Description: Introduction to Software Engineering

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STAFFING
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Moderator: Richard Watson

PRE-REQUISITES
Pre-requisite: CSC2401 or CSC2400 and CSC2408

RATIONALE
We wish to be able to produce large software systems which are reliable and error-free, both on time and at low cost. This is an extraordinarily difficult task. The discipline of Software Engineering encompasses the theories, methods and tools that can be applied to the problem in an attempt to achieve these aims. Software practitioners must be aware of and be able to apply modern Software Engineering techniques in order to produce the best possible software.

SYNOPSIS
In this course the student will gain an understanding of the methods, tools and procedures of software engineering. Methods covered include a wide range of activities such as project planning, system and software requirements analysis, design, development, configuration management, quality assurance, testing documentation and maintenance of software. Automated and semi-automated tools that support these procedures will also be examined. Industry standard system modelling and specification notations will be used throughout the course.

OBJECTIVES
On successful completion of this course students will be able to:
  • use formal and graphical system description languages for system specification;
• demonstrate awareness of the major design strategies and architectures available for designing software systems;
• demonstrate familiarity with a range of software engineering tools and methods;
• design appropriate program test strategies;
• demonstrate familiarity with methods for planning and managing large software projects.

TOPICS

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<td>3. Project planning and 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.


STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

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NOTES:

Examination dates will be available during the Semester. Please refer to the examination timetable when published.
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 each of the assessment items satisfactorily, students must obtain at least 50% of the marks available for each assessment item.

3 Penalties for late submission of required work:
If students submit assignments after the due date without prior approval then a penalty of 10% of the total marks gained by the student for the assignment will 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 at least 50% in the examination, achieve at least 50% of the total marks allocated for the assignments, and at least 50% of the available 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 aggregate of the weighted marks 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/SECARIAT/calendar/Part5/ or in the printed version of the current USQ Handbook.

ASSESSMENT NOTES

9 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.

10 Students must retain a copy of each item submitted for assessment. If requested, students will be required to provide a copy of assignments submitted for assessment purposes. Such copies should be despatched to USQ within 24 hours of receipt of a request being made.

11 In accordance with University policy, the Examiner may grant an extension of the due date of an assignment in extenuating circumstances.
12 The Faculty will normally only accept assessments that have been written, typed or printed on paper-based media.

13 The Faculty will NOT accept submission of assignments by facsimile.

14 In the event that a due date for an assignment falls on a local public holiday in their areas, 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.

15 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.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

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