

Undergraduate Taught Programmes

Welcome week 05th to 09th January 2026

INDUCTION SCHEDULE

January 2026

School of Mathematics and Computer Sciences (MACS)

Programmes:

- BSc Computer Science
- BSc Computer Systems

The information overleaf provides the Programme schedule, including other details of the various events and student activities held during the Welcome Week.

The induction sites are available through [Canvas](#) – here you will find a comprehensive overview of information relating to your programme and campus information. You can access Canvas by going to your [student portal](#) and clicking on the Canvas VLE tile.

Please check the website regularly for the most updated version of the schedule as it may be subject to change. The Programme published here is based on the best available information at the time of printing and is subject to changes. Therefore, please ensure you check back regularly to see any updates.


For assistance, please log into your student portal and log an enquiry through “[AskHWU](#)” for the fastest response.

[Induction Schedule](#)

Below is your induction schedule for your programme, student council activities and also support services available to you throughout your time studying with us.

Where a room number is provided, the expectation is that you attend the session in person. If through unavoidable circumstances you are unable to attend, please join via the link and contact your [Programme Director](#).

Undergraduate Programme Academic Induction				
Date/Day	Time	Activity	Academic Lead	Room
Monday 5 th January 2026	8:45 – 9:00AM	Arrival at Herriot Watt University Dubai Campus		
	9:00 - 9.15 AM	Welcome & Introduction by Head of School	Professor John Woodward MACS Head of School 	Classroom 5.09
	9:15 - 10.15 AM	MACS Introduction session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What to expect • Programme Structure/Course registration • About Personal Tutors • Timetable • Assessment & Progression • Globally Connected Learning 	Talal Shaikh Programme Director of Studies – UG 	
	10:15 - 10:30 AM	Meet your Programme team and key staff	Hind Zantout Deputy Academic Head  Talal Shaikh Programme Director of Studies – UG  Fadi Alhaddadin Programme Director of Studies BSc Computer Systems  Mahmoud Mousa Programme Director of Studies BSc Computer Science  Esraa Khatab Year 1 (Jan Intake) Coordinator & Induction Coordinator 	

	10:30 - 10:40 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Word Cloud Activity Familiarity with University Terminologies 	UG Teaching Staff	Classroom 5.09
	10:40 - 11:15 AM	Getting to know each other – Emoji Decode (Group Activity) <i>Group students in pairs of 4-5 and ask them to introduce themselves to the group: preferred name, birth country, residence country, previous studies, why the choice of becoming a HW student in MACS</i>	Esraa Khatab	
	11:15- 11:45 AM	Academic Integrity	Ali Muzaffar Global Discipline and Academic Integrity Officer 	
	11:45AM- 12:00 PM	MACS School Officer Introduction	 Shibu Aditya	
	12:00 - 12:10 PM	Math Gym	 Adrian Turcanu	
	12:10 - 1:00 PM	LUNCH BREAK		
Programme Specific Session				
	1:00 - 2:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How we communicate with you HW Student Portal How to find your timetable Email – importance of checking it regularly. 	Esraa Khatab CS Year 1 Jan Intake Coordinator	Classroom 5.09

	1:00 - 2:00 PM	<p>Introducing Year 1 Jan Semester Courses</p> <p>Computer Science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web Design and Databases (<i>Azher Uddin/ Salma Smaeer Zalkha</i>) • Software Development 1 (<i>Heba El Shimy</i>) • Discrete Mathematics (<i>Adrian Turcanu</i>) • Intro to Computer Systems (<i>Fadi Alhaddadin /Heba Elshimy</i>) 	<p>Esraa Khatab CS Year 1 Jan Intake Coordinator</p>	Classroom 5.09
	1:00 - 2:00 PM	<p>Introducing Year 1 Jan Semester Courses</p> <p>Computer Systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web Design and Databases (<i>Azher Uddin / Salma Smaeer Zalkha</i>) • Software Development 1 (<i>Heba El Shimy</i>) • Intro to Computer Systems (<i>Fadi Alhaddadin /Heba Elshimy</i>) <p>Optionals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discrete Mathematics (<i>Adrian Turcanu</i>) • Becoming a Professional (<i>Tracie Scott</i>) 	<p>Esraa Khatab CS Year 1 Jan Intake Coordinator</p>	Classroom 5.09

WELCOME

WEEK 2026

JANUARY 5 - JANUARY 9



Monday, January 5

UG Programme Induction

9AM-1PM

- Global College Dubai
- Energy, Geoscience, Infrastructure and Society
- Engineering and Physical Sciences
- Mathematical and Computer Sciences

Welcome to HW (All UG)

2PM-3PM @ Room No. 2.09/2.14

Health & Safety Briefing

3PM-4PM @ Room No. 2.04

International Students Support Drop in

3PM-4PM @ First floor, Student services centre

Student Council Treasure Hunt

4PM-5PM @ First Floor Cafe

We are HW Graduates (PG)

5PM-6PM @ First Floor Cafe, 1.57

Watt Club Drop-In

5PM-6PM @ First Floor Cafe, 1.57

Welcome to HW (PG)

6PM-7PM @ Room No. 2.09/2.14

PG Programme Induction

7:00PM-9PM

- Energy, Geoscience, Infrastructure and Society
- Engineering and Physical Sciences

Tuesday, January 6

UG Programme Induction

9AM-1PM

- School of Social Sciences
- Textiles & Design

Welcome to HW (All UG)

2PM-3PM @ Room No. 2.09/2.14

Health & Safety Briefing

3PM-4PM @ Room No. 2.04

International Students Support Drop in

3PM - 4PM @ First floor, Student services centre

Student Council Treasure Hunt

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5PM-6PM @ First Floor Cafe, 1.57

Watt Club Drop-In

5PM-6PM @ First Floor Cafe, 1.57

Welcome to HW (PG)

6PM-7PM @ Room No. 2.09/2.14

PG Programme Induction

7:00PM-9PM

- Mathematical and Computer Sciences
- School of Social Sciences
- Textiles & Design

Wednesday, January 7

We are HW Graduates (for all UG)

12PM-1PM @ Room No. 1.57

New to Dubai

1PM-2PM @ Room No. 1.49

Student Life Fair UG & PG

2PM-6PM @ Room No. 5.09

Introduction to Library & Academic Support

3PM-4PM @ Classroom No. 2.44

Introduction to Library & Academic Support

5:30PM-6:30PM @ Classroom No. 2.44

Thursday, January 8

Scrapbooking for Wellness and Success

10PM-12PM @ Room No. 1.29

Meet the Big Buds

12PM-1PM @ Room 5.09

Careers Drop In (UG)

1PM-2PM @ Careers Centre

Determination Drop In

1PM-2PM @ Wellbeing Area Room

New to Dubai

1PM-2PM @ Room No. 1.49

Introduction to Careers & GradFutures

5PM-6PM @ Careers Centre

Careers Drop In (PG)

6PM-8PM @ Careers Centre



Enrolment support

Student ID Card Collection

Monday to Friday: 9:30AM-4:30PM @ Room No. 1.54

Enrolment/course registration

Monday to Friday: 9:30AM-4:30PM @ Room No. 1.54



Stay in Touch

