

## Get ready for BSc(Hons) Business Computing

We hope that you are enjoying your summer and are looking forward to starting at UWE Bristol. As your Programme Leader, I warmly welcome you to study BSc (Hons) Business Computing at UWE Bristol. The department's staff and students always make newcomers welcome, and we look forward to working with you throughout your time at UWE Bristol. Our program is evolving and going through some exciting changes to make your degree even more relevant to the current job market and industry needs. We are ensuring that the skills you develop will be highly valuable and in-demand. Our goal is to equip you with an education that will give you a competitive edge and set you up for success in your chosen career path.



Ronke Eyitayo Programme Leader

### **Before you start**

We are looking forward to welcoming you in the week commencing 15 September for Starting Block and the beginning of your programme.

Starting Block will help you settle into university and to help you get to know your teaching team and course mates. We will help you find your way around, get used to our systems, and practise the skills you need to make a strong start. Look out for further emails and explore the <u>Starting Block website</u> with more details.

Your <u>timetable</u> will be available to you via MYUWE (login required) once you have started the registration process. Please visit the <u>'Understanding your teaching timetable</u>' website to find out when your timetable will be published.

#### **Preparing and arrival**

You can find everything you need to know about registration, Starting Block and the start of teaching, on our <u>Preparing and Arrival</u> webpage. Take a look at our website to familiarise yourself with our facilities and services such as the <u>library</u>, <u>study skills</u>, <u>academic support</u>, <u>health and wellbeing support</u> and much more.

You can also explore our support for careers and enterprise. <u>UWE Careers & Enterprise</u> provide a range of workshops, appointments and a huge range of online resources to support students in realising their future ambitions. The <u>Careers Toolkit</u> is our online portal to finding vacancies, booking onto events and accessing a range of resources.

#### Registration

Once you have satisfied all admissions requirements, we'll send you your login details for our IT systems to enable you to activate your university email account. Once your account has been activated, you'll gain access to the <u>MYUWE</u> platform where you can register. Note that your login details for MYUWE are different to those used for the UWE Welcome website. Registration for September programmes will only be open from August onwards. You can find guidance and further information on our <u>Registration</u> website.

#### ID card - upload your photo now

We can only print your ID card if you have added your photo to <u>MYUWE</u>. To avoid delays, upload your photo as soon as you receive login details. For help, go to our <u>student card</u> <u>guidance</u>.

# Engage with your programme

#### To find out more about the programme and future careers check the link

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#### Start your learning.

As an introduction, the programme will expose you to skills and competencies required in business strategy, technology, and analytical thinking to address the growing demand for data-driven decision-making in organisations.

We don't assume that you can understand concepts or can already code, but it can be rewarding if you can use your summer to get a head-start.

Here are some recommended activities and resources you can explore:

- Practice using productivity software like Microsoft Office, Google Suite, etc. Develop proficiency in tools like Word, Excel, PowerPoint.
- Complete introductory programming courses on platforms like Codecademy, Coursera, or edX. Focus on languages like Python and Java.
- Explore data analysis by working through tutorials on spreadsheets, SQL, and data visualisation tools.
- Read business publications (The Wall Street Journal, Harvard Business Review, etc.) to build awareness of industry trends and business fundamentals.

## **Be prepared**

#### Access support

Check the information on our <u>Disability web pages</u> so you know what you need to do. If you need any urgent additional mobility or other support to fully access all activities during your studies, contact me as your programme leader.

#### **Get equipped**

The University has computers on all our campuses for you to use during your studies. These provide access to our core digital learning tools and any specialist software required for your course. You may have scheduled sessions in computer labs or other specialist facilities, and you will be able to use open-access PCs for self-study.

UWE Bristol licenses many specialist software packages for use on personal laptops for the duration of your course. If you're struggling to meet the financial demands of your course, please contact the <u>Student Money Service</u> team for advice and guidance.

You may be considering buying a new computer for your studies, and your choice will depend on many factors, including your budget. See the UWE website for detailed information on <u>choosing your IT equipment</u> including <u>recommended specifications</u>. If you already have a laptop with a reasonable spec, my advice is not to rush to purchase before you join UWE and have a chance to try out your existing machine with our systems.

#### **International students**

<u>The Global Student Support Team</u> offer information and advice to ensure you receive all the support you need to get the best from your time at UWE Bristol. They are here to help you to settle in when you first arrive at UWE Bristol and organise social events to help you to adapt to your new environment.

### Who to contact if you have questions

For any questions about the programme, please contact the **programme leader** <u>Ronke.Eyitayo@uwe.ac.uk</u>

Please note: this information has been provided on the assumption that you will meet the conditions of your offer and be eligible to take up your place.

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