



The University of Southern Queensland

Course specification

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Description: Independent Studies in Computing/Mathematics/Statistics A

Subject	Cat-nbr	Class	Term	Mode	Units	Campus
CSC	8410	86624	1, 2009	ONC	1.00	Toowoomba

Academic group:	FOSCI
Academic org:	FOS003
Student contribution band:	2
ASCED code:	020199

STAFFING

Examiner: Hua Wang
Moderator: Richard Watson

REQUISITES

Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BINH or GCAC or GCPC or GDAC or GDPC or MCOP or MPIT or MPCP or MSMS or MSBN

OTHER REQUISITES

Postgraduate Coordinator's approval is required before enrolment in this course.

RATIONALE

This course exists to satisfy the need for greater flexibility in Masters Programs in Computing, Mathematics and Statistics to cater for the widely varying interests and chosen specialisations of students.

SYNOPSIS

The course provides the opportunity for a student to pursue an area of study that will complement the other studies in the student's program. Typically, the course will consist of specialised investigations extending knowledge and skills in a certain area. The studies could involve, for example, directed readings, extension of a project (where appropriate), or some other approved activity which would complement the student's studies in the program. It is also envisaged that this course could offer an expanded version of an existing course already offered at Level 4. Enrolment in this course is only available to students in Masters and some other Postgraduate programs and such enrolment requires the permission of the Department Postgraduate and Research Coordinator. Students must discuss their enrolment in this course with their Program Coordinator before enrolling.

OBJECTIVES

On completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. demonstrate and apply knowledge and skills in the selected study area (Approved Assessment Program).

TOPICS

Description	Weighting (%)
1. No specific topics can be listed as the content of the course may vary from student to student. Assessment for the course will also vary according to the nature of the study undertaken by each student. By the end of the third week of semester, the supervisor will provide to the Examiner for approval by the Associate Dean -	100.00
1.1. an outline of the study	
1.2. the objectives of the study	
1.3. the format, timing and weighting of the assessment items for the study	
1.4. a statement about attendance requirements	
1.5. requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily	
1.6. the method to combine assessment results to attain final grade	
1.7. examination information	
1.8. examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held	
1.9. any other requirements deemed necessary by the Examiner.	

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).

To be advised by the student's supervisor.

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.

STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

ACTIVITY	HOURS
Private Study	150.00
Supervisor Consultation	15.00

ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Description	Marks out of	Wtg (%)	Due date
APPROVED ASSESSMENT PROGRAM	100.00	100.00	02 Mar 2009 (see note 1)

NOTES

1. Further details about the assessment requirements are detailed in the Assessment Notes section of the course.

IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

- 1 Attendance requirements:
See Topics Section.
- 2 Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
See Topics Section.
- 3 Penalties for late submission of required work:
If students submit assignments after the due date without (prior) approval of the examiner then a penalty of 5% of the total marks gained by the student for the assignment may apply for each working day late up to ten working days at which time a mark of zero may be recorded. No assignments will be accepted after model answers have been posted.
- 4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
To be assured of receiving a passing grade a student must achieve at least 50% of the total weighted marks available for the course.
- 5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
See Topics Section.
- 6 Examination information:
See Topics Section.
- 7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
See Topics Section.
- 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> or in the current USQ Handbook.

ASSESSMENT NOTES

- 9 The Supervisor will advise the student and the Examiner of the details of the study and the assessment program in writing by the end of week 3 of the semester as in the Topics Section.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- 1 The independent study area chosen will be assigned after consultation with the Examiner and the Program Coordinator. Students may be directed to a certain study, or they may be asked to nominate an appropriate study. The approval of their nominated study will depend on the availability of appropriate staff to supervise the study.
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