MPhil and Part III

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Undertaking a PhD straight from a three-year undergrad is hard

- Three undergrad years is often not enough
  - Theorists need solid mathematical background
  - Systems people need more advanced skills
- Funding is hard to come by
  - Research proposal is important
- Choosing a research area is difficult
- Would like to undertake a PhD?
  - One year course provides an exit strategy
Part III and ACS prepares you for research in academia or industry

- A “year 0” of a PhD programme
- A modular structure:
  - Lecture series
  - Reading groups
  - Practical course
  - Research essay or research project
- Need a first-class honours degree in CS
Course format

• MPhil requires 12 modules of work
  – Essay option: 9 modules + research essay
  – Project option: 6 modules + research project

• Part III requires 9 modules of work
  – 6 modules + research essay