



UNIVERSITY OF MALTA
FACULTY OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY
OCTOBER 2026 INTAKE

FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

A BIG welcome to all our students! 🎓 💻 😊 We're delighted to have you with us and wish you an exciting, successful and rewarding academic year ahead.

Dean: Professor Carl Debono (Academic Matters)

Senior Manager: Ms Nathalie Cauchi (Administrative Matters)

DEPARTMENTS AND COURSES

The **Faculty of Information and Communication Technology (ICT)** consists of five Departments and offers the below courses:

Department of Artificial Intelligence

Head of Department:

Professor Matthew Montebello

Department Administrators:

Ms Ancy Nusaifa and Ms Rakelle Portelli

Courses:

B.Sc. IT (Hons) in Artificial Intelligence

M.Sc. in Artificial Intelligence – Ft & Pt

Department of Communications and Computer Engineering

Head of Department:

Professor Saviour Zammit

Department Administrator:

Mr Elton Mamo

Courses:

B.Sc. (Hons) in Computer Engineering

M.Sc. in Telecommunications Engineering – Ft & Pt

M.Sc. in Signal Processing and Machine Learning - Ft

Department of Computer Science

Head of Department:

Dr Sandro Spina

Department Administrator:

Ms Gianuaria Crugliano

Course:

B.Sc. IT (Hons) in Computing Science

Department of Information Systems

Head of Department:

Professor Ernest Cachia

Department Administrators:

Ms Joanna Kawecka and Ms Lilian Farrugia

Courses:

B.Sc. IT (Hons) in Information Systems

B.Sc. IT (Hons) in Software Development

M.Sc. in Information Systems – Ft & Pt

Department of Microelectronics and Nanoelectronics

Head of Department:

Professor Nicholas Sammut

Department Administrator:

Ms Emilia de Martino

Courses:

M.Sc. in Microelectronics and Microsystems – Ft & Pt

M.Sc. in ICT (Microelectronics and Microsystems) – Ft & Pt

General Faculty Courses

The following courses are administered at Faculty level:

- **Certificate in ICT Foundation Studies** – Administrator: Mr Elton Mamo
- **M.Sc. in Digital Health – Ft & Pt** – Administrator: Ms Joanna Kawecka
- **M.Sc. in Data Science** – Administrator: Ms Emilia de Martino
- **M.Sc. in Cybersecurity** – Administrator: Ms Gianuaria Crugliano
- **M.Sc. in ICT (By Research)** – Administrator: Mr Elton Mamo

1. GENERAL AND COURSE REGULATIONS

Please read the regulations governing the course carefully: the *General Regulations for University Undergraduate Awards, 2019*, the *General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2021* and the *University Assessment Regulations, 2009* and the *Bye-laws for the course* available from:

General Undergraduate Regulations: [Link](#)

General Postgraduate Regulations: [Link](#)

Course Bye-laws: [Link](#)

2. ATTENDANCE - LECTURES/LAB SESSIONS/TUTORIALS

Attendance to lectures is **obligatory**. Lecturers may bar a student from sitting for the assessment of a particular study-unit, if attendance is not satisfactory. Students who absent themselves from lectures should send an email with a justified reason for absence to the lecturer concerned. In case of illness, a medical certificate must be submitted to the Faculty Office, on ict@um.edu.mt for record purposes.

3. UM ACCOUNT, COURSE ENROLMENT AND EMAILS

All students should receive information together with their **acceptance letter** on how to activate their **University of Malta (UM) email account**.

Once activated, your UM account will allow you to access **eSIMS**, where you will be able to:

- enrol for your course;
- view your study-unit registrations;
- view your results; and
- access other important information relating to your studies.

Please note that **online enrolment for all students will take place between 5 and 26 October 2026**.

Students are expected to **check their UM email account daily**, as important information and notices will be communicated on this email throughout the academic year. When contacting any member of University staff, students should **always use their UM email account and NOT a personal email address**.

To help us identify your records and respond to your query efficiently, please always include the following information in your correspondence:

- **Full Name**
- **Course and Year of Study**
- **University ID/Student Number**

Students are responsible for regularly checking their UM email and eSIMS accounts and for taking any necessary action within the stipulated deadlines.

4. REGISTRATION FOR STUDY-UNITS

Registration for courses consisting **solely of compulsory study-units** will be carried out automatically by the **SIMS Office**, unless students are informed otherwise. Students enrolled in courses that include **elective study-units** will be required to register for these study-units **online/manually between 8 and 13 October 2026**. The same registration period applies to students who wish to register for any **extra study-units in English and/or Degree Plus study-units**. Please note that it is **the student's responsibility** to ensure that they are correctly registered for the required number of ECTS credits each academic year:

- **Full-time courses:** 60 ECTS
- **Part-time courses:** 30 ECTS

All students are strongly encouraged to check their study-unit registrations through their **eSIMS account** and ensure that their registration is complete and correct.

5. COMMENCEMENT OF LECTURES

Lectures for first year students will commence on **Thursday 8 October 2026, or as otherwise indicated on the timetable**.

6. TIMETABLES

The University of Malta uses a central **timetabling and scheduling system**. The system provides students with a **personal timetable based on the study-units for which they are registered**.

