



The University of Southern Queensland

Course specification

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Description: Computing Complementary Studies A

Subject	Cat-nbr	Class	Term	Mode	Units	Campus
CSC	8480	86229	1, 2009	ONC	1.00	Toowoomba

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

STAFFING

Examiner: Hua Wang
Moderator: Stijn Dekeyser

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

RATIONALE

This course exists to satisfy need for some flexibility in Honours and Masters programs in Computing to cater for the widely varying interests and chosen specialisations of students. Enrolment in this course is only available to students in Honours, Masters and some other Postgraduate programs and such enrolment requires the permission of the Department Postgraduate and Research Coordinator.

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 the project (where appropriate), or some other approved activity which would complement the student's studies in the program. This course can be combined with CSC4490 to provide the opportunity to undertake a larger project. In this case, the overall structure of the two courses is similar to one course, but twice as long. In such cases, at the discretion of the Supervisor, the research methodology module from CSC4400 may be included in the student's required workload, including assessment items selected from that module by the Supervisor. This course may also be used as an extension of existing undergraduate courses in cases where a student undertaking an Honours or Masters program wishes to undertake studies in this area. In such cases, approval for the proposed studies must be sought from the Department Postgraduate Coordinator.

OBJECTIVES

On completion of this course students will be able to:

1. demonstrate knowledge and skills in the complementary 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 used 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 Information section of the course.

IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

- 1 Attendance requirements:
The complementary study area chosen will be assigned after consultation with the Examiner and the appropriate Program Coordinator. Students may be directed to a certain complementary study, or they may be asked to nominate an appropriate study. It is the student's responsibility to find a staff member willing to supervise their study. It is the student's responsibility 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.
- 2 Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
To be advised when student's Complementary Studies is determined.
- 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.
- 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:
To be advised when student's Complementary Studies is determined.
- 6 Examination information:
To be advised when student's Complementary Studies is determined.
- 7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
To be advised when student's Complementary Studies is determined.

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 TOPICS above.