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Department of Computing
MSc Advanced Computing
MSc Computing (Specialism)

Dr Rob Craven, Director of Postgraduate Studies
30/9/2025

Head of Department

Professor Stefanos Zaferiou

Statistical machine learning

2D and 3D computer vision

Face and object recognition

Human behaviour analysis

Brain signal analysis

Turing AI Fellow

Entrepreneurship Champion

<https://wp.doc.ic.ac.uk/szafeiri/>



Congratulations on joining the Department of Computing!

2nd best university in the world, two years running (QS)

Research ranked best in the UK (REF)

Part of the **Faculty of Engineering**

Opportunities to engage with industry
(talks, societies, hackathons, entrepreneurship)

~300 PGT students, 53 countries



Essential staff contacts

The MSc Team

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Some essential information

If you haven't registered in person in Huxley:
go to the Student Office, room 370

12 months MSc, to September 2026
be available until September 25th, 2026!



This week

MSc Advanced Computing:

- Today 11am, room 144—degree induction
- Thurs 4pm, room 342—social event

MSc Computing (Specialism)

- Today 11am, room 311—degree induction
- Today 1pm, room 221—social event

Both degrees:

- Thurs 10am, labs 210, 219, 225—orientation
- Fri 3pm, room 311—ISO talk

Talks, Hackathons, Social Events

Applications of Computing in Industry

(first is at 1pm, Wed 1st October, 308)

DoCSoc events: <https://docsoc.co.uk>

Hackathons—including ICHack (<https://ichack.org/>)

Lunchtime careers events

Research talks, seminars (emails)

‘Meet your Alumni’ events

(first with Wulfie Bain, OpenAI—1pm Mon 13th October)

MSc socials (picnics, trivia quiz,...)

Imperial societies

London!



Your Voice

Feedback

We want to shape the Department of Computing with you.

Make your voice heard:

- Directly to module lecturers and GTAs
- Your student reps—two staff-student meetings per term in Autumn and Spring
- Your personal tutor (first meeting, probably tomorrow)
- Your degree coordinators
- Me!



Have a great year!

Senior Tutor Welcome



Dr Thomas Lancaster
PGT Senior Tutor
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Dr Thomas Lancaster



MSc Related Roles

PGT Senior Tutor

Department Disability Officer

Project Coordinator (MSc and ISO Projects)

Academic Integrity Officer

Senior Tutor

- I have **overall responsibility for the academic and pastoral care** of PGT students in the Department, with the support of many other people including our Wellbeing Advisor, Grazia Troiano
- I have information about College processes, hardship funding and other services
- You can always speak to Grazia and me in confidence

My Relationship With You

You are a student on postgraduate programme, so I intend to treat you as such



Your Personal Tutor

- The first person you should speak to for **advice about non-academic issues**
- Two small group meetings per term
- Individual meetings as you need them

First Personal Tutor Meeting

**Tuesday 30 September
2025 at 16:00**

You should have a message with the details of your Personal Tutor
Timings and rooms may change and some meetings may be held online
Please check your email for any updates

Support for Disabilities and Long-Term Health Conditions

- Through the **Disability Advisory Service (DAS)**
- DAS make recommendations to the Department for reasonable adjustments to help with your studies (we don't make the decisions within the Department)
- Please book an appointment with DAS if needed
- My role as Department Disability Officer (DDO) is as a liaison with DAS

Our Expectations

Operate With Integrity

- Work professionally
- Tolerate and respect everyone's views and beliefs
- Use the computer systems for legal purposes
- Produce assessed work independently (unless you have agreement to work in a group)
- Respect your sources (avoid collusion, plagiarism and other ethical breaches)
- Complete the mandatory Plagiarism Awareness course on Blackboard

Centre For Academic English

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Unlock the full potential of your work
throughout your time at Imperial and
beyond

<http://www.imperial.ac.uk/academic-english>

Attendance And Absence

- We do expect you to **participate fully** during the programme
- This includes during the summer Project period
- For students on a Tier 4 visa, please plan to be in the UK until the end of September 2026

Late Submission Policy

Time of Late Submission	Mark Awarded
Up to 24 hours after the deadline	Capped at pass mark
More than 24 hours after the deadline	Zero

If you think you are going to miss deadlines, please act first

Short-Term Extensions/Longer-Term Mitigating Circumstances

- Procedures designed to **help you to succeed**
- Please put requests in as early as possible and continue working on the assessments

<https://www.imperial.ac.uk/computing/current-students/postgraduate-student-welfare/extensions-and-mitigating-circumstances/>

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Wellbeing Support

Department of Computing

Grazia Troiano
2025/2026

Student Wellbeing Adviser

Useful info:

DoC Student Wellbeing Adviser: Grazia Troiano

Email: g.troiano@imperial.ac.uk

Room: Huxley Building, 304a

Service offered:

- One-to-one Wellbeing session in person and online
- Workshop & Wellbeing events
- Drop-in service during the exam weeks
- Signposting to internal and external services

Book an appointment



Or send me an email!

