The University of Southern Queensland

Course specification

Description: e-Finance and Banking

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Student contribution band: 2
ASCED code: 081105

STAFFING
Examiner: David Troedson
Moderator: William Roome

SYNOPSIS
This course deals with finance related issues which are central to success of any e-business. In particular it provides an understanding of the electronic payment systems, electronic banking, security issues, intranets, corporate finance and conduct of e-financial markets.

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

- understand e-commerce (including history, concepts, statistical and economic issues), the role of e-finance, and banking within it;
- understand the various electronic retail payment systems, eg credit cards, smart cards, e-cash;
- understand various electronic wholesale payment systems, eg. SWIFT;
- be familiar with the conduct of electronic banking transactions and the growing involvement of banks in e-commerce;
- be aware of the developments with respect to intranets and corporate finance;
- understand security issues in EPS and e-Banking;
- understand the conduct of electronic financial markets;
- be aware of relevant policy and regulations for e-commerce in Australia;
- be aware of risk management issues associated with e-finance; and
- present material in correct format including appropriate use of the Harvard referencing style for sources.
TOPICS

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<td>10. Risk Management Issues in E-Finance</td>
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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).


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.


**STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS:**

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**ASSESSMENT DETAILS**

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**NOTES:**

1. The examination is scheduled to be held in the end-of-semester examination period. Students will be advised of the official examination date for Exam (Parts A and B) after the timetable has been finalised. The total working time for Exam (Parts A and B) is 3 hours.

**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. 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.

2 Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
Students must submit an assignment that represents a reasonable attempt as determined by the Examiner and Moderator. Students must obtain at least 50% of the marks available for the examination.

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 working day 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 attempt all of the summative assessment items, achieve at least 50% in the examination and achieve an aggregated mark of at least 50% of the available weighted 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 weighted aggregate of the marks (or grades) obtained for each of the summative assessment items in the course.

6 Examination information:
This is a restricted examination. Candidates are allowed access to specific materials during the examination. The only materials that candidates may use in the restricted examination for this course are: writing materials (non-electronic and free from material which could give the student an unfair advantage in the examination); calculators which cannot hold textual information (students must indicate on their examination paper the make and model of any calculator(s) they use during the examination). Students are not permitted to take mobile telephones, pagers or other electronic means of communication into the examination room.

7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
Any Deferred or Supplementary examinations for this course will be held during the next examination period.

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.

ASSESSMENT NOTES

1 Assignments: (i) 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. (ii) Students must retain
a copy of each item submitted for assessment. This must be produced within five
days if required by the Examiner. (iii) If students submit assignments after the due
date and wish to claim extenuating circumstances then they shall provide validated
documentary evidence with the assignment, explaining the circumstances. The
Examiner shall consider the statement accompanying a late assignment and decide
on the outcome. (iv) Assignments are to be submitted in the appropriate assignment
folders.

2 Course Weightings: Course weightings of topics should not be interpreted as
applying to the number of marks allocated to questions testing those topics in an
examination paper. The examination may test material already tested in assignments.

3 Deferred Work: Students who, for medical, family/personal, or employment-related
reasons, are unable to complete an assignment or to sit for an examination at the
scheduled time may apply to defer an assessment in a course. Such a request must
be accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation. One of the following
temporary grades may be awarded: IDS (Incomplete - Deferred Examination);
IDM (Incomplete Deferred Make-up); IDB (Incomplete - Both Deferred
Examination and Deferred Make-up).

4 Dishonest Actions: (i) Any student who is alleged to have performed a dishonest
action relating to any assessment in the course will have a course of action taken
against him/her as outlined in the Academic Regulations. (ii) Pieces of assessment
should be the work of individual students. Joint pieces of assessment are not
permitted unless written approval has been obtained from the Examiner. (iii)
Dishonest action in relation to assessment includes: copying or attempting to copy
the work of others; use of or attempting to use information prohibited from use in
that form of assessment; submitting the work of another as your own; consciously
committing acts of plagiarism, ie taking and using another’s thoughts or writings
as one’s own with intent to deceive, which occurs when paragraphs, sentences, a
single sentence or significant parts of a sentence which are copied directly, are not
enclosed in quotation marks and appropriately footnoted or referenced in the text;
direct quotations are not used, but text is paraphrased or summarised, and the source
of the material is not acknowledged by footnoting or other reference in the text.