The University of Southern Queensland

Course specification

Description: Master of Information Systems Dissertation

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Student contribution band: 2
ASCED code: 020399

STAFFING
Examiner: Charmaine Ryan
Moderator: Dave Roberts

REQUISITES
Pre-requisite: MGT8401

SYNOPSIS
The dissertation for the Master of Information Systems comprises the writing of a dissertation (maximum of 25,000 words) which incorporates a significant literature component together with a substantial practice-oriented project. Students examine a professional area of interest relating to information technology and are assisted by one or more supervisors with appropriate background. Each candidate for the dissertation is required to submit a proposal for approval and endorsement at the commencement of the dissertation. Topics are usually drawn from the candidate's experience and interest.

TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED:

ALL textbooks and materials are available for purchase from USQ BOOKSHOP (unless otherwise stated). Orders may be placed via secure internet, free fax 1800642453, phone 07 46312742 (within Australia), or mail. Overseas students should fax +61 7 46311743, or phone +61 7 46312742. For costs, further details, and internet ordering, use the 'Textbook Search' facility at http://bookshop.usq.edu.au click 'Semester', then enter your 'Course Code' (no spaces).

(revised edition)
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.

Existing projects/project reports in USQ and other libraries should be consulted.


STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS:

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ASSESSMENT DETAILS

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NOTES:
1. Examiner to advise submission date.

IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

1 Attendance requirements:
   If you are an international student in Australia you are advised to attend all classes at your campus. Failure to attend may infringe the conditions of your student visa. For all other students, 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: Not applicable.

3 Penalties for late submission of required work: Not applicable.

4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
The dissertation must be certified by two internal Examiners as satisfactory for the award of the degree of Master of Information Systems. Students who receive a Satisfactory Progress (SP) for this course but have not yet completed the dissertation must enrol in the second course CIS8022 Master of Information Systems Dissertation Continuing (zero-unit, no-fee course) while completing their dissertation. To obtain a passing grade in the dissertation, students must perform satisfactorily in all aspects of assessment. A grade of Satisfactory Progress (SP) or Result Not Available (RN) may be awarded.

5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
The final grades for students will be based on the reports of the two Examiners. A grade of HD, A, B, C or F will be awarded.

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

7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
Not applicable.

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/corporateservices/calendar/part5.htm. Students should also read the Faculty of Business Guide to Policies and Procedures of the Faculty which can be found at the URL http://www.usq.edu.au/handbook/2004/bus.html.