



The University of Southern Queensland

Course specification

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Description: Computer Engineering

Subject	Cat-nbr	Class	Term	Mode	Units	Campus
ELE	1301	86292	1, 2009	EXT	1.00	Toowoomba

Academic group:	FOENS
Academic org:	FOES04
Student contribution band:	2
ASCED code:	031305

STAFFING

Examiner: Glenn Harris
Moderator: Mark Phythian

SYNOPSIS

This course provides a fundamental understanding of the operation of the digital computer. It includes digital logic fundamentals; number systems; binary arithmetic; computer architecture; bussing: address modes; memory; instruction sets; machine and assembly language programming; analog to digital and digital to analog converters; input/output methods and general interface techniques with practical examples.

OBJECTIVES

The course objectives define the student learning outcomes for a course. The assessment item(s) that may be used to assess student achievement of an objective are shown in parenthesis. On completion of this course, students should be able to:

1. design combinational digital circuits using basic logic elements (assignment 1 and exam);
2. explain the operation of a digital computer (exam);
3. describe the architecture and operation of a typical microprocessor (exam);
4. examine number systems and demonstrate their application in executing computer arithmetic (assignment 2 and exam);
5. interpret addressing modes and instruction sets typical of a microprocessor (assignment 2 and exam);
6. program microprocessors at the assembly language and machine language levels (assignment 2 and exam);
7. explain the operation, and evaluate typical applications, of commercially available analog to digital and digital to analog converters (exam);
8. evaluate the characteristics of memory devices and select the appropriate device for typical applications (exam); and
9. execute peripheral interfacing by using standard components (assignment 2 and exam).

TOPICS

	Description	Weighting (%)
1.	Logic design	20.00
2.	Number systems and computer arithmetic	10.00
3.	CPU architecture and operation	10.00
4.	Instruction sets and addressing modes	10.00
5.	Software design	20.00
6.	Input/output	10.00
7.	Memory and storage	5.00
8.	A/D and D/A converters	5.00
9.	Communications	10.00

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).

Micro-cap8 Circuit Simulation software, demo version (freeware). Available:
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THRSimII Simulation software, version 5.1 Supplied with the study package.
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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.

Miller, GH 2004, *Microcomputer engineering*, 3rd edn, Prentice Hall, New Jersey.

STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

ACTIVITY	HOURS
Assessments	20.00
Directed Study	63.00
Examinations	2.00
Private Study	70.00

ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Description	Marks out of	Wtg (%)	Due date
ASSIGNMENT 1	100.00	10.00	03 Apr 2009
ASSIGNMENT 2	200.00	20.00	05 Jun 2009
PART A OF 2 HOUR CLOSED EXAM	300.00	30.00	END S1 (see note 1)
PART B OF 2 HOUR CLOSED EXAM	400.00	40.00	END S1

NOTES

1. Student Administration will advise students of the dates of their examinations during the semester. The 2 hour examination is in two parts. Part A requires an examination answer sheet. Part B requires an answer booklet.

IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

- 1 Attendance requirements:
There are no attendance requirements for this course. However, it is the students' 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 satisfactorily complete an assessment item a student must achieve at least 50% of the marks or a grade of at least C-. Students do not have to satisfactorily complete each assessment item to be awarded a passing grade in this course. Refer to Statement 4 below for the requirements to receive a passing grade in this course.
- 3 Penalties for late submission of required work:
If students submit assignments after the due date without extenuating circumstances then a penalty of 5% of the assigned mark may apply for each working day late up to a maximum of ten working days at which time a mark of zero can be recorded for that assignment.
- 4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
To be assured of receiving a passing grade in a course a student must obtain at least 50% of the total weighted marks for the course.
- 5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
The final grades for students will be assigned on the basis of the weighted aggregate of the marks (or grades) obtained for each of the summative assessment items in the course.
- 6 Examination information:
In a Closed Examination, candidates are allowed to bring only writing and drawing instruments into the examination.
- 7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
Any Deferred or Supplementary examinations for this course will be held during the examination period at the end of the semester of the next offering of this course.
- 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

- 1 The due date for an assignment is the date by which a student must despatch the assignment to the USQ. The onus is on the student to provide proof of the despatch date, if requested by the Examiner.
- 2 Students must retain a copy of each item submitted for assessment. This must be produced within five days if required by the Examiner.
- 3 In accordance with University's Assignment Extension Policy (Regulation 5.6.1), the examiner of a course may grant an extension of the due date of an assignment in extenuating circumstances.
- 4 The Faculty will NOT accept submission of assignments by facsimile.
- 5 Students who do not have regular access to postal services or who are otherwise disadvantaged by these regulations may be given special consideration. They should contact the examiner of the course to negotiate such special arrangements.
- 6 In the event that a due date for an assignment falls on a local public holiday in their area, such as a Show holiday, the due date for the assignment will be the next day. Students are to note on the assignment cover the date of the public holiday for the Examiner's convenience.
- 7 Students who have undertaken all of the required assessments in a course but who have failed to meet some of the specified objectives of a course within the normally prescribed time may be awarded one of the temporary grades: IM (Incomplete - Make up), IS (Incomplete - Supplementary Examination) or ISM (Incomplete -Supplementary Examination and Make up). A temporary grade will only be awarded when, in the opinion of the examiner, a student will be able to achieve the remaining objectives of the course after a period of non directed personal study.
- 8 Students who, for medical, family/personal, or employment-related reasons, are unable to complete an assignment or to sit for an examination at the scheduled time may apply to defer an assessment in a course. Such a request must be accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation. One of the following temporary grades may be awarded IDS (Incomplete - Deferred Examination; IDM (Incomplete Deferred Make-up); IDB (Incomplete - Both Deferred Examination and Deferred Make-up).
- 9 Students will require access to email and have internet access to USQConnect for this course.