Description: Introduction to Business Programming

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RATIONALE
While the power and capability of programming languages have increased dramatically over the last few decades the basic concepts inherent in all of them have changed little. These need to be mastered before the full potential of a language can be exploited for useful purposes. Coupled with this requirement is the need to also understand and effectively apply object-based, object-oriented, event-driven programming techniques. All of the contemporary programming languages provide these features to a lesser or greater extent and learning to apply them is the first step to developing well constructed software applications in the future.

SYNOPSIS
This course aims to introduce students to programming in a practical way. JavaScript is used to demonstrate concepts and techniques that are fundamental to the development of efficient and effective solutions in any programming language. Students will create interactive Web pages, and in doing so discover the practical use of variables, functions, operators, conditional statements and loops, event handlers, objects, string handling, and other general programming techniques, as well as advanced features of the JavaScript language. Assuming no previous programming experience, the course provides ample opportunity to learn programming in a relatively inexpensive and unintimidating environment, while attempting to demonstrate that programming can also be ‘fun’.

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

1. understand program design and development, incorporating problem solving skills and algorithm construction;
2. understand and apply programming concepts including data types, variables and constants, program control structures, procedures and parameter passing, array processing and functions;
3. understand introductory object oriented concepts by using and applying objects and object libraries;
4. understand and utilise programming standards for effective testing and debugging; and
5. file processing.

TOPICS

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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).

Constant access to or purchase of the following texts and materials is required
Gosselin, D 2004, 'JavaScript', 3rd edn, Thomson Course Technology AND Robertson, LA 2003, 'Simple program design: a step by step approach', 4th edn, Thomson Course Technology. (These two textbooks are available as a package through the USQ Bookshop)
CIS1001 study package available from the USQ Bookshop.

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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NOTES

1. The mid-term test will be held during your lecture in week 7. The examiner will advise details.
2. The examination is scheduled to be held in the end-of-semester examination period. Students will be advised of the official examination date after the timetable has been finalised.

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.

2. Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
   To complete the assignments satisfactorily, students must obtain at least 50% of the marks available for the assignments in aggregate. To complete the examination satisfactorily, 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 20% 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 an aggregated mark of at least 50% in the total marks allocated for the assignments, achieve at least 50% in the examination, and 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 examination for this course are (i) Writing materials: non-electronic and free from material which could give the student an unfair advantage in the examination; (ii) Translation dictionaries: with the Examiner's approval, candidates may, take an appropriate non-electronic translation dictionary into the examination. This will be subject to perusal and, if it is found to contain annotations or markings that could give the candidate an
unfair advantage, it may be removed from the candidate's possession until the appropriate
disciplinary action is completed; (iii) Calculators: 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).

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

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) If requested, students will be required
to provide a copy of an assignment submitted for assessment purposes. This should be
despatched to the USQ within 24 hours of receipt of a request being made. (iii) The
Examiner may grant an extension of the due date of an assignment in extenuating
circumstances. (iv) The Examiner will normally only accept assessments that have been
written, typed or printed on paper-based media. (v) In the event that a due date for an
assignment falls on a local public holiday in their area, such as a Show holiday, the due
date for the assignment will be the next day. Students are to note on the assignment
cover the date of the public holiday for the Examiner's convenience.

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.

3 Guidelines for Assignments: Unless otherwise directed by the Examiner, all written
and oral assignments submitted by students must conform to the guidelines laid out in
the 'Communication skills handbook: how to succeed in written and oral communication'
and the 'Information systems developers handbook'. Any work not prepared in
accordance with these guidelines may be subject to penalty or requirement for
resubmission.

4 Make-up Work: Students who have undertaken all of the required assessments in a
course but who have failed to meet some of the specified objectives of a course within
the normally prescribed time may be awarded the temporary grade: IM (Incomplete -
Make up). An IM grade will only be awarded when, in the opinion of the Examiner, a
student will be able to achieve the remaining objectives of the course after a period of
non-directed personal study.

5 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).
6 Appeals: Any appeal against the award of a grade in the course will be conducted in accordance with University Regulations. These Regulations are published in the University Handbook.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1 Learning Resources: Prescribed text and materials (see above); prescribed reference materials (see above); printed Introductory Book* and Study Book/s*; and course Website accessible via USQConnect. *part of the study package available from the USQ Bookshop.

2 E-mail and Internet Access: Students will require access to e-mail and Internet access to USQConnect for this course.