Description: Multimedia Systems and Communications

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Academic Group: FOSCI
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HECS Band: 2
ASCED Code: 029999

STAFFING
Examiner: Peter Cattell
Moderator: Khaleel Petrus

PRE-REQUISITES
Pre-requisite: CSC1401

OTHER-REQUISITES
Recommended CSC2402

RATIONALE
Multimedia offers dynamic presentation of information by combining audio and video with text, image graphics, and animation. Distributed multimedia systems have enormous potentials in many applications such as digital library, distance education, entertainment and video-conferencing. This course is designed to cover the hardware and system software support of distributed multimedia systems. It focuses on multimedia devices and data formats, multimedia operating systems and multimedia communication systems. This course is not designed to teach how to use multimedia systems to end users, although multimedia applications are introduced to some extent. It is rather a course on the techniques of design and implementation of distributed multimedia systems. The knowledge and skills acquired in this course are essential for the development of individual components of a multimedia system.

SYNOPSIS
This course covers the hardware and system software support of distributed multimedia systems. It focuses on multimedia devices and data formats, multimedia operating systems and multimedia communication systems. The topics include basic concepts of sound and image, video and animation, data compression, optical storage media, multimedia operating systems, real-time scheduling, multimedia communication systems, Quality of Service, etc.
Students will gain the knowledge and skills in the design and development of components of distributed multimedia systems.

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

- Have a good understanding of basic multimedia concepts: sound, an image, video and animation, data compression, optical storage media;
- Be familiar with multimedia operating systems, multimedia database systems and multimedia communication systems;
- Have knowledge and skills of the development of components of a multimedia system;
- Be able to demonstrate an ability to develop multimedia applications.

TOPICS

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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.

Students must have access to a Java Development Kit (JDK) version 1.4 or later. Option: The latest version of JDK is provided on the Mathematics and Computing CDROM Set 1 available from the USQ Bookshop.

Department of Mathematics and Computing CDROM SET 1, 2003 (available from the USQ Bookshop). This CD set contains course material, Windows and Linux Software relevant to this course offering only. Department of Mathematics and Computing CDROM
SET 2, 2003 (available from the USQ Bookshop). This set contains a complete Redhat Linux distribution which is required for this course. For more information, about the CD sets and their use, please refer to http://www.sci.usq.edu.au/cdrom.


Introductory Book 2003, Course CSC3410 Multimedia Systems and Communications, USQ Distance Education Centre, Toowoomba.

Selected Readings 2003, Course CSC3410 Multimedia Systems and Communications, USQ Distance Education Centre, Toowoomba.

Study Book 2003, Course CSC3410 Multimedia Systems and Communications, USQ Distance Education Centre, Toowoomba.

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.


Niemeyer, P. & Peck, J 1996, Exploring Java, O'Reilly & Associates,


STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

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ASSESSMENT DETAILS

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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:
   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 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 available for the assignment will apply for each day late.

4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
   To be assured of a passing grade, students must demonstrate, via the summative assessment items, that they have achieved the required minimum standards in relation to the objectives of the course by satisfactorily completing all summative assessment items (the examination and assignments). Students who do not qualify for a Passing grade may, at the discretion of the Examiner, be awarded a Supplementary Examination and/or assigned additional work to demonstrate to the Examiner that they have achieved the required standard. It is expected that such students will have gained at least 45% of the total marks available for all 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 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.

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