



The University of Southern Queensland

Course specification

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Description: Real Time Systems

Subject	Cat-nbr	Class	Term	Mode	Units	Campus
ELE	3307	90336	2, 2009	ONC	1.00	Toowoomba

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

STAFFING

Examiner: Hong Zhou
Moderator: John Leis

REQUISITES

Pre-requisite: ELE1301 or Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: GCEN or GDET or METC

OTHER REQUISITES

Recommended prior or concurrent study: CSC1401

SYNOPSIS

Many engineering systems today involve the integration of computer hardware and software in the form of embedded algorithms and device controllers, particularly those operating in real time. Examples include digital signal processors (DSP's) for telecommunications systems, real time process control and device driver software to control hardware devices. This course aims to give students exposure to concepts related to real time systems and event driven programming, together with practical experience in the design of advanced engineering computer applications using low level operating system functions and hardware devices.

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. discuss the concept of event driven control in real time systems (Assignment 2 and Exam);
2. create real time system specifications utilizing design techniques and tools (Assignment 1, Assignment 2 and Exam);
3. create real time kernels including polled loop, interrupt driven, state driven and phase driven code (Assignment 1 and Exam);
4. design, create, compile and evaluate C programs (Assignment 1, Assignment 2 and Exam);

5. create and utilize algorithms and data structures (Assignment 2 and Exam);
6. design and implement software solutions requiring multiple processes and/or threads, inter-process communications and synchronization to meet the requirements of a real time system specification (Assignment 2 and Exam).

TOPICS

	Description	Weighting (%)
1.	Real Time Concepts	7.00
2.	Real Time Software Design	15.00
3.	Programming Languages for Real Time Applications	15.00
4.	Coding Techniques and Algorithms	15.00
5.	Multi Tasking	15.00
6.	Interprocess Communication	15.00
7.	Process Synchronisation and Timing	10.00
8.	Real Time Applications	8.00

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).

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.

Alexandridis, N 1993, *Design of Microprocessor - Based Systems*, Prentice Hall, Englewood Cliffs, NJ.

Brey, B 2005, *The Intel Microprocessors: 8086/8088, 80186/80188, 80286, 80386, 80486, Pentium, Pentium Pro and Pentium III processors: architecture, programming and interfacing*, 7th edn, Prentice Hall, Upper Saddle River, NJ.

Curry, DA 1989, *Using C on the UNIX System: A Guide to System Programming*, O'Reilly & Associates, Sebastopol, Ca.

Kauler, B 1993, *Windows Assembly Language and Systems Programming: Object Oriented and Low-Level Systems Programming in Assembly Language for Windows 3.x*, Prentice Hall, New York.

Laplante, PA 1997, *Real Time Systems Design and Analysis*, 2nd edn, IEEE Press, New York.

Pietrek, M 1993, *Window Internals: The Implementation of the Windows Operating System*, Addison-Wesley, Reading, Ma.

Williams, A 1993, *DOS and Windows Protected Mode: Programming with DOS Extenders in C*, Addison-Wesley, Reading, Ma.

STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

ACTIVITY	HOURS
Assessments	52.00
Directed Study	24.00
Examinations	2.00
Lectures	39.00
Private Study	25.00
Tutorials	13.00

ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Description	Marks out of	Wtg (%)	Due date
ASSIGNMENT 1	200.00	20.00	07 Sep 2009
ASSIGNMENT 2	200.00	20.00	26 Oct 2009
2 HOUR CLOSED EXAMINATION	600.00	60.00	END S2 (see note 1)

NOTES

1. Student Administration will advise students of the dates of their examinations during the semester.

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.
- 2 Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
To satisfactorily complete an individual assessment item a student must achieve at least 50% of the marks or a grade of at least C-. (Depending upon the requirements in Statement 4 below, students may not have to satisfactorily complete each assessment item 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 despatched to USQ within 24 hours 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 normally only accept assessments that have been written, typed or printed on paper-based media.
- 5 The Faculty will NOT accept submission of assignments by facsimile.
- 6 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.
- 7 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.
- 8 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.
- 9 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).

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- 1 Students will require access to e-mail and internet access to UConnect for this course.
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