In- house Workshop

Time Management & Procrastination

Learn to recognise procrastination patterns and how they impact your productivity. This workshop offers practical tools to manage your time effectively, stay organised, and meet deadlines with less stress.

Imposter Syndrome & Perfectionism

Explore how imposter syndrome and perfectionism can affect your confidence and academic performance. Gain strategies to challenge negative self-talk, set realistic goals, and build a healthier mindset.

Bounce Back Better: Building Resilience for Student Life

University life can be a big adjustment. This session helps you develop resilience and self-care strategies to manage stress, stay motivated, and maintain your wellbeing during times of change.

Other Workshop

We established fruitful collaboration within and outside the College to offer you additional workshop based on requests.

These workshops will focus on:

- Mindfulness
- Managing Anxiety
- Sleep Better
- Improve your mood

Wellbeing Event

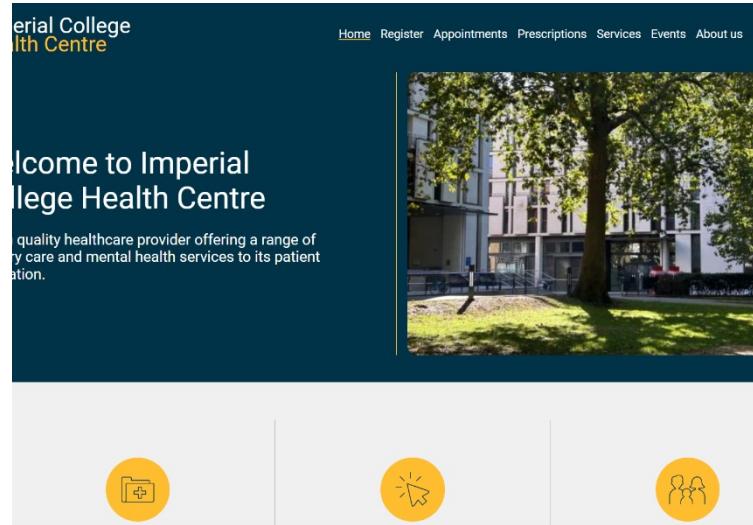
- Meet the Therapy dog
- Ad-hoc drop-in
- Awareness day events

Physical and Mental Health Support

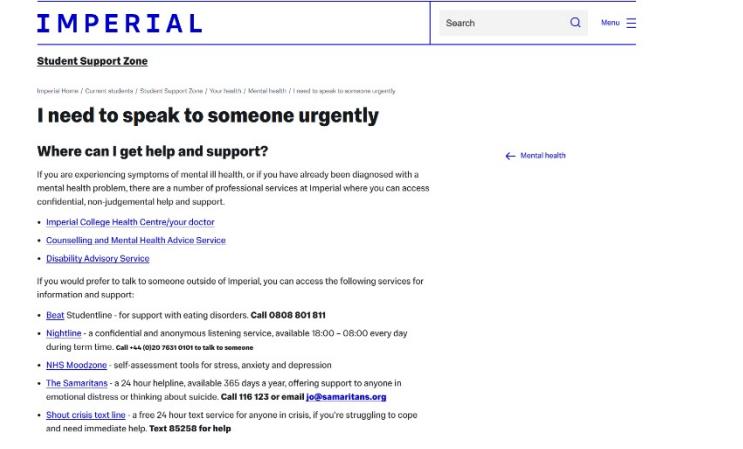
Looking after your physical and mental health is a top priority

Imperial College London offers many services you can access.

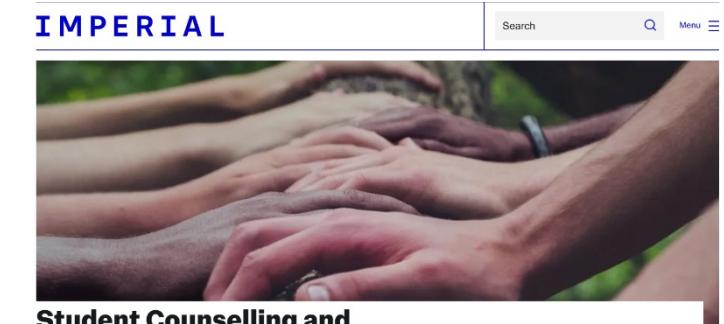
Here's there are some internal services you need to familiarize with



Imperial College – Health Centre



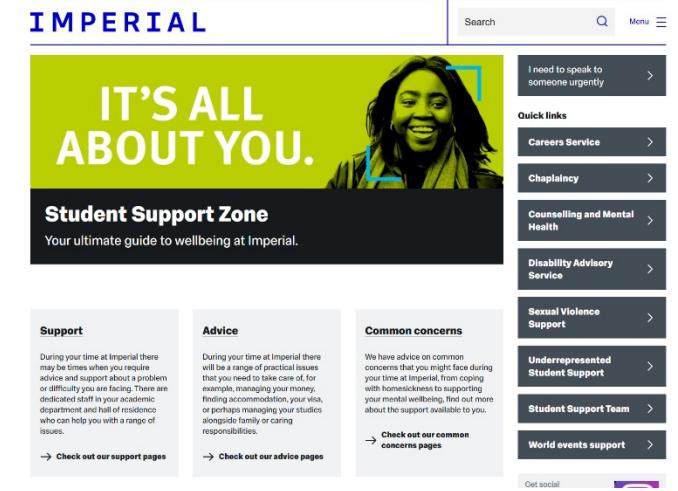
I need to speak to someone urgently | Current students | Imperial College London



