in your chosen specialism or other graduate opportunities. It is also a platform from which you can undertake additional vocational and academic qualifications.

This Programme Quality handbook contains important information including:

- The approved programme specification
- Module records

Note: The information in this handbook should be read in conjunction with the current edition of:

- Your Programme Institution & University Student Handbook which contains student support based information on issues such as finance and studying at HE
 - available in your Google Classroom
 - o Your Module, Teaching, Learning and Assessment Guide
 - available in your Google Classroom
- University of Plymouth's Student Handbook
 - o available at:
<https://www.plymouth.ac.uk/your-university/governance/student-handbook>

1. Final Award Title: HNC Applied Cyber Security

Named Exit Award: N/A

UCAS code: HCYB

HECOS code: 100376 (Computer and Information Security)

2. Awarding Institution: University of Plymouth

Teaching institution(s): City College Plymouth

3. Accrediting body: N/A

4. Distinctive Features of the Programme and the Student Experience

The course has been designed in response to the increasing demand regionally, nationally and internationally for Cyber Security specialists. The threat of cyber attacks and unauthorised access to information grew exponentially during the Covid-19 pandemic as many companies moved to remote working, leading to increased sharing and storage of data online.

A graduate of the HNC Applied Cyber Security is someone who has studied the fundamental technical aspects of computing. They have chosen an academic pathway that enables them to develop further their understanding of the systems, networks and risks involved in Cyber Security.

City College Plymouth has developed strong links with the local digital industry in which most graduates will eventually be seeking employment. The College encourages active participation of its industry partners in both the development and delivery of its programmes, which enhances the experience and employability of its graduates. Industry selected problems are incorporated into assessments where possible to allow students to gain real-life experience.

This award has been designed to meet the current needs of the South West Digital Sector and their component employers, both large scale as well as small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). A design principle is that this award can flex in both method delivery and content as the needs of the sectors, the region or the technology involved evolve.

Now part of the South West Institute of Technology (SWIoT), City College Plymouth have developed dedicated computing classrooms that are; computer networking, cyber security and Artificial Intelligence (AI) labs. Labs includes Cisco and Juniper equipment including routers, switches, hardware firewalls and VoIP. Also, the labs include several servers on which we have installed various operating systems such as MS Windows Server 2012, FreeBSD, ESXI and a few Linux distributions. One of the workstations in the lab once held the designation of high-performance computer and contains over 40 thousand NVidia GPU cores. This computer will be used to build and research AI applications for cyber security.

This programme gives the student a broad knowledge of the sector, covering essential topics such as cryptography, threat intelligence, computer networks and software engineering.

The FdSc Applied Cyber Security program is also designed to equip students with the skills and knowledge necessary to combat modern cyber adversarial. The program is unique in that it focuses not only on traditional cyber security principles but also incorporates Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) techniques to enhance cyber security strategies and understand, analyse and develop threat intelligence and threat modelling strategies. Students will learn to analyse data and develop algorithms to detect, prevent, and respond to cyber-attacks.

One of the distinctive features of this program is its emphasis on ethical hacking, with the importance of understanding ethics and legal concerns protecting privacy and confidentiality, avoiding legal liability, and maintaining trust with clients. Ethical hackers must operate within legal and ethical boundaries to effectively perform their work and provide value to their clients.

Students will learn to think like a hacker and be trained to identify vulnerabilities in systems and networks to secure them. The program provides students with hands-on experience using industry-standard tools and techniques to simulate real-world scenarios, giving them a solid foundation in the practical skills needed for a career in cyber security.

5. Relevant QAA Subject Benchmark Group(s)

This programme has been designed inline with the following subject benchmark statement for Computing (March 2022) which defines the academic standard expected of graduates with a Computing degree.

<https://www.qaa.ac.uk/the-quality-code/subject-benchmark-statements/computing#>

SEEC Credit Level Descriptors for Higher Education (2021) has been integral in the writing of both the programme and module level outcomes in regard of scope and level.

<https://seec.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/SEEC-Credit-Level-Descriptors-2021.pdf>

This qualification has been written to align with the Pearson Higher Nationals Digital Technologies programme specification.

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/BTEC-Higher-Nationals/digital-technologies/2021/specification-and-sample-assessments/btec-higher-nationals-digital-technologies-spec-1.pdf>

This has allowed us to map the HNC to the Cyber Security Technologist occupational standard meaning the programme can also be delivered as part of an apprenticeship.

<https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/cyber-security-technologist-2021-v1-0> (please see annex 2 for mapping details).

6. Programme Structure:



Programme Structure for the HNC in Applied Cyber Security (full-time)

Year 1 (Level 4)				
Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Semester	C / O
CITY1142	Applied Cryptography	20	1	Core
CITY1143	Computer Systems and Operating Systems	20	1	Core
CITY1144	Introduction to Software Engineering	20	1	Core
CITY1145	Security Fundamentals with Computer Networks	20	2	Core
CITY1146	Systems Analysis	20	2	Core
CITY1147	Threat Modelling and Intelligence	20	2	Core



**Programme Structure for the HNC in
Applied Cyber Security (Part-time)**

Year 1 80 Level 4 Credits			
Semester 1			
Module Code	Module Title	Credits	C/O
CITY1142	Applied Cryptography	20	C
CITY1143	Computer Systems and Operating Systems	20	C
Semester 2			
Module Code	Module Title	Credits	C/O
CITY1146	Systems Analysis	20	C
CITY1147	Threat Modelling and Intelligence	20	C

Year 2 40 Level 4 Credits			
Semester 1			
Module Code	Module Title	Credits	C/O
CITY1144	Introduction to Software Engineering	20	C
Semester 2			
Module Code	Module Title	Credits	C/O
CITY1145	Security Fundamentals with Computer Networks	20	C

7. Programme Aims

The HNC Applied Cyber Security programme is intended to:

- Equip learners with a comprehensive understanding of cyber security principles, particularly those related to artificial intelligence (AI). By providing learners with this knowledge, they will be able to seek careers in the cyber security field and become professionals with the necessary skills and expertise.
- Support learners in continuing education and to develop new competencies in cyber security or other related disciplines. Collaborative work is an integral part of the computing field, and learners will be encouraged to work together on computing projects to enhance their skills in this area.
- Equip learners with the skills to be able to make significant contributions to the digital community, locally and beyond. The program is designed to offer high-quality higher education within a further education setting, allowing for greater access and widening participation to ensure that all learners can achieve their full potential.

