



The University of Southern Queensland

Course specification

Description: Bachelor of Information Technology (Honours) Dissertation Part A						
Subject	Cat-nbr	Class	Term	Mode	Units	Campus
CIS	4002	40568	1, 2005	ONC	1.00	Toowoomba

Academic group:	FOBUS
Academic org:	FOB005
Student contribution band:	2
ASCED code:	020399

STAFFING

Examiner: Charmaine Ryan

Moderator: Dave Roberts

REQUISITES

Pre-requisite: MGT8401

RATIONALE

Research skills, once the prerogative of academics and a few specialist professionals, are now increasingly useful for managers generally. Consequently, this course, by requiring students to complete a substantial research dissertation, provides basic training and research experience to meet the needs of both business and higher level research studies (eg PhD).

SYNOPSIS

The Bachelor of Information Technology (Honours) degree serves to foster a research ethos and provides opportunities for motivated and high-achieving students to undertake advanced study in information systems and to produce substantial research dissertations. While the discipline-related coursework courses enable students to gain a thorough understanding of the relevant theoretical frameworks, the dissertation component provides students with the opportunity to undertake independent critical research in information systems resulting in the production of a substantial research dissertation (maximum of 25,000 words). Each candidate for the dissertation is required to submit a research proposal for approval and endorsement prior to the commencement of research. By completing the required research methods course, and by working under the guidance of a supervisor during the course of the dissertation, a student should successfully acquire the appropriate research skills which will allow him/ her to undertake research oriented careers and/or doctoral level studies.

TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED

ALL textbooks and materials are available for purchase from USQ BOOKSHOP (unless otherwise stated). Orders may be placed via secure internet, free fax 1800642453, phone 07

46312742 (within Australia), or mail. Overseas students should fax +61 7 46311743, or phone +61 7 46312742. For costs, further details, and internet ordering, use the 'Textbook Search' facility at <http://bookshop.usq.edu.au> click 'Semester', then enter your 'Course Code' (no spaces).

Summers, J & Smith, B 2004, *Communication skills handbook: how to succeed in written and oral communication*, John Wiley & Sons, Milton, Queensland.

(revised & updated edition)

REFERENCE MATERIALS

Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.

Existing theses in USQ and other libraries may be consulted.

2002, *The style manual for authors, editors and printers*, 6th edn, Wiley, Australia.

Cooper, DR & Schindler, PS 2003, *Business research methods*, 8th edn, Irwin/McGraw-Hill, Boston, Massachusetts.

Davis, D 2000, *Business research for decision making*, 5th edn, Duxbury Press, Pacific Grove. (ISBN: 0321049802)

Lester, JD 1999, *Writing research papers - a complete guide*, 9th edn, Longman, New York. (ISBN: 0321049802)

Lewing, F 1993, *Writing a thesis, a guide to its nature and organisation*, 4th edn, Australian National University, Canberra.

Roget, PM 1988, *Roget's thesaurus of English words and phrases*, Penguin, London.

Zikmund, WG 2003, *Business research methods*, 7th edn, Thomson/South-Western, Cincinnati, Ohio.

STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

ACTIVITY	HOURS
Directed Study	165.00

ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Description	Marks out of	Wtg(%)	Due date
THESIS	1.00	100.00	01 Mar 2005 (see note 1)

NOTES

1. The Supervisor will advise the submission date.

IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

- 1 Attendance requirements:

It is the students' responsibility to attend and participate appropriately in all activities (such as lectures, tutorials, laboratories and practical work) scheduled for them, and to study all material provided to them or required to be accessed by them to maximise their chance of meeting the objectives of the course and to be informed of course-related

activities and administration. If you are an international student in Australia you are advised to attend all classes at your campus. Failure to attend may infringe the conditions of your student visa.

- 2 Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
Not applicable.
- 3 Penalties for late submission of required work:
Not applicable.
- 4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
To obtain a final grade for the dissertation, students must obtain a Satisfactory Progress (SP) for all three courses: CIS4002, CIS4003 and CIS4004, and the dissertation must be certified by two Examiners as satisfactory for the award of the degree of Bachelor of Information Technology (Honours). Depending on progress, a grade of Satisfactory Progress (SP) or Result Not Available (RN) will be awarded in this course. Upon receipt of a grade of Satisfactory Progress (SP) for this first course, students must enrol in the second course CIS4003 BIT (Hons) Dissertation Part B to continue their dissertation.
- 5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
Upon successful completion of all three courses, the student's final grade for the dissertation will be based on the reports of the two Examiners. A grade of HD, A, B, C or F will be awarded and this will be recorded in CIS4002.
- 6 Examination information:
There is no examination in this course.
- 7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
Not applicable.
- 8 University Regulations:
Students should read USQ Regulations 5.1 Definitions, 5.6. Assessment, and 5.10 Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might contravene University Regulations. These regulations can be found at the URL <http://www.usq.edu.au/corporateservices/calendar/part5.htm>. Students should also read the Faculty of Business Guide to Policies and Procedures of the Faculty which can be found at the URL <http://www.usq.edu.au/handbook/current/buspolproc.html>.