UG1

In general, INF1 appears to be running smoothly.
- Thanks to some negotiation with College we have a reduced intake this year which has been very good.
- However, numbers are significantly up (to 130) for INF-CP.
- There was some frustration over the uncertainty about whether IS would be able to provide a usable discussion forum or not. In the end, this was not available and INF1-FP is using the external Piazza services (as is INF1-OP).
- Demand for the lecture videos appears to have increased this year. We should ensure that these are maintained as well as possible.

-Paul Anderson

UG2

Everything seems to be going smoothly so far in year 2. The year reps said that some students do not like the late afternoon lectures, but this seems unlikely to be able to change due to other constraints.

-Sharon Goldwater

UG3

Nothing major to report other than the known issues (cancellation of SELP, change in schedule of a couple of course

-Vijay Nagarajan

UG4

The semester got off to a slightly confusing start as TTSDS was cancelled at the very last minute. After that students found alternatives for the 10 points and the semester has started fairly well. The extra numbers on the MSc have caused some hiccups with HCI tutorials, and also mean that the number of cluster nodes for EXC are no longer sufficient. Also there have been some problems with some very-recent DICE upgrades causing intermittent problems for some of the MLP software. These problems are getting sorted out in discussion with the DoT (and in a couple of cases, with Computing Support).

-Mary Cryan

MSc

+ Maths abilities of incoming MSc students.
  A few of the students coming in have very weak maths abilities. In one case a student told me he hadn’t taken maths courses since high school. These students will really struggle with many of our courses. In one case a lecturer has prepared some overview sheets for pre-requisite maths. Also I
have polled the students asking who could do with extra support. We will arrange some tutor support for those who replied (currently 5). Should we be admitting such students in future?

+ Start of semester disruptions:
  - MSc Personal Tutors - At the start of Week 0, we didn't have enough MSc Personal Tutor recruited to handle the number of students coming in. Fortunately extra PTs were eventually recruited, but the consequence of this last minute recruitment was that a number of MSc students didn't meet their PT until well into Week 1.
  - Course semester change and cancellation - OS was moved to Semester 2 from Semester 1 and TTSDS was cancelled at the last minute. Students and PTs were not aware of these changes when they were first making their choice of courses. What could be done to make such disruptions less likely in future?

- Paul Jackson