8. Programme Intended Learning Outcomes (PILOs)

8.1. Knowledge and understanding

On successful completion graduates should have developed:

- 1) A knowledge and understanding of the computing discipline as a whole and its application.
- 2) A knowledge and understanding of cyber security principles and cyber security development in a range of paradigms.
- 3) A knowledge and understanding of the role of modelling and systems analysis in cyber security design and development.

8.2. Cognitive and intellectual skills

On successful completion graduates should have developed:

- 1) Their ability to learn independently from a range of academic and industry sources and apply that learning to new problems.
- 2) Their ability to analyse problems, evaluate and recommend solutions using professional judgement with regard to risks, costs, benefits and codes of practice.

8.3. Key and transferable skills

On successful completion graduates should have developed the ability to:

- 1) Communicate effectively in speaking, interview and interact productively with a client, present and defend a substantial piece of work, engage with others and respond effectively to questions.
- 2) To communicate effectively in writing, present a two-sided argument, expose technical information clearly, and comprehend and summarise resource material with proper citation of sources.
- 3) To work both autonomously and as part of a team as appropriate.

8.4. Employment related skills

On successful completion graduates should have developed:

- 1) To demonstrate personal initiative, self-motivation, self-learning and problem-solving skills.
- 2) Their ability to research, develop and complete a practical problem-solving challenge with reference to appropriate industry standards.
- 3) Their understanding of the role of cyber security, computer systems, software and algorithms in a variety of industry and public contexts.

8.5. Practical skills

On successful completion graduates should have developed:

- 1) Their ability to analyse requirements and implement solutions to cyber security problems.
- 2) Their ability to troubleshoot computer systems for operational faults and to ensure systems security.
- 3) Their ability to select and apply a variety of cyber security solutions to business problems, including commercial, off-the-shelf and bespoke solutions, which are aligned with organisational goals.
- 4) Their ability to design, build, and test cyber security (software) systems in a variety of contexts using different paradigms.

9. Admissions Criteria, including RPL and Disability Service arrangements

NB The following table is a draft exemplar for an undergraduate programme

All applicants must have GCSE (or equivalent) Maths and English at Grade C/Level 4 or above.

Entry Requirements for HNC Applied Cyber Security	
A-level/AS-level	Normal minimum entry requirements are 96 UCAS Points to include a relevant subject such as Computing
BTEC National Diploma/QCF Extended Diploma	Normal minimum entry requirements are 96 UCAS Points (Extended Diploma MMM) to include a relevant subject such as Computing

Access to Higher Education at level 3	Normal minimum entry requirements are 96 UCAS Points (45 M credits or 15 D, 15 M, 15 P) Access to HE Diploma in a relevant subject such as Computing
T-Levels	Normal minimum entry requirements are 96 UCAS Points (P-C or above on the core) in a relevant subject such as Computing
Welsh Baccalaureate	Normal minimum entry requirements are an equivalent of 96 UCAS Points from the successful completion of a Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced Diploma
Scottish Credit and Qualifications Authority (SCQF)	Normal minimum entry requirements are an equivalent of 96 UCAS Points (SCQF level 6) to include a relevant subject such as Computing
Irish Leaving Certificate	Normal minimum entry requirements are an equivalent of 96 UCAS Points to include a relevant subject such as Computing at Higher Level
International Baccalaureate	Normal minimum entry requirements are an equivalent of 96 UCAS Points to include a relevant subject such as Computing at Higher Level
English Language Requirements	Normal minimum entry requirements for International students are IELTS 5.5 overall with 5.0 minimum in all elements.
Other Qualifications and/or Experience	Non-traditional candidates with alternative equivalent qualifications or demonstrable experience will be considered and may be subject to an interview.
Direct Entry to Stage 2 (Level 5)	Students may enter at level 5 with a relevant HNC made up of 120 level 4 module credits subject to the University of Plymouth APL regulations.

10. Progression criteria for Final Awards

Students, who successfully complete the HNC may progress to:

- Level 5 of the FdSc Applied Cyber Security based at CCP

11. Non Standard Regulations (NB: all non-standard regulations must be approved by QSSC)

We request to allow part-time HNC students to study 40 credits of level 5 as a short course alongside their remaining level 4 modules in their second year. This will allow those students wishing to progress to the foundation degree to continue onto year 3 of the programme the following year rather than making the course take 4 years overall.

12. Transitional Arrangements for existing students looking to progress onto the programme

No transitional arrangements are required as this is a new programme.

Appendix 1: (UG) Mapping table that reflects which core modules contribute to the Programme Intended Learning Outcomes (PILOs)
Tick those Programme Learning Outcomes the module contributes to through its assessed learning outcomes. Insert rows and columns as required.

