Course Specification

Description: Business Systems Project Management

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Academic Group: FOBUS
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HECS Band: 2
ASCED Code: 080399

STAFFING
Examiner: Aileen Cater-Steel
Moderator: Dave Roberts

PRE-REQUISITES
Pre-requisite: CIS8002 and USQ55402

RATIONALE
The pervasive nature of information systems and information technology (IS/IT) now influences most operational and managerial facets of modern organisations. The task for IS/IT managers is to learn and apply new approaches of planning, designing, and implementing information systems that meet corporate goals and objectives. Project management is an essential management process that can make the difference between an information system project's failure or success.

SYNOPSIS
This course applies the nine project management knowledge areas - project integration, scope, time, cost, quality, human resources, communications, risk and procurement management, across the project management lifecycle of initiation, planning, executing, controlling and closing. The use of computer-based project management tools and techniques suitable for IS project management are also emphasised and form a vital part of the student's skills and knowledge portfolio.

OBJECTIVES
On successful completion of this course students will be able to:

- Understand the genesis of project management and its importance to improving the success of information technology projects;
- Understand the triple constraint of project management: scope, time, cost;
• Describe project management knowledge areas and process groups;
• Understand the project life cycle: initiation, planning, executing, controlling and closing;
• Demonstrate knowledge of project management terms and techniques such as: project selection methods; work breakdown structures; network diagrams, critical path analysis, and critical chain scheduling; cost estimates; earned value management; motivation theory and team building;
• Apply project management software to help plan and manage information technology projects.

TOPICS

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<td>2. Project Management Tools</td>
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<td>3. IS Project Initiation, Planning, Executing, Controlling and Closing</td>
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<td>7. IS Project Risk Management</td>
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TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED:

Books can be ordered by fax or telephone. For costs and further details use the 'Book Search' facility at http://bookshop.usq.edu.au by entering the author or title of the text.


(revised edition)

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**

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**ASSESSMENT DETAILS**

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<td>EXAM B&amp;C (SHORT ANSWER &amp; CASE)</td>
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**NOTES:**

The examination is scheduled to be held in the end-of-semester examination period. The total working time for Exam Part A and Exam Parts B & C is 3 hours. Students will be advised of the official examination date after the timetable has been finalised.

**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 complete the assignment satisfactorily, students must obtain at least 50% of the marks available for the assignment. To complete the examination satisfactorily, students must obtain at least 50% of the marks available for the examination.

3. Penalties for late submission of required work:
   If students submit assignments after the due date without prior approval then a penalty of 20% of the total marks available for the assignment may apply for each working day late.
4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
   To be assured of receiving a passing grade a student must attempt all of the
   summative assessment items, achieve a mark of at least 50% in the total marks
   allocated for the assignment, achieve at least 50% in the examination, and at least
   50% of the available weighted marks for the summative assessment items.

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:
   This is a restricted examination. Candidates are allowed access to specific materials
   during the examination. The only materials that candidates may use in the
   examination for this course are (i) Writing materials: non-electronic and free from
   material which could give the student an unfair advantage in the examination; (ii)
   Translation dictionaries: with the Examiner's approval, candidates may, take an
   appropriate non-electronic translation dictionary into the examination. This will
   be subject to perusal and, if it is found to contain annotations or markings that
   could give the candidate an unfair advantage, it may be removed from the
   candidate's possession until the appropriate disciplinary action is completed.

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
   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/SECARIAT/calendar/Part5/ or in the printed version of the
   current USQ Handbook. Students should also read The Guide to Policies and
   Procedures of the Faculty which can be found at the URL:
   http://www.usq.edu.au/handbook/2003/title663.html or in the printed version of
   the current USQ Handbook.

ASSESSMENT NOTES

1 Assignments: (i) 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. (ii) Students must retain
   a copy of each item submitted for assessment. This must be produced within 24
   hours if required by the Examiner. (iii) The Examiner may grant an extension of
   the due date of an assignment in extenuating circumstances. Students may apply
   for an extension before the due date or include an application with the submitted
   assignment after the due date. Such applications should be in writing and include
   supporting documentary evidence. The authority for granting extensions rests with
   the relevant Examiner. (iv) 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.
2 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.

3 Guidelines for Assignments: Unless otherwise directed by the Examiner, all written and oral assignments submitted by students must conform to the guidelines laid out in the 'Communication skills handbook: How to succeed in written and oral communication'. Any work not prepared in accordance with these guidelines may be subject to penalty or requirement for resubmission.

4 Make-up Work: 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 the temporary grade: IM (Incomplete - Make up). An IM 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.

5 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).

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1 E-mail and Internet Access: Students will require access to e-mail and Internet access to USQConnect for this course.