

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: COMPUTER ARCHITECTURE AND CONFIGURATION  
Status: Definitive  
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Owning School/Faculty: Electronics and Electrical Engineering  
Teaching School/Faculty: Electronics and Electrical Engineering

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ4      **Credit Value:** 12      **Total Delivered Hours:** 48  
**Total Learning Hours:** 120      **Private Study:** 72

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	12
Practical	36

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	Practical - PC rebuild, PAT test and join existing network	30	
Essay	AS2	Class test - computer network theory	30	
Essay	AS3	Report – Case Study – technical requirements analysis	40	

### Aims

*To give an explanation and practical grounding, in the construction and configuration of simple computer hardware, peripherals and networks.*

## Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Describe how data and code are represented in a computer system and manipulate the various numbers bases that are used, how instructions are executed in a fetch decode execute cycle and describe microprocessor I/O and data transfer.
- 2 Recognise and construct component parts of a typical computer system and a simple Ethernet Network.
- 3 Load and configure a typical Windows Operating System, and attach a range of peripherals including legacy devices.
- 4 Demonstrate a basic theoretical and practical knowledge of hardware and operating system software and simple networking, its administration and technical requirements

## Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

CW	2	3	4
CW	1	4	
CW	2	4	

## Outline Syllabus

*Review of Number Systems.*

*The fundamental components of a microcomputer system*

*Introduction to a typical microprocessor architecture*

*Memory Sub-systems*

*Microprocessor I/O*

*Peripheral Devices*

*Interfacing and data transfer*

*Processors and memory*

*Data handling : storage and communication*

*Hardware configuration*

*Peripheral selection and connection.*

*Comparative Operating Systems and O/S basics*

*OSI model basics*

*Network basics : Topologies, Network Connections, Ethernet and the TCP/IP*

*Protocol suite*

*Win 2000+ server (and professional) overview*

*Active directory and account management basics*

*File and Print management basics*

## Learning Activities

Taught theory and Practical

## **Notes**

This module provides a basic introduction to hardware and software configuration and maintenance. It provides a fundamental practical knowledge of computer systems, and basic networks.