Core modules	Programme Intended Learning Outcomes contributed to (for more information see Section 8)															Compensation Y/N	Assessment Element(s) and weightings 01 (online open book assessment) E1 (exam), E2 (clinical exam), T1 (test), C1 (coursework), A1 (generic assessment), P1 (practical)	
	8.1 Knowledge and understanding			8.2 Cognitive and intellectual skills		8.3 Key and transferable skills			8.4 Employment related skills			8.5 Practical skills						
	1	2	3	1	2	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	4			
PILOs met at Level 4																		
CITY1142 Applied Cryptography	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Y	C1 (50%) P1 (50%)
CITY1143 Computer Systems and Operating Systems	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x		x	x		Y	C1 (50%) P1 (50%)
CITY1144 Introduction to Software Engineering	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x					x		Y	C1 (40%) P1 (60%)
CITY1145 Security Fundamentals with Computer Networks	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			Y	C1 (50%) P1 (50%)
CITY1146 Systems Analysis	x		x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x					Y	C1 (100%)
CITY1147 Threat Modelling and Intelligence	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Y	C1 (40%) P1 (60%)

Appendix 2: Work Based Learning

WBL is an essential element of Foundation Degrees and therefore needs to be detailed here and added to the programme specification.

FHEQ level: 4				
WBL Activity	Prog Intended LO	Related Modules	Assessed LO	Range of Assessments
Practical Skills	LO3. Design and implement cryptographic solution(s) for client needs. LO2 Apply good programming practice by producing an object oriented structured design as a programming solution. LO3. Design and implement computer and network security systems. LO4. Manage and troubleshoot networks and cyber security systems. LO4. Design, plan and implement mitigation measures.	CITY1142 CITY1144 CITY1145 CITY1147	8.5.1, 8.5.2, 8.5.3	Implementation of software, networks, cyber security applications and presenting data in a human-friendly manner. Creation of materials to present findings, including screencasts and practical demonstrations.
Problem Based Learning / Project Management	All LOs	All modules		Development of software and hardware solutions.

Presentations	LO1 LO2 LO3 LO4 LO1 Demonstrate an understanding of the principles of procedural and object oriented programming. LO3. Evaluate modelling notations and their cyber security application to business problems LO3. Identify and analyse vulnerable systems, resources; and identify risks. LO4. Design, plan and implement mitigation measures.	CITY1143 CITY1144 CITY1146 CITY1147	8.2.2, 8.3.1, 8.3.2, 8.3.3, 8.5.1, 8.5.2, 8.5.3, 8.5.4	Individual and group presentations, screencasts, demonstrations of cyber security policies, issues and applications.
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Site/off site visits. Industry and academic events. Guest Speakers	Visits are more likely to relate to all modules: Speakers can be invited to cover any topic, both academic and industry-based and will be determined by availability.	All modules	8.4.3	This is not formally assessed as part of the programme.
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An explanation of this map:

- Practical skills are fundamental to the programme, and students will be taught in labs for almost all of their sessions.
- A number of coursework assignments include the development of hardware or software systems. These will require adequate planning and management of time and resources.
- A number of units have a practical assignment that includes either a presentation or demonstration of practical work.
- A number of industry events are held in the region throughout the year that staff and students attend. We also arrange a number of external speakers from industry to come and speak to our students. Visiting IT organisations within the region to see facilities and meet employees.

Appendix 3:

Module Mapping to Pearson BTEC Higher National in Digital Technologies (Cyber Security Technologist)

Date completed: 25/01/2023

<p>Pearson BTEC Higher National Units</p>	<p>City College Plymouth HNC in Applied Cyber Security</p>
<p>Unit 1: Professional Practice in the Digital Economy LO1 Explore the evolution and impact of digital technologies on work environments LO2 Examine the importance of professional development for career success LO3 Demonstrate a range of transferable and communication skills used for effective problem solving LO4 Review ways in which feedback can be used to support professional development planning and role in the workplace.</p>	<p>CITY1142: Applied Cryptography LO3. Design and implement cryptographic solution(s) for client needs. CITY1143: Computer Systems and Operating Systems LO2. Demonstrate an understanding of computer systems that are used for different needs. LO4. Demonstrate the analysis of diverse computer system infrastructures used as a result of modern world needs, which includes cybersecurity issues and solutions. CITY1144: Introduction to Software Engineering LO4 Test, verify and document the resulting object oriented software. CITY1145: Security Fundamentals with Computer Networks LO2. Understand organisational aspects of network security, the types and sources and of computer systems and networking attacks.</p>
<p>Unit 2: Innovation & Digital Transformation LO1 Investigate the underlying context for digital innovation and market disruption that leads to business transformation LO2 Explore the different types of digital transformation LO3 Explain the requirements for a successful digital transformation LO4 Review the range of methods for protecting ideas as part of digital transformation strategies and their advantages and disadvantages.</p>	<p>CITY1146: Systems Analysis LO1. Understanding the process of analysing of business requirements for cyber security. LO2. Analyse and accurately apply cyber security models to the analysis of a business requirement. LO3. Evaluate modelling notations and their cyber security application to business problems.</p>
<p>Unit 3: Cyber Security LO1 Explore the nature of cybercrime and cyber threat actors</p>	<p>CITY1147: Threat Modelling and Intelligence LO1. Understand the organisational structures and models; and security threats.</p>

