Description: Management of Technological Risk

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RATIONALE
The complexity of modern engineering products and systems is such that some risk of failure is inevitable. There is a financial incentive to reduce this risk and to improve reliability, and increasingly, there are statutory requirements to address reliability and safety issues explicitly. Consequently, people in technology management need to be aware of the tools and techniques used for the prediction, evaluation and management of technological risks.

SYNOPSIS
This course is concerned with the prediction and assessment of technical risks. It introduces a range of qualitative and quantitative techniques used for the analysis of risk and manage technological projects and processes in such a way that potential adverse outcomes are minimised and opportunities maximised. The techniques have broad application and may be applied in the management of many technical areas, including manufacturing, construction, processing and plant supervision.

OBJECTIVES
The course objectives define the student learning outcomes for a course. The assessment item(s) that may be used to assess student achievement of an objective are shown in parenthesis. On completion of this course, students should be able to:

1. assess the risks inherent in any process (Assignment 1 and 2);
2. evaluate the likelihood and consequences of technical risks (Assignment 1 and 2);
3. select, justify and apply appropriate strategies for the treatment of technological risk (Assignment 1 and 2);
4. appraise and utilise tools and techniques to reduce and manage risks arising from technological projects and processes (Assignment 2).
### 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](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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**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 each of the assessment items satisfactorily, students must obtain at least 50% of the marks available (or at least a grade of C-) for each assessment item. Furthermore, at least 20% of the total marks for the course is allocated to explicit assessment of good communication skills.*

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 achieve at least 50% in all of the weighted assessment items, achieve at least 50% in the examination and at least 50% of the total weighted marks available for the course.*

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:
   *There is no examination in this course.*

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.*

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 or in the current USQ Handbook.

ASSESSMENT NOTES

1 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.

2 Students must retain a copy of each item submitted for assessment. This must be produced within five days if required by the Examiner.

3 In accordance with University’s Assignment Extension Policy (Regulation 5.6.1), the examiner of a course may grant an extension of the due date of an assignment in extenuating circumstances.

4 The Faculty will normally only accept assessments that have been written, typed or printed on paper-based media.

5 The Faculty will NOT accept submission of assignments by facsimile.

6 Students who do not have regular access to postal services or who are otherwise disadvantaged by these regulations may be given special consideration. They should contact the examiner of the course to negotiate such special arrangements.

7 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.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1 Students will require access to e-mail and internet access to USQConnect for this course.