



The University of Southern Queensland

Course specification

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Description: e-Finance

Subject	Cat-nbr	Class	Term	Mode	Units	Campus
FIN	2301	90088	2, 2009	ONC	1.00	Toowoomba

Academic group:	FOBUS
Academic org:	FOB008
Student contribution band:	3A
ASCED code:	081199

STAFFING

Examiner: David Troedson
Moderator: Michelle Goyen

OTHER REQUISITES

Students are required to have access to a personal computer, e-mail capabilities and Internet access to UConnect. Current details of computer requirements can be found at <http://www.usq.edu.au/ict/students/standards/default.htm>.

SYNOPSIS

This subject is designed to give students an understanding of the finance-related issues which are central to the success of all e-business. It provides an overview of e-commerce, including new developments such as wireless commerce, RFID and broadband, security issues, protocols and developments (eg biometrics) and also covers finance related topics such as payment systems, banking, corporate systems and software, electronic markets, and aspects of government policy and strategy.

OBJECTIVES

The course objectives define the student learning outcomes for a course. On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

1. understand e-commerce, and the variety of enabling technologies associated with it
2. understand security issues and technologies in EPS, e-banking, and e-commerce in general
3. understand the various electronic retail payment systems, for example, credit cards, payment gateways, smart cards, e-cash; understand the electronic payment clearing systems used in Australia
4. understand various electronic wholesale payment systems, for example, SWIFT
5. discuss electronic banking trends, technologies and issues including security, and the growing involvement of banks in e-commerce
6. be aware of the developments with respect to intranets and corporate systems, software and analytics

7. understand the structure and conduct of electronic financial markets in Australia and various online trading platforms
8. be aware of selected policy and regulations and regulatory bodies governing e-commerce in Australia.

TOPICS

Description	Weighting (%)
1. Introduction to e-commerce, e-finance and e-banking	16.00
2. Security issues in e-finance	20.00
3. Electronic payment systems I	12.00
4. Electronic payment systems II	10.00
5. Electronic banking	10.00
6. Internet banking	10.00
7. Intranets and corporate finance	11.00
8. Electronic financial markets and exchanges	11.00

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).

There is no set text for this course. Students should focus on USQ study materials, their own Internet-based research, and the references listed below.

FIN2301 study package available from the USQ Bookshop.

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.

Bidgoli, H 2002, *Electronic commerce: principles and practice*, Academic Press, San Diego, California.

Kalakota, R & Whinston, AB 1996, *Frontiers of electronic commerce*, Addison-Wesley, Reading, Massachusetts.

Lawrence, E, Corbitt, B, Fisher, J, Lawrence, J & Tidwell, A 2003, *Internet commerce: digital models for business*, 3rd edn, John Wiley & Sons, Milton, Queensland.

O'Mahony, D, Peirce, M & Tewari, H 2001, *Electronic payment systems for e-commerce*, 2nd edn, Artech House, Boston, Massachusetts.

Treese, G & Stewart, L 2003, *Designing systems for Internet commerce*, 2nd edn, Addison-Wesley, Boston, Massachusetts.

STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

ACTIVITY	HOURS
Assessments	20.00
Lectures	26.00
Private Study	93.00
Tutorials	26.00

ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Description	Marks out of	Wtg (%)	Due date	Objectives assessed	Graduate skill	Level assessed
IN-CLASS TESTS	30.00	30.00	30 Oct 2009 (see note 1)	All	U3	2
EXAM PART A (MULTI-CHOICE)	40.00	40.00	END S2 (see note 2)	All	U3	2
EXAM PART B (WRITTEN)	30.00	30.00	END S2	All	U3	2

NOTES

1. PLEASE NOTE: There will be 5 compulsory in-class tests worth 6% each. In-class tests will be run in week 3 (beginning 3 August), week 5 (beginning 17 August), week 7 (beginning 31 August), week 11 (beginning 28 September) and week 13 (beginning 12 October).
2. The examination is scheduled to be held in the end-of-semester examination period. Students will be advised of the official examination date for Exam (Parts A and B) after the timetable has been finalised. The total working time for Exam (Parts A and B) is 2 hours.

GRADUATE QUALITIES AND SKILLS

Elements of the following Graduate Skills are associated with the successful completion of this course.

Graduate skill assessed	Level assessed
Academic & Professional Literacy (Skill U3)	Intermediate (Level 2)

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. (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 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:
The final grades for students will be assigned on the basis of the aggregate of the weighted marks obtained for each of the summative assessment items in the course.
 - 6 Examination information:
This is a restricted examination. Candidates are allowed access to specific materials during the examination. The only materials that candidates may use in the restricted examination for this course are: writing materials (non-electronic and free from material which could give the student an unfair advantage in the examination); calculators which cannot hold textual information (students must indicate on their examination paper the make and model of any calculator(s) they use during the examination). Students are not permitted to take mobile telephones, pagers or other electronic means of communication into the examination room.
 - 7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
Any Deferred or Supplementary examinations for this course will be held during the next examination period.
 - 8 University Regulations:
Students should read USQ Regulations 5.1 Definitions, 5.6 Assessment, and 5.10 Student Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might contravene university regulations. These regulations can be found at <http://www.usq.edu.au/corporateservices/calendar/part5.htm>. Students should also read the Faculty of Business Procedures which can be found at <http://www.usq.edu.au/business/aboutfob.htm>.

ASSESSMENT NOTES

- 1 Assignments: (i) The due date for an assignment is the date by which a student must submit the assignment to the USQ. (ii) Students must retain a copy of each assignment submitted for assessment. This must be produced within 24 hours if required by the examiner. (iii) In accordance with university policy, the examiner may grant an extension of the due date of an assignment in extenuating circumstances. (v) Assignments are to be submitted with the appropriate assignment cover.
- 2 In-class tests: Tests will be sat during tutorial hours in the weeks designated. Students must arrive at the start of the tutorial timeslot to avoid missing a test.
- 3 Referencing in assignments: Harvard (AGPS) is the referencing system required in this course. Students should use Harvard (AGPS) style in their assignments to format details of the information sources they have cited in their work. The Harvard (AGPS) style to be used is defined by the USQ Library's referencing guide at <http://www.usq.edu.au/library/help/referencing/default.htm>.

- 4 Course weightings: Course weightings of topics should not be interpreted as applying to the number of marks allocated to questions testing those topics in an examination paper. The examination may test material already tested in assignments.
- 5 Dishonest actions: (i) Any student who is alleged to have performed a dishonest action relating to any assessment in the course will have a course of action taken against him/her as outlined in the academic regulations. (ii) Pieces of assessment should be the work of individual students. Joint pieces of assessment are not permitted unless written approval has been obtained from the examiner. (iii) Dishonest action in relation to assessment includes: copying or attempting to copy the work of others; use of or attempting to use information prohibited from use in that form of assessment; submitting the work of another as your own; consciously committing acts of plagiarism, that is, taking and using another's thoughts or writings as one's own with intent to deceive, which occurs when paragraphs, sentences, a single sentence or significant parts of a sentence which are copied directly, are not enclosed in quotation marks and appropriately footnoted or referenced in the text; direct quotations are not used, but text is paraphrased or summarised, and the source of the material is not acknowledged by footnoting or other reference in the text.
- 6 Deferred work: 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).

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