<p>LO2 Investigate cyber security threats and hazards</p> <p>LO3 Examine the effectiveness of information assurance concepts applied to ICT infrastructure</p> <p>LO4 Investigate incident response methods to cyber security threats.</p>	<p>LO2. Understand threat modelling and threat intelligence processes.</p> <p>LO3. Identify and analyse vulnerable systems, resources; and identify risks.</p>
<p>Unit 4: Programming</p> <p>LO1 Define basic algorithms to carry out an operation and outline the process of programming an application</p> <p>LO2 Explain the characteristics of procedural, object-orientated and event-driven programming</p> <p>LO3 Implement basic algorithms in code using an IDE</p> <p>LO4 Determine the debugging process and explain the importance of a coding standard.</p>	<p>CITY1142: Applied Cryptography</p> <p>LO2. Discuss and analyse a variety of algorithms, procedures and protocols.</p> <p>CITY1144: Introduction to Software Engineering</p> <p>LO1 Demonstrate an understanding of the principles of procedural and object oriented programming.</p> <p>LO3 Implement an object oriented programming solution of moderate size and complexity.</p> <p>LO4 Test, verify and document the resulting object oriented software.</p>
<p>Unit 5: Big Data & Visualisation</p> <p>LO1 Examine big data and visualisation for decision making</p> <p>LO2 Investigate statistical and graphical techniques, tools and industry software solutions for big data and visualisation</p> <p>LO3 Demonstrate the use of industry software to manipulate data and prepare visual presentations for a given data set</p> <p>LO4 Assess the role, responsibilities and challenges for data specialists.</p>	<p>CITY1145: Security Fundamentals with Computer Networks</p> <p>LO2. Understand organisational aspects of network security, the types and sources and of computer systems and networking attacks.</p> <p>CITY1147: Threat Modelling and Intelligence</p> <p>LO1. Understand the organisational structures and models; and security threats.</p> <p>LO2. Understand threat modelling and threat intelligence processes.</p> <p>LO3. Identify and analyse vulnerable systems, resources; and identify risks.</p> <p>LO4. Design, plan and implement mitigation measures.</p>
<p>Unit 6: Networking in the Cloud</p> <p>LO1 Examine commonplace networking principles used in a cloud infrastructure to support communication</p> <p>LO2 Explain the operation of networking technologies within a cloud infrastructure</p> <p>LO3 Design a networking solution for a cloud-based system for a business use case</p> <p>LO4 Enhance network performance for a cloud-based system developed for a given business use case.</p>	<p>CITY1145: Security Fundamentals with Computer Networks</p> <p>LO1. Understand computer network components, types of network systems and protocols, and their security implications.</p> <p>LO2. Understand organisational aspects of network security, the types and sources and of computer systems and networking attacks.</p> <p>LO3. Design and implement computer and network security systems.</p>

	LO4. Manage and troubleshoot networks and cybersecurity systems.
Unit 8: Security LO1 Assess risks to IT security LO2 Describe IT security solutions LO3 Review mechanisms to control organisational IT security LO4 Manage organisational security.	CITY1145: Security Fundamentals with Computer Networks LO1. Understand computer network components, types of network systems and protocols, and their security implications. LO2. Understand organisational aspects of network security, the types and sources and of computer systems and networking attacks. LO3. Design and implement computer and network security systems. LO4. Manage and troubleshoot networks and cybersecurity systems.
Unit 9: Networking LO1 Examine networking principles and their protocols LO2 Explain networking devices and operations LO3 Design efficient networked systems LO4 Implement and diagnose networked systems.	CITY1145: Security Fundamentals with Computer Networks LO1. Understand computer network components, types of network systems and protocols, and their security implications. LO2. Understand organisational aspects of network security, the types and sources and of computer systems and networking attacks. LO3. Design and implement computer and network security systems. LO4. Manage and troubleshoot networks and cybersecurity systems.

UNIVERSITY OF PLYMOUTH MODULE RECORD

SECTION A: DEFINITIVE MODULE RECORD. *Proposed changes must be submitted via Faculty/AP Quality Procedures for approval and issue of new module code.*

MODULE CODE: CITY1142 **MODULE TITLE:** Applied Cryptography

CREDITS: 20 **FHEQ LEVEL:** 4 **HECOS CODE:** 100376 Computer and Information Security

PRE-REQUISITES: N/A **CO-REQUISITE S:** N/A **COMPENSATABLE:** Yes

SHORT MODULE DESCRIPTOR: *(max 425 characters)*

This module will develop the student's understanding and analytical skills of the cryptography algorithms and protocols and their applications. Students will learn how cryptographic algorithms are used in practical solutions.

ELEMENTS OF ASSESSMENT - see Definitions of Elements and Components of Assessment					
E1 (Examination)		C1 (Coursework)	50%	P1 (Practical)	50%
E2 (Clinical Examination)		A1 (Generic assessment)			
T1 (Test)		O1 (online open book assessment)			

SUBJECT ASSESSMENT PANEL to which module should be linked: Computing
Professional body minimum pass mark requirement: N/A

MODULE AIMS:

- To understand cryptography's role in the digital world.
- To understand and analyse cryptographic algorithms, procedures and protocols.
- To understand privacy and the role of algorithms.
- To understand and analyse symmetric and asymmetric algorithms.

ASSESSED LEARNING OUTCOMES: (additional guidance below; please refer to the Programme Specification for relevant Programme Intended Learning Outcomes).

At the end of the module, the learner will be expected to be able to:

Assessed Module Learning Outcomes (ALOs)	Programme Intended Learning Outcomes (PILOs) contributed to
1. Discuss and analyse the role of cryptographic systems in the modern digital world.	8.1.1, 8.1.3, 8.3.2, 8.4.3
2. Discuss and analyse a variety of algorithms, procedures and protocols.	8.2.1, 8.1.2, 8.1.3, 8.3.2, 8.4.3, 8.5.3, 8.5.4
3. Design and implement the cryptographic solution(s) for client needs.	8.1.1, 8.1.2, 8.3.3, 8.4.1, 8.4.2, 8.5.1, 8.5.2, 8.5.3, 8.5.4

4. Analyse Case Studies and Systematic Reviews of Cryptographic solutions	8.2.1, 8.3.2, 8.4.1, 8.4.2, 8.5.1
DATE OF APPROVAL: 09/05/2023	FACULTY/OFFICE: Academic Partnerships
DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION: September 2023	SCHOOL/PARTNER: City College Plymouth
DATE(S) OF APPROVED CHANGE: N/A	SEMESTER: Semester 1

Notes:

Additional Guidance for Learning Outcomes:

To ensure that the module is pitched at the right level check your intended learning outcomes against the following nationally agreed standards

- Office for Students, [Sector-recognised Standards](#)
- Office for Students, [Quality and Standards Conditions of Registration](#)
- [Subject benchmark statements](#)
- Professional, regulatory and statutory (PSRB) accreditation requirements (where necessary e.g. health and social care, medicine, engineering, psychology, architecture, teaching, law)

SECTION B: DETAILS OF TEACHING, LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT

Items in this section must be considered annually and amended as appropriate, in conjunction with the Module Review Process. Some parts of this page may be published on the website as a guide for prospective students. Further details for current students should be provided in module guidance notes.

