The University of Southern Queensland

Course Specification

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<th>Description: Information Technology Project</th>
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Academic Group: FOSCI
Academic Org: FOS003
HECS Band: 2
ASCED Code: 029999

STAFFING
Examiner: Ron House
Moderator: Hua Wang

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.
- 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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<th>ACTIVITY</th>
<th>HOURS</th>
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<td>Project Work</td>
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ASSESSMENT DETAILS

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<td>1.00</td>
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<td>PRACTICAL PROJECT</td>
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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 and the supervisor agrees that they show satisfactory progress, as appropriate for the chosen topic, 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.

3 Penalties for late submission of required work:
If students submit the reports or the project after their due dates without prior approval of the Examiner, a penalty of 10% of the given 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. Final grades for the course will be determined on the basis of: the completeness of the project as planned; the clearness of the documentation; and the significance of the project.

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