Welcome to the Student Counselling and Mental Health Advice Service

I need help with
→ Academic stress
→ Managing my mental health
→ Urgent support

Student Counselling and Mental Health Advice Service | Current students | Imperial College London



Student Support Zone | Current students | Imperial College London

Other types Support

Imperial College London offers a variety of services you will find useful whilst dealing with some practical issues.

Here's there is an example of some of the services.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

[Chaplaincy | Administration and support services | Imperial College London](#)

[Useful resources | Faculty of Engineering | Imperial College London](#)

[Financial Assistance | Current students | Imperial College London](#)

[We are Imperial College Union | Imperial College Union](#)

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Thank you
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Good Luck!

Safety induction

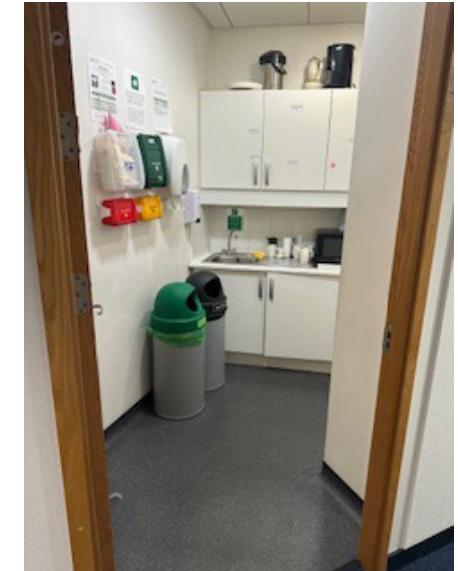
SafeZone

- Download this app and use it to call: Security, for First Aid, or general emergencies
- If you do not have this app, call 0207 589 1000 from your mobile, or 4444 from an internal phone, to get through to security.



First Aid

- You will find first aid kits (with list of nearest first aiders) at the teapoint, in the teaching labs, and by the lifts in Huxley.
- Security is also first aid trained.
- When calling for first aid, state clearly: the location of the casualty, your name and contact number, and whether an ambulance is required.



Tailgating



The attacker **follows somebody** with authorized access into a secure location **without their knowledge**.

Piggybacking

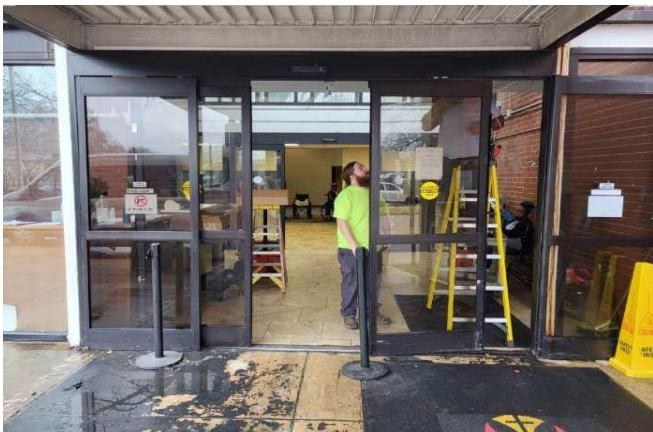


The attacker is **purposely let into a restricted area** with the help of someone with authorized access.



Shoulder surfing

Security risks



Doors failing to close

Leaving belongings in shared spaces



Please be mindful of bringing these in

- E-bikes, cannot be brought into, or charged in, any of our buildings.



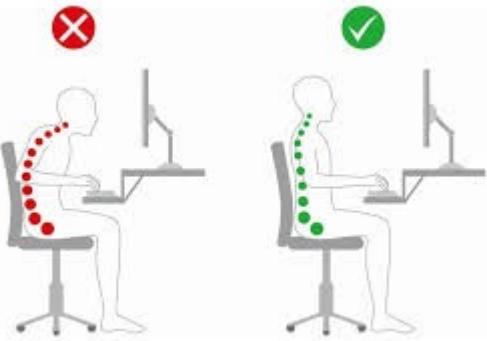
No e-scooters,
e-unicycles or
non-foldable e-bikes

- There should be no piggyback plugs or daisy chained extension leads.
- The plugs should be marked with CE or UCKA.



Don't overdo it!

Take short breaks from the desk now to save something in the tank for the long term.



If an injury or illness is making it harder to study, you can tell one of us.



Again, if you're suffering unduly as deadlines loom, you can tell someone.