ACADEMIC YEAR: 2025/2026
MODULE LEADER: Tomek Bergier

NATIONAL COST CENTRE: 121
OTHER MODULE STAFF:

Summary of Module Content

- Cryptography history.
- Cryptography today and the future.
- Cryptography algorithms, procedures, and protocols.
- Private and public algorithms.
- Symmetric and asymmetric algorithms.
- Prime numbers in cryptography.
- Cryptography applications.
- Elliptic-Curve Cryptography (ECC).

SUMMARY OF TEACHING AND LEARNING		
Scheduled Activities	Hours	Comments/Additional Information (briefly explain activities, including formative assessment opportunities)
Lectures	30	Combined lecture/lab sessions
Directed Study	30	Combined lecture/lab sessions
Student Self Study	140	Google classroom is the starting point for guidance in directed study with direction from the module leader.
Total	200	(NB: 1 credit = 10 hours of learning; 10 credits = 100 hours, etc.)

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT

Element Category	Component Name & associated ALO	Component Weighting
Coursework	Report on cryptography principles. LO1 LO2 LO4	100%
Practical	Design and implement cryptography solutions. LO3	100%

REFERRAL ASSESSMENT

Element Category	Component Name	Component Weighting
Coursework	Report on cryptography principles. (new/different). LO1 LO2 LO4	100%
Coursework in lieu of practical	Design and implement cryptography solutions (new/different). LO3	100%

To be completed when presented for Minor Change approval and/or annually updated	
Updated by: Tomasz Bergier Date: June 2025	Approved by: Hollie Galpin-Mitchell Date: August 2025

UNIVERSITY OF PLYMOUTH MODULE RECORD

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MODULE CODE: CITY1143 **MODULE TITLE:** Computer Systems and Operating Systems

CREDITS: 20 **FHEQ LEVEL:** 4 **HECOS CODE:** 100376 Computer and Information Security

PRE-REQUISITES: N/A **CO-REQUISITES:** N/A **COMPENSATABLE:** Yes

SHORT MODULE DESCRIPTOR: *(max 425 characters)*

This module will help learners to understand the fundamental components used in modern computers. The module will provide an overview of different types of computer systems and identify various operating systems that are used in different environments. Learners will gain knowledge of how various operating systems and software manage the hardware, processes etc.

ELEMENTS OF ASSESSMENT - see Definitions of Elements and Components of Assessment					
E1 (Examination)		C1 (Coursework)	50%	P1 (Practical)	50%
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SUBJECT ASSESSMENT PANEL to which module should be linked: Computing
Professional body minimum pass mark requirement: N/A

MODULE AIMS:

The module aims to provide learners with the fundamentals of the key components of a computer, including understanding how computers represent numbering systems and an introduction to the role of a kernel in an operating system. The module will also identify the various types of computers and different operating systems as well as investigate computer systems advances and their cyber security advantages and disadvantages. In addition, inverse engineering will be introduced as a useful tool to understand how the hardware and software of a computer system are constructed.

ASSESSED LEARNING OUTCOMES: (additional guidance below; please refer to the Programme Specification for relevant award/ programme Learning Outcomes)

At the end of the module the learner will be expected to be able to:

Assessed Module Learning Outcomes (ALOs)	Programme Intended Learning Outcomes (PILOs) contributed to
1. Demonstrate knowledge of the main components of a computer and its role in various environments.	8.1.1, 8.1.2, 8.1.3, 8.2.1, 8.4.3

2. Demonstrate an understanding of computer systems that are used for business and individual needs.	8.1.1, 8.1.2, 8.1.3, 8.2.1, 8.3.3, 8.4.3
3. Demonstrate knowledge of computer systems and operating systems used today for cyber security.	8.1.1, 8.1.2, 8.1.3, 8.2.1, 8.2.2, 8.4.1, 8.4.2, 8.4.3, 8.5.1, 8.5.3, 8.5.4
4. Demonstrate the analysis of diverse computer system infrastructures used as a result of modern world needs, which includes cyber security issues and solutions.	8.1.1, 8.1.2, 8.1.3, 8.2.2, 8.4.1, 8.4.2, 8.5.1, 8.5.3, 8.5.4
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MODULE LEADERS: Grant Sewell

NATIONAL COST CENTRE: 121
OTHER MODULE STAFF: Tomek Bergier

Summary of Module Content

- History and the future of computing.
- Number systems, computing logic and proof methods.
- Computer components and architectures.
- Operating systems principles.
- Network OS, Server OS, Desktop OS.
- UNIX-Like and MS OS.
- Virtualisation.
- High-performance computing, parallel computing, supercomputing, datacentres, server farms etc.
- Computing at home and from small offices to large institutions and organisations.
- Hardware and software firewalls.
- Smart homes.

The module will begin with the history of computing, hardware, and operating system design, covering but not limited to such subjects as number systems and computing logic, and continue on to discuss the current state of computing, including the different types and categories of operating systems in use today, and move on to subjects such as virtualisation, high-performance computing, and the future of computing.

SUMMARY OF TEACHING AND LEARNING		
Scheduled Activities	Hours	Comments/Additional Information (briefly explain activities, including formative assessment opportunities)
Lectures	30	Combined lecture/lab sessions
Directed Study	30	Combined lecture/lab sessions
Student Self Study	140	Google classroom is the starting point for guidance in directed study with direction from the module leader.
Total	200	(NB: 1 credit = 10 hours of learning; 10 credits = 100 hours, etc.)

