**Course Specification**

**Description:** Network Design and Analysis

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**Academic Group:** FOSCI  
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**HECS Band:** 2  
**ASCED Code:** 020113

**STAFFING**

Examiner: Ron Addie  
Moderator: Khaleel Petrus

**PRE-REQUISITES**

Co-requisite: CSC3407

**RATIONALE**

One of the main areas of work in the expanding field of Information Technology is network planning and administration. One of the tasks a network administrator must undertake from time to time is the installation or major upgrade of a network. Networks in large and even moderate companies nowadays are likely to span more than one site and to include telephony as well as TCP traffic. Security is also a great concern for network administrators, especially when their traffic is exposed to the internet. This course will provide students with the theoretical and practical knowledge, and the experience, to be able to analyse their networks and to design their new and upgraded networks using the latest technology.

**SYNOPSIS**

This course will provide the student with the following subjects: queueing theory; performance of communication networks including measurement, modelling and analysis of network performance; network architecture including layering of networks, switching and sensing; network design including dimensioning (deciding how fast/many of the links switches, routers and servers there should be), routing design (where traffic should go), topological design (where to put new links) and security (authentication, VLAN’s). In addition, students will tackle a series of example problems of network analysis and design of increasing complexity.

**OBJECTIVES**

On successful completion of this course students will be able to:
- estimate the performance of a queuing system;
- measure the traffic levels and the performance on a network;
- analyse a network from the point of view of delay, congestion and reliability;
- select an appropriate architecture for a new network;
- install the necessary routing information in the key routers and switches in a network;
- make sensible choices of hardware, network topology, link capacities and router capacities in a new network.

### 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.

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. For more information about the CD sets and their use, please refer to http://www.sci.usq.edu.au/cdrom.

### STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

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NOTES:
1. 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:
   The due date for an assignment is the date by which a student must despatch the assignment to the USQ. 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 (or part thereof) 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 submit all of the summative assessment items, achieve at least 50% in the examination 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 an Open Examination, candidates may have access to any material during the examination except the following: electronic communication devices, bulky materials, devices requiring mains power and material likely to disturb other students.

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. Students who obtain an overall passing mark, but who do not perform satisfactorily
in an examination, may, at the discretion of the Examiner, be granted a supplementary examination.

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 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.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1 Students will be granted a deferred examination only if they perform satisfactorily in all other assessment items.