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Hilary Term examination 2021

NOTICE TO CANDIDATES

Nine courses are scheduled for examination at the end of Hilary Term 2021. This notice gives information about what to hand in and when, and guidelines for mini-projects (Appendix A).

Please note that separate notices will be circulated for the Advanced Topics in Machine Learning, Law and Computer Science, and Topics in Computational Biology courses.

The release date for the mini-project in **Computer Science and Law** will be confirmed by the Law Faculty.

1. Submitted Mini-project(s)

Release Date

The mini-projects (take-home assignments) for each course may be downloaded from WebLearn from 12:00 noon (UK time) on the date shown:

Friday of week 8, Hilary Term (12th March):

- Advanced Security
- Categorical Quantum Mechanics
- Computers in Society
- Database Systems Implementation
- Probability and Computing
- Lambda Calculus and Types
- Physically-Based Rendering

Submitting a mini-project

Mini-projects must be submitted online through WebLearn. Please name your file with your candidate number and the name of the assignment.



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Please note that your candidate number should be the only means of identification of your work. Please ensure that you include your candidate number on the front page of each mini-project submitted. **DO NOT include your name or Student Number.** You can obtain your candidate number through Student Self Service (for guidance on using the Student Self Service, please visit: <http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/selfservice/>). Should you encounter any problems doing this then please contact Lucy Traves (graduate.studies@cs.ox.ac.uk).

Once mini projects have been collected they are not to be shared or discussed with other students on or outside of the course. Please note, where mini-projects are set for candidates studying a different degree programme the material covered in the mini-project may be similar but may not be identical.

Submission Date

The submission deadline for the following assignments is:

12.00 noon, Tuesday 13th April 2021

- Advanced Security
- Categorical Quantum Mechanics
- Computers in Society
- Database Systems Implementation
- Probability and Computing
- Lambda Calculus and Types
- Physically-Based Rendering

The submission deadline for the following assignments is:

4.00 pm, Friday 23rd April 2021

- Law and Computer Science

Guidelines for mini-projects

Please refer to [Appendix A.](#)

2. Problems

You **MUST NOT** contact any member of the Examination Board, your supervisor, or lecturer in charge of the course with any queries about the mini-project. Please address any such queries to Lucy Traves



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(graduate.studies@cs.ox.ac.uk), who will advise you of the next steps. You must do so no later than **12 noon on Wednesday 24th March 2021**.

For questions about your exams in general, please feel free to contact Lucy Traves, or any other member of the academic administration team.

If other problems arise (e.g. personal issues, health issues, bereavement) please consult your supervisor (or the Director of the MSc course) in the first instance. It is possible to apply for an extension of time to complete your mini-projects due to reasons like the ones listed above. In such cases, you must apply via your College as soon as possible, and please also inform Lucy Traves that you are doing so. Your College will then write to the Proctors to request an extension. Please note that evidence will be required.

Supervisors will not be able to help you answer the questions in the mini-projects, but they may be able to help you with your reading and planning. If you need to contact your supervisor but have difficulty doing so, you should contact Lucy Traves.

3. Results

It is anticipated that results will be available sometime after 13th May 2021. You will be able to view your results by logging on to Student Self Service, using your single sign-on.

4. Examination Board

Prof Sadie Creese
Prof Elias Koutsoupas
Prof David Kay
Prof Rahul Santhanam (Chair)
Prof Georg Gottlob
Prof Sara Kalvala (External)

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Chairman of Examiners
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Appendix A

A mini-project will normally take the form of a tutorial sheet containing several questions on the course, and will also contain new exercises. While you are free to work until the hand-in date, the expectation is that you will spend around 2/3 days per mini-project for topics under Schedules A and B, and around 3/4 days per mini-project for topics under Schedule C, including preparatory reading.

1. Please note that some of your mini-projects have page limits, as set out in your student handbook. Even if there is no page limit, you should aim at writing about 10 pages. If you write by hand, write legibly. Illegible scripts will be transcribed at your cost, as laid out in the [examination regulations](#).
2. To change an option outside the examination entry window you must apply for permission in writing through your senior tutor or college officer. Please note that a payment will be required. For more information on this, please visit: <http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/exams/entry>. Failure to submit a required element of assessment will result in the failure of the assessment.
3. Failure to correctly acknowledge your sources is plagiarism, which is treated as a very serious disciplinary offence. Please consult (a) the University web site regarding plagiarism (<http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/guidance/skills/plagiarism>) and (b) the detailed guidance on plagiarism in Annex A of the General Computer Science Handbook.

YOU SHOULD NOT show your mini-project to, or discuss it with, any other student. **YOU SHOULD NOT** ask or seek to look at anybody else's work.

If you use material from any other source such as textbooks, lecture notes or the web, then you should reference it explicitly at the relevant point. Your supervisor can give you guidance on proper referencing, or for more guidance see

<https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/guidance/skills> and
<http://www.cs.ox.ac.uk/files/3161/Referencing.pdf>

There is also an online course on WebLearn, a link to which can be found at: <https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/guidance/skills/plagiarism>, which provides an overview of plagiarism and the issues surrounding it, and will be beneficial for you to take.