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT

Element Category	Component Name & associated ALO	Component Weighting
Coursework	Report covering principles and components. LO1 LO2	100%
Practical	Design and implement security systems for two different computer systems. LO3 LO4	100%

REFERRAL ASSESSMENT

Element Category	Component Name	Component Weighting
Coursework	Report covering principles and components (new/different). LO1 LO2	100%

Coursework in lieu of practical	Design and implement security systems for two different computer systems. (new/different). LO3 LO4	100%
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UNIVERSITY OF PLYMOUTH MODUEL RECORD

SECTION A: DEFINITIVE MODULE RECORD. *Proposed changes must be submitted via Faculty/AP Quality Procedures for approval and issue of new module code.*

MODULE CODE: CITY1144 **MODULE TITLE:** Introduction to Software Engineering

CREDITS: 20 **FHEQ LEVEL:** 4 **HECOS CODE:** 100376 Computer and Information Security

PRE-REQUISITES: None **CO-REQUISITES:**None **COMPENSATABLE:**

Yes

SHORT MODULE DESCRIPTOR: *(max 425 characters)*

The object oriented programming paradigm requires a programmer to *design* and *develop* code by considering what *objects* may exist in some system, how these are related to each other and how these may interact with each other. It is a proven method for developing reliable modular programs and encourages reuse which shortens development time.

ELEMENTS OF ASSESSMENT - see Definitions of Elements and Components of Assessment					
E1 (Examination)		C1 (Coursework)	40%	P1 (Practical)	60%
E2 (Clinical Examination)		A1 (Generic assessment)			
T1 (Test)		O1 (online open book assessment)			

SUBJECT ASSESSMENT PANEL to which module should be linked: Computing
Professional body minimum pass mark requirement: N/A

MODULE AIMS:

The module aims to provide learners with a deep introduction to Computer Programming, starting with an introduction to procedural programming and then moving to the fundamentals of object-oriented programming. It introduces concepts such as syntax, iteration, conditional statements (incl. logical operators), classes and objects, inheritance, aggregation, abstract classes and polymorphism in order that the learner may apply these correctly to object oriented programs. It will introduce the benefits of using an object oriented approach to software development, such as shorter development cycles, adaptable code, and ability to interact with differing systems using common platforms, but also initially introduce procedural programming (with a focus on related Cyber Security scripting/coding within hardware / BIOS / OS protection).

ASSESSED LEARNING OUTCOMES: (additional guidance below; please refer to the Programme Specification for relevant Programme Intended Learning Outcomes).

At the end of the module the learner will be expected to be able to:

Assessed Module Learning Outcomes (ALOs)	Programme Intended Learning Outcomes (PILOs) contributed to
1. Demonstrate an understanding of the principles of various computer programming.	8.1.1, 8.2.1, 8.2.2

2. Design computer programs in an object-oriented and aspect-oriented structure.	8.3.3, 8.4.1 , 8.4.2, 8.5.4
3. Implement an object-oriented programming solution.	8.4.1 , 8.4.2, 8.5.4
4. Test, verify and document the resulting object-oriented software.	8.2.2, 8.3.2, 8.3.1, 8.4.1, 8.5.4
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DATE(S) OF APPROVED CHANGE: N/A	SEMESTER: Semester 1

Notes:

Additional Guidance for Learning Outcomes:

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ACADEMIC YEAR: 2025/2026

NATIONAL COST CENTRE:

121 MODULE LEADER: Dr Christopher Ford

OTHER MODULE STAFF:

Summary of Module Content

- Classes, Abstract Classes, Interfaces/Pure Virtual Functions
- Constructors/destructors
- Encapsulation and public, private and protected scope
- Inheritance
- Association
- Composition
- Aggregation
- Polymorphism, Method Overloading, Method Overriding
- Libraries
- Design principles
 - coherence and (de-)coupling between the classes
 - identification of dependencies, aggregation, inheritances, data and file structures
 - class diagrams, sequence diagrams
- IDE - source code editor, compiler, interpreter, build automation tools, debugger
- Error and exception handling
- Testing, Verifying, Validating, Documentation

SUMMARY OF TEACHING AND LEARNING		
Scheduled Activities	Hours	Comments/Additional Information (briefly explain activities, including formative assessment opportunities)
Lectures	30	Combined lecture/lab sessions
Directed Study	30	Combined lecture/lab sessions
Student Self Study	140	Google classroom is the starting point for guidance in directed study with direction from the module leader.
Total	200	(NB: 1 credit = 10 hours of learning; 10 credits = 100 hours, etc.)

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT

Element Category	Component Name & associated ALO	Component Weighting
Coursework	Report on design and theory of OOP. LO1	100%
Practical	Implement and test an OOP application. LO2 LO3 LO4	100%

REFERRAL ASSESSMENT

Element Category	Component Name	Component Weighting
Coursework	Report on design and theory of OOP. (new/different) LO1	100%
Coursework in lieu of practical	Implement and test an OOP application. (new/different) LO2 LO3 LO4	100%

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UNIVERSITY OF PLYMOUTH MODULE RECORD

SECTION A: DEFINITIVE MODULE RECORD. *Proposed changes must be submitted via Faculty/AP Quality Procedures for approval and issue of new module code.*

MODULE CODE: CITY1145 **MODULE TITLE:** Security Fundamentals with Computer Networks

CREDITS: 20 **FHEQ LEVEL:** 4 **HECOS CODE:** 100376 Computer and Information Security

PRE-REQUISITES: N/A **CO-REQUISITE:** N/A **COMPENSATABLE:** Yes

SHORT MODULE DESCRIPTOR: *(max 425 characters)*

This module will develop the student's analytical ability and provide a foundation for computer security. Students will learn different computer systems and networking attacks and study the techniques and methods for designing secure computer systems and networked systems.