Once you have activated your **UM email account**, you can access your personal timetable through the University's timetabling platform: [Link](#)

First-year students who have not yet activated their UM account, as well as **Visiting and Auditing students**, may still access timetable information by following the guidance available here: [Link](#)

Students who have any queries or encounter difficulties with their timetable should contact their **Departmental Administrator**, who will provide the necessary guidance. Contact details for Departmental Administrators are available here: [Link](#)

7. ADD/DROP PERIOD

The **Add/Drop Study-Units** facility will be available through your **eSIMS** portal **from 28 September to 14:00hrs of 19 October 2026**. Students may **add a maximum of two study-units and drop a maximum of two study-units**. Please note that you will only be permitted to submit **one Add/Drop request**. Once the request has been submitted, the Add/Drop option will no longer be available on your eSIMS portal. You are therefore advised to carefully check your selections before submitting your request.

Applications submitted after **19 October 2026** will only be considered in **exceptional circumstances**, which are beyond the student's control. Students are required to contact the Faculty Office on ict@um.edu.mt, should the need arise.

8. VERIFICATION OF ORIGINAL CERTIFICATES

Some students may be requested to present the **original copies of their certificates for verification**. Students who are required to do so will be **contacted individually by email** and provided with further instructions.

Certificate verification will take place at the **Faculty Main Office, Room 10, Level 1, Block A**, between **Monday, 26 October and Friday, 30 October 2026**.

All original certificates will be **returned immediately after verification**.

Please note that **students holding overseas qualifications; students admitted under the Maturity Clause or RPL; or students who obtained the Matsec Certificate** are excluded from this exercise.

9. HEALTH AND SAFETY FORM AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY DECLARATION

All students are required to **read, complete and sign** the following forms, which are available from the Faculty of ICT website:

- **Health and Safety Form:** [Link](#)
- **Waiver of Liability Declaration Form:** [Link](#)

Both forms should be **printed, duly completed and submitted in person by Wednesday, 28 October 2026** at the **Faculty Main Office, Room 10 (Kelsie Mallia/Jessica Alamango de Domenico)**.

A designated box will be available at the Faculty Main Office for the submission of these forms. Students will also be required to **sign the submission sheet** as confirmation that both forms have been submitted.

Please ensure that **both forms are submitted by the stipulated deadline**. Failure to do so, may result in withdrawal from the course.

10. ASSIGNMENTS/PROJECTS AND OTHERS

Students are expected to **respect and adhere to all submission deadlines** for assignments, projects and other assessment components.

If, for a valid reason, you anticipate that you will be unable to meet a submission deadline, you must contact the **academic member/s of staff responsible for the study-unit before the deadline**, copying the **Department administrator**, explaining the circumstances and providing a valid justification. Failure to do so may result in a **0-F mark** being awarded for the relevant assessment component.

Academic members of staff will normally provide details relating to assignments and other assessments, including **titles, requirements and submission deadlines**, through the **VLE**. Students are therefore expected to check the VLE regularly and familiarise themselves with the assessment requirements of each study-unit.

Students should also ensure that they know the **name and surname of the academic member/s of staff responsible for each study-unit**, so that they can contact the appropriate person should any queries or difficulties arise.

11. ABSENTEEISM FOR LECTURES/EXAMINATIONS OWING TO PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL GAMES AND COMPETITIONS

Students registered under the **Student-Athlete Support Programme (SASP)** who require exemption, arrangements for lectures and/or examinations due to sport commitments are required to read, and complete the relevant **SASP Exemption Form**. [Link](#).

The **SASP Sport Mentor for the Faculty of ICT is Professor Adrian Francalanza**, who may be contacted at adrian.francalanza@um.edu.mt. Professor Francalanza should be the **first point of contact** for student-athletes experiencing any academic or administrative issues related to their sporting commitments throughout their course of studies. These may include, amongst others, **clashes between international competitions and examinations, clashes between lectures and training sessions, workload distribution and time management**.

12. WITHDRAWALS

Just as the University formally issues a **letter of acceptance** to successful applicants admitted to a course, any decision to **withdraw from a programme must also be formally communicated to the University**.

Students who wish to withdraw are required to first seek academic advice from their Head of Department and then if necessary, complete the **Withdrawal Request Form**, available from the Faculty of ICT: [Link](#)

The completed form should be submitted by email to the **Faculty Office** at ict@um.edu.mt, copying the relevant **Departmental Administrator**. Please note that simply informing a lecturer or ceasing to attend lectures **does not constitute a formal withdrawal**. Students should ensure that the appropriate withdrawal procedure is completed.

13. STUDENT QUERIES

Any queries or concerns arising during the academic year should be raised **as soon as possible** with the appropriate person, depending on the nature of the matter. Students may contact the **lecturer concerned, Head of Department, Department Administrator, Dean or Senior Manager** for assistance. Students may also raise queries or concerns through their **Student Representative on the Board of Study** or through **ICTSA (Information and Communication Technology Students' Association)**. Students are encouraged to seek assistance promptly rather than allowing an academic or administrative issue to remain unresolved.

14. PLAGIARISM

Plagiarism is a serious academic offence, and the University of Malta takes any form of **plagiarism, collusion or other misconduct very seriously**. All students are expected to familiarise themselves with the University's rules and guidance on academic integrity and, in particular, to consult the following documents:

- [University Guidelines on Plagiarism](#)
- [How to Avoid Plagiarism](#)
- [Plagiarism Screening Policy for Dissertations and Theses](#)

Students found guilty of plagiarism or other forms of misconduct may face **serious disciplinary consequences** in accordance with University regulations and procedures. Students are therefore strongly encouraged to understand what constitutes plagiarism and how to correctly acknowledge and reference the work of others.

The relevant guidance and resources are available at: [Link](#)

We wish you **every success in your studies** and hope that your time at the **University of Malta and the Faculty of ICT** will be a rewarding, enriching and memorable experience. We look forward to supporting you throughout your academic journey 😊

Nathalie Cauchi
Senior Manager,
Faculty of ICT

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