

Part IIB start of year information

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Introduction to Part IIB

Wednesday 6 October 2021, 4pm online

This short online zoom session will alert you to some of the changes you will encounter in course style, content and standards, and show you where to find guidance.

The meeting was not recorded due to a computer failure, but the slides can be found [here](#).

Topics covered:

- Outline of the course
- Engineering areas
- Modules and how they work in IIB
- Examinations and coursework assesment
- Library resources

IIB project literature review

Synchronous teaching sessions

Finding What You Need (Literature Searching)

Content: This module introduces strategies for planning literature searches, places to search for information and techniques to find the most relevant results as well as how to incorporate the work of others into your own research.

Delivery: 1-hour synchronous online teaching in Michaelmas Term (dates TBC, but they will be available on our booking website for the start of term <https://www.training.cam.ac.uk/eng/Event-timetable>)

1:1 Supervisions and Meetings

If you would like more in-depth personal support, advice or help, you can book a 1:1 supervision or meeting with a

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member of the library team, using our Online Booking Form:

https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7P4tkKoXb2Rj4tn

Asynchronous online training via LibGuides

Literature Searching and Reviewing

Content: This online self-paced module will introduce techniques for planning your searches, places for information, and techniques you can use to find the most relevant results.

Delivery: Online self-guided training via the Engineering Library website:

<https://libguides.cam.ac.uk/engineering/literature-search>

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Part II careers talk

During Michaelmas, the Service has organised a range of careers information events and there will be evening presentations from approximately 160 organisations. Students should [register with the Service](#). The careers information email service, CLICK, enables students to receive a weekly diary of events plus specific information on various employment/further study options. An email vacancy list for engineers can be accessed via CLICK.

The Careers Service have created a series of induction videos for getting started with the Careers Service on their YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLjXjP2rLI5xkeFZrodHPy41l8GPK4sP1>

In particular you should look at Getting started for undergraduates and Getting started with Handshake.

Modules

Please read the detailed information on the [Part IIB modules](#).

You are reminded that you:

- **must confirm** your choices for Michaelmas Term modules by **midnight on Wednesday of week 1**
- **must keep safe all your Part IIB coursework** as you must submit it all for scrutiny by the examiners at the end of the Easter Term.

Procedures regarding IIB coursework hand in (Coursework Candidate Numbers)

IIB coursework is marked anonymously wherever possible. The course syllabuses will indicate if certain coursework components are not assessed anonymously.

Each student is given an individual coursework candidate number (CCN). It is **your responsibility to enter your CCN onto the coversheet of anonymous coursework**. **Submissions on Moodle will preserve your**

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anonymity where required. You will be able to access this number on [COMET](#) when it becomes available (hopefully week 2).

Please ensure that your name does not appear anywhere on the coursework.

Projects

Each student must undertake a major individual design, research and/or computer project at a high technological level on a topic of practical relevance. A member of CUED staff will act as your project supervisor. Your project is a very important part of the final year and is expected to take up roughly half your working time throughout the whole of that year.

See the [Part IIB Project Guide \(second notice\)](#) for comprehensive information about the projects.

Information for Part IIA students about selecting projects is included in the [Part IIB projects: first notice](#).

Good academic practice vs academic misconduct (including plagiarism)

The University provides guidance on Plagiarism and Academic Misconduct which can be found at <https://www.plagiarism.admin.cam.ac.uk>, where academic misconduct includes any practice that may unfairly advantage a student's academic assessment (which includes plagiarism).

Suspected cases of Plagiarism and Academic Misconduct will be handled by the Director of Undergraduate Education in conjunction with the relevant Chair of Examiners, which may result in the case being referred to the University's Office of Student Conduct, Complaints and Appeals for consideration under the disciplinary regulations.

You should read and ensure that you understand the [Department's guidance on avoiding academic misconduct](#), which covers:

- definition of academic misconduct
- plagiarism avoidance: expectations of all students
- distinguishing between cooperation and cheating
- sources of guidance on academic integrity, record keeping & referencing

If you have any queries please speak to your DoS.

Plagiarism avoidance in projects

It is self-evident that research-based project work requires extensive discussion and cooperation with your supervisor and others. However, all reports and presentations must document the individual work of the author, with specific reference being made to any material taken from another source (including concepts, theories, equations, figures or computer code, whether published in the open literature or on websites, or unpublished work obtained by other means). Failure to reference the work of others is cheating and will be penalised.

You must read the Department's information about [plagiarism, cooperation & cheating](#).

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