ELEMENTS OF ASSESSMENT - see Definitions of Elements and Components of Assessment					
E1 (Examination)		C1 (Coursework)	50%	P1 (Practical)	50%
E2 (Clinical Examination)		A1 (Generic assessment)			
T1 (Test)		O1 (online open book assessment)			

SUBJECT ASSESSMENT PANEL to which module should be linked: Computing

Professional body minimum pass mark requirement: N/A

MODULE AIMS:

The aim of this module is to provide learners with an understanding of the fundamental principles and techniques of computer systems and networks, threats and attacks, and to design and implement security rules. Besides, the module provides students with an introduction to computer networks, design, implementation and troubleshooting allowing students to develop computer networks, cloud and cyber security for small to medium businesses.

ASSESSED LEARNING OUTCOMES: (additional guidance below; please refer to the Programme Specification for relevant Programme Intended Learning Outcomes).

At the end of the module the learner will be expected to be able to:

Assessed Module Learning Outcomes (ALOs)	Programme Intended Learning Outcomes (PILOs) contributed to
1. Understand computer network components, types of network systems and protocols, and their security implications.	8.1.1, 8.1.2, 8.1.3, 8.4.1, 8.4.3
2. Understand organisational aspects of network security, the types and sources and of computer systems and networking attacks.	8.1.1, 8.1.2, 8.1.3, 8.4.1, 8.4.3
3. Design and implement computer and network security systems.	8.2.1, 8.3.2, 8.3.3, 8.4.1, 8.4.2, 8.5.1, 8.5.2
4. Manage and troubleshoot networks and cybersecurity systems.	8.2.1, 8.3.2, 8.3.3, 8.4.1, 8.4.2, 8.5.1, 8.5.2, 8.5.3

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Notes:

Additional Guidance for Learning Outcomes:

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ACADEMIC YEAR: 2025/2026
MODULE LEADER: Grant Sewell

NATIONAL COST CENTRE: 121
OTHER MODULE STAFF: Tomek Bergier

Summary of Module Content

The module will begin by looking at the different network types (e.g. LAN, WAN, PAN, etc), components (e.g. servers, routers, firewalls, etc) and their functions. The curriculum will then focus on an overview of cyber security knowledge areas relevant to those networks and component functions. Module content will include sessions on protocols and layers, routing and switching, addressing and name resolution, physical security, logical security including authentication and cryptography, and policies. Practical sessions will provide hands-on experience of working with networking components with various functions, establishing the security of them, and analysing potential threats to that security.

SUMMARY OF TEACHING AND LEARNING		
Scheduled Activities	Hours	Comments/Additional Information (briefly explain activities, including formative assessment opportunities)
Lectures	30	Combined lecture/lab sessions
Directed Study	30	Combined lecture/lab sessions
Student Self Study	140	Google classroom is the starting point for guidance in directed study with direction from the module leader.
Total	200	(NB: 1 credit = 10 hours of learning; 10 credits = 100 hours, etc.)

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT

Element Category	Component Name & associated ALO	Component Weighting
Coursework	Written report on computer and network cybersecurity design and management. LO1 LO2	100%
Practical	Design and implementation of cyber security for an organisational scenario. LO3 LO4	100%

REFERRAL ASSESSMENT (Same)

Element Category	Component Name	Component Weighting
Coursework	Written report on computer and network cybersecurity design and management. (New/Different) LO1 LO2	100%
Coursework in lieu of practical	Design and implementation of cyber security for an organisational scenario. (New/Different) LO3 LO4	100%

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UNIVERSITY OF PLYMOUTH MODULE RECORD

SECTION A: DEFINITIVE MODULE RECORD. *Proposed changes must be submitted via Faculty/AP Quality Procedures for approval and issue of new module code.*

MODULE CODE: CITY1146 **MODULE TITLE:** Systems Analysis

CREDITS: 20 **FHEQ LEVEL:** 4 **HECOS CODE:** 100376 Computer and Information Security

PRE-REQUISITES: N/A **CO-REQUISITE S:** N/A **COMPENSATABLE:** Yes

SHORT MODULE DESCRIPTOR: *(max 425 characters)*

Understanding the conceptual models of the software they create is necessary for software developers, and they must record this in both code and UML (Unified Modeling Language) diagrams. This module examines the modelling of an organisation using UML and the transition from the Business Model into the Cyber Security (Software) Model.

ELEMENTS OF ASSESSMENT - see Definitions of Elements and Components of Assessment					
E1 (Examination)		C1 (Coursework)	100%	P1 (Practical)	
E2 (Clinical Examination)		A1 (Generic assessment)			
T1 (Test)		O1 (online open book assessment)			

SUBJECT ASSESSMENT PANEL to which module should be linked: Computing
Professional body minimum pass mark requirement: N/A

MODULE AIMS:

This module aims to provide students with an understanding of the role and practicalities of systems analysis and the modelling of business systems. It also aims to help students understand the relationship between business models and cyber security using standard notations and modelling languages.

ASSESSED LEARNING OUTCOMES: (additional guidance below; please refer to the Programme Specification for relevant Programme Intended Learning Outcomes).

