

MSc Welcome Meeting

School of Mathematics

University of Leeds

21 September 2011

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- *Representation — Volunteers needed*

- ▶ Staff-student forum: issues regarding taught provision
- ▶ Staff-postgraduate committee: PG concerns

Plan for today

- 10.00 - 10.30 — Tour of School of Mathematics (optional)
- 10.45 - 11.00 — Arrival and issue of welcome pack
- 11.00 - 11.30 — Welcome to the School of Mathematics
- 11.30 - 13.00 — Discuss module choice with programme managers
- 14.00pm to 16.00 — see Iwona Malinowska (room 8.19c) to
 - ▶ obtain your swipe card for entry into key areas of the School (£20 deposit)
 - ▶ obtain your School of Mathematics computer username & temporary password

All you need to know

See the handbook

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Taught Postgraduate Student Handbook

Or www.maths.leeds.ac.uk/school/students/msc.html

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- *Structure:*

- ▶ 120 taught credits over semesters 1 (Sep-Jan) and 2 (Jan-May).
Broken down into 10, 15, or 20 credit modules.
Assessed by coursework and/or examinations.
- ▶ 60 credit project over the summer.
Assessed by a written dissertation and oral exam.
More details closer to the time.

Module choice (handbook section 6)

- See your programme documentation for the modules available on each MSc programme.
- Aim for about 60 credits in each semester.
- Choose modules at levels 3 (MATH3xyz) or 5 (MATH5xyzM).
- You must pass at least 135 credits at level 5 (including project).
So if you only take 135 level 5 credits you have to pass them all.
- There is a chance to change module choice in the first few weeks of each semester

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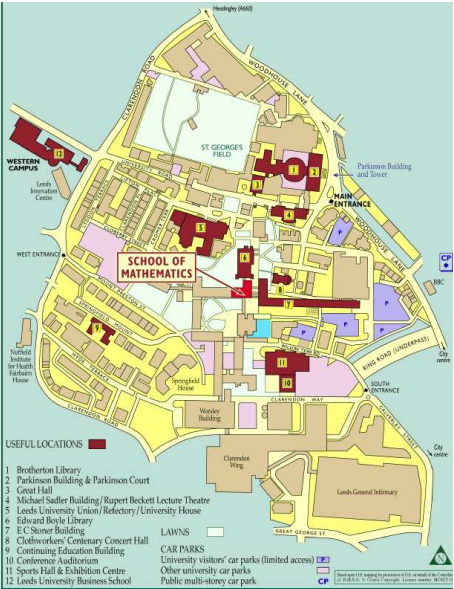
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Places



Library

- Several branches — mainly use Edward Boyle library
- Study space, computer clusters (and books!)
- www.leeds.ac.uk/library — search catalogue, check your records, look up opening times, access e-books and e-journals
- Borrow up to 25 items (standard - 3 months; 7 day or 4 hours on high-demand)
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- skills at library: skills.library.ac.uk

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- Ask if you have questions
 - ▶ Lecturers — for information about specific courses
 - ▶ Personal tutor — general progress
 - ▶ Library — expect to need to do extra reading
 - ▶ Student office, programme manager — administration

And finally ...

Good luck! Any questions?