The University of Southern Queensland
Course Specification

Description: Information Technology Project

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Academic Group: FOSCI
Academic Org: FOS003
HECS Band: 2
ASCED Code: 029999

STAFFING
Examiner: Ron House

OTHER-REQUISITES
The course should be completed during the student's last year in the program.

RATIONALE
This course is designed to provide students with practice in bringing together the skills they have acquired during the program for the solution of problems of a kind they are likely to face in their subsequent employment. It also provides students with practice in oral and written communication.

SYNOPSIS
The course is the confluence of the knowledge and skills acquired in previous study in the BIT program and would normally be studied as one of the last eight courses in that program. Through a practical 'real-life' project, students develop their skills and professional practices. Students enrolling in this course must contact the examiner of the course to identify a suitable project.

OBJECTIVES
On completion of the course, students:

- will have demonstrated the ability to carry out a major project in computing.
- will also have demonstrated their ability to describe their work and communicate their results.
TOPICS

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<td>1. Students may select a topic from an approved list or have a topic of their choosing if approved by the Examiner.</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.

Introductory Book 2003, *Course CSC3411 Information Technology Project*, 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.

Dependent on project selected.

STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

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ASSESSMENT DETAILS

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IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

1. Attendance requirements:
   Students enrolling in this course must, in the first instance, contact the Examiner of the course to identify a suitable project. Students must then, by the end of the third week of the semester of the course offer, choose a project, find a staff member willing to supervise their project work and gain the approval of the Examiner to proceed with the project. Students must report regularly to their supervisor as required by the supervisor.

2. Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
   Interim reports must be submitted to the Supervisor. When they are submitted, the student will be given one mark to indicate they have been submitted. Failure to do so may lead to a Fail grade for the course. Students must gain at least 50% of the
marks available for the project and at least 50% of the marks available for each report.

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 gaining a passing grade in this course, a student must submit all of the assessment items and obtain an overall mark of at least 50% for each assessment item.

5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
   The project will be assessed by the Supervisor and Examiner. The practical project must be submitted with the complete application software package in electronic version. The package must include the source code, the documentation, the instructions for installation of the application software and the user manual of the application. The demonstration of the project with oral presentation is required during the end of semester examination period. Final grades for the course will be determined on the basis of: the completeness of the project as planned; the clearness of the documentation; the significance of the project; and the oral presentation for the demonstration of the project. The final grades for students will be assigned on the basis of the weighted aggregate of the marks obtained for each of the summative assessment items in the course.

6 Examination information:
   There is no examination in this course.

7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
   There will be no Deferred or Supplementary examinations in 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. This must be produced within 48 hours if required by the Examiner.

11 The examiner may grant an extension of the due date of an assignment in extenuating circumstances.