At the end of the module the learner will be expected to be able to:

Assessed Module Learning Outcomes (ALOs)	Programme Intended Learning Outcomes (PILOs) contributed to
1. Understand the process of analysing business requirements for cyber security.	8.1.1, 8.1.3, 8.2.1, 8.4.2, 8.4.3
2. Analyse and accurately apply cyber security models to the analysis of a business requirement	8.1.1, 8.1.3, 8.2.1, 8.3.3, 8.4.1, 8.4.2, 8.4.3, 8.5.1

3. Evaluate modelling notations and their cyber security application to business problems	8.3.2, 8.3.3, 8.4.1, 8.4.2, 8.4.3
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Notes:

Additional Guidance for Learning Outcomes:

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ACADEMIC YEAR: 2025/2026

NATIONAL COST CENTRE: 121

MODULE LEADER: Dr Andrew Watson

OTHER MODULE STAFF: Tomek

Bergier Summary of Module Content

Modelling notations

- UML; BPMN
- Object Constraint

Language Diagrams

- Use Cases
- Class diagram
- Workflow Diagrams
- Interaction Diagrams
- State Diagrams
- Activity

Diagrams UML tools

- Drawing vs Modelling
- Visual Paradigm
- Rational Architect
- MS Visio
- Cloud based

tools Transition to

Software

- Implementation of Class diagrams
- O/R Mapping

SUMMARY OF TEACHING AND LEARNING		
Scheduled Activities	Hours	Comments/Additional Information (briefly explain activities, including formative assessment opportunities)
Lectures	30	Combined lecture/lab sessions
Directed Study	30	Combined lecture/lab sessions
Student Self Study	140	Google classroom is the starting point for guidance in directed study with direction from the module leader.
Total	200	(NB: 1 credit = 10 hours of learning; 10 credits = 100 hours, etc.)

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT

Element Category	Component Name & associated ALO	Component Weighting
Coursework	C1 Report on an application of business modelling and the transition to cyber security (software) models. LO1 LO2	50%
	C2 Design and implement cyber security applications for business/organisation needs. LO3	50%
		100%

REFERRAL ASSESSMENT

Element Category	Component Name	Component Weighting
Coursework 1	Report on an application of business modelling and the transition to cyber security (software) models. Design and implement cyber security applications for business/organisation needs (new/different). LO1 LO2 LO3	100%

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UNIVERSITY OF PLYMOUTH MODULE RECORD

SECTION A: DEFINITIVE MODULE RECORD. *Proposed changes must be submitted via Faculty/AP Quality Procedures for approval and issue of new module code.*

MODULE CODE: CITY1147 **MODULE TITLE:** Threat Modelling and Intelligence

CREDITS: 20 **FHEQ LEVEL:** 4 **HECOS CODE:** 100376 Computer and Information Security

PRE-REQUISITES: N/A **CO-REQUISITE S:** N/A **COMPENSATABLE:** Yes

SHORT MODULE DESCRIPTOR: *(max 425 characters)*

This module will develop the student's understanding of various threats in modern organisations and institutions. In addition, learners will develop the knowledge to prevent and mitigate cyber-attacks. Also, students will identify and analyse the requirements needed to provide cybersecurity solutions for systems.

ELEMENTS OF ASSESSMENT - see Definitions of Elements and Components of Assessment					
E1 (Examination)		C1 (Coursework)	40%	P1 (Practical)	60%
E2 (Clinical Examination)		A1 (Generic assessment)			
T1 (Test)		O1 (online open book assessment)			

SUBJECT ASSESSMENT PANEL to which module should be linked: Computing
Professional body minimum pass mark requirement: N/A

MODULE AIMS:

- To understand business model(s), infrastructures and security threats in organisations and institutions.
- To analyse and identify resources that may be attacked.
- To identify risks and mitigation measures.
- To understand threat modelling and threat intelligence processes.
- To design and plan mitigation measures.

ASSESSED LEARNING OUTCOMES: (additional guidance below; please refer to the Programme Specification for relevant Programme Intended Learning Outcomes).

At the end of the module the learner will be expected to be able to:

Assessed Module Learning Outcomes (ALOs)	Programme Intended Learning Outcomes (PILOs) contributed to
1. Understand the organisational structures and models; and security threats.	8.1.1, 8.1.2, 8.1.3, 8.2.1, 8.4.1, 8.4.2, 8.4.3
2. Understand threat modelling and threat intelligence processes.	8.1.1, 8.1.2, 8.1.3, 8.2.1, 8.2.2, 8.4.1, 8.4.2, 8.4.3
3. Identify and analyse vulnerable systems, resources; and identify risks.	8.2.2, 8.3.1, 8.3.2, 8.3.3, 8.5.1, 8.5.2, 8.5.3, 8.5.4

4. Design, plan and implement mitigation measures.	8.3.1, 8.3.2, 8.3.3, 8.5.1, 8.5.2, 8.5.3, 8.5.4
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Notes:

Additional Guidance for Learning Outcomes:

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ACADEMIC YEAR: 2025/2026
MODULE LEADER: Tomek Bergier

NATIONAL COST CENTRE: 121
OTHER MODULE STAFF:

Summary of Module Content

- Business model(s)
- Business infrastructure(s)
- Threats, risks and mitigation measures.
- Threat modelling systems and software.
- Threat modelling processes and cycles.
- Threat intelligence systems and software.
- Threat intelligence processes and cycles.
- Plan mitigation measures.

SUMMARY OF TEACHING AND LEARNING		
Scheduled Activities	Hours	Comments/Additional Information (briefly explain activities, including formative assessment opportunities)
Lectures	30	Combined lecture/lab sessions
Directed Study	30	Combined lecture/lab sessions
Student Self Study	140	Google classroom is the starting point for guidance in directed study with direction from the module leader.
Total	200	(NB: 1 credit = 10 hours of learning; 10 credits = 100 hours, etc.)

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT

Element Category	Component Name & associated ALO	Component Weighting
Coursework	Report on threat modelling in a modern organisation(s). LO1 LO2	100%
Practical	Design and implement a threat modelling system. LO3 LO4	100%

REFERRAL ASSESSMENT

Element Category	Component Name	Component Weighting
Coursework	Report on threat modelling in a modern organisation(s). (New/different) LO1 LO2	100%
Coursework in lieu of practical	Design and implement a threat modelling system. (New/different) LO3 LO4	100%

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