

Information for 400-level CSSE students in 2016

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This document is intended for students of the following postgraduate qualifications:

- * Honours degree
- * Postgraduate diploma
- * Master's degree (part I)

Meeting

There will be a meeting for all 400-level students at 11.30am on Monday Feb 22nd in Erskine room 242. This meeting gives important information about the year. All 400-level students should attend.

Before courses start

- * Check timetables at <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/theuni/timetable/>.
- * Read the survival course handout and note dates listed in that document. It is available at <http://www.csse.canterbury.ac.nz/teaching/4thyear/>.
- * Honours students: ask academic staff about research projects they can supervise.
- * See administrators for arranging a seat in the 400-level student rooms. Honours students working on projects will normally be allocated a desk and a computer. Students enrolled for papers only will be allocated to a lab with shared machines. Please note that this is a privilege and is provided to help you study efficiently.
- * Search for scholarships at <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships/> soon so you don't miss out.

Survival Course

The 'survival course' is a series of lectures that will help you master the tools you need to successfully complete the year. Topics include the department's computer systems, searching for information in library and online resources, writing and presentation techniques and time management. See <http://www.csse.canterbury.ac.nz/teaching/4thyear/> for details. Participation in the survival course is expected from all 400-level students and will be recorded. Students who fail to participate will be invited to explain why to the Head of Department.

Departmental Seminars

All postgraduate students are expected to attend all departmental seminars and generally participate in the social life of the department, exchanging and discussing ideas with other students and staff. If you are unable to attend a scheduled seminar in a particular week, it is appropriate to email an apology to the supervisor of your project or thesis and to the seminar organiser (Dr Dong Seong Kim). In borderline cases students' seminar attendance and general contribution to the department may influence their final assessment.