SCSSE
School of Computer Science and Software Engineering
Faculty of Informatics

MCS9124  Applied Programming
Subject Outline
Spring Session 2008

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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Day  Time
Tuesday  15:30 – 16:30
Wednesday  16:30 – 18:30
Thursday  16:30 – 17:30

Subject Organisation
Session:  Spring Session, Wollongong Campus
Credit Points:  6 credit points
Contact hours per week:  3 hours lecture, 2 hours laboratory/ 1hr tutorial
Lecture Times & Location:  Monday 15:30 – 17:30 35.G45
                              Tuesday 16:30 – 17:30 20.LT3
Tutorial Day, Time and Location can be found at:  http://www.uow.edu.au/student/timetables/index.html

Students should check the subject's web site regularly as important information, including details of unavoidable changes in assessment requirements will be posted from time to time via e-Learning space http://www.uow.edu.au/student/lol. Any information posted to the web site is deemed to have been notified to all students.

Subject Description
This subject develops a thorough understanding of program design using data structures. It extends MCS9114 and presents pointers, dynamic memory management and exception handling. Other topics include implementation of Sorting and Searching Algorithms including the use of typedefs, void pointers and indexes to generalise algorithms; Implementation of data structures: queues, stacks, linked lists, deques, trees; Use of arrays as an implementation structure – hashing, radix sort, heaps and Heapsort; Random Access files and internal I/O; Testing of programs: black and white box testing, and the use of debuggers; Use of multi-file organisation in encapsulation and data hiding, with make files; These concepts will be treated through formal lectures, tutorials, assignments and laboratory sessions employing an object oriented language.

Objectives
On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to: 1. Use memory management and exception handling in software implementation 2. Use dynamic memory allocation to create and
maintain dynamic data structures 3. Identify and describe structured data types, their implementation in C++, and use in problem solving 4. Design, implement, test and debug simple programs. 5. Write programs that display a working knowledge of good programming style.

**Graduate Qualities**
All Schools in the Faculty of Informatics have adopted the UOW Graduate Qualities. On completion of their course graduates will be informed, independent learners, problem solvers, effective communicators and responsible. Further information can be found at http://www.uow.edu.au/about/teaching/qualities/.

**Attendance Requirements:**
It is the responsibility of students to attend all lectures/tutorials/labs/seminars/practical work for subjects for which you are enrolled. It should be noted that the amount of time spent on each 6 credit point subject should be at least 12 hours per week, which includes lectures/tutorials/labs etc.

Satisfactory attendance is deemed to be attendance at approximately 80%* of the allocated contact hours. Attendance rolls will be kept for lectures, tutorials and laboratories. If you are present for less than 80%* you need to apply for special consideration, otherwise a fail grade will be recorded.

**Method of Presentation:**
In order to maximize learning outcomes, it is strongly recommended that students attend all lectures.

There will be 3 hours of lectures every week Lecture notes and other subject resources will be available from the subject’s E-Learning site at http://www.uow.edu.au/student/lol/.

There will also be a 1 hour tutorial and 2 hour laboratory class. The tutorial class is designed to drill down on small problems and understand details not covered in lectures. The lab class is designed to give students exposure to the technology. You will be responsible for organizing your own lab and tutorial classes. Both lectures and tutorials have assessable components.

Lectures will be delivered in the sequence specified in the content schedule. Laboratories will follow the lecture topics. Tutorials will be discussion based where students will present the design of their assignments. Regular attendance at lectures, tutorials and laboratories is a requirement for the successful completion of this course. Laboratories start from week two.

**Lecture Schedule**
A proposed Lecture schedule for the subject is as follows:

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<th>Week</th>
<th>Topic</th>
<th>Reading</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>C++ Revision and Programming Case Study</td>
<td>No Laboratory</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Program Design Approaches and Structure Compilation Processes Multi File C++ Projects &amp; Make</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Testing (Blackbox and Whitebox) Testing Techniques and Debuggers</td>
<td>End of Week 3 Assignment 1 Due</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Advanced C++ Input/ Output (Random I/O and Internal I/O)</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Searching and Sorting (Selection Sort, Bubble Sort, Radix Sort, Quicksort and Binary Search)</td>
<td>End of Week 5 Assignment 2 Due</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>Pointers</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>Pointers, Dynamic Types and Generic Code</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>Object Based Programming and Classes (Syntax)</td>
<td>End of Week 8 Assignment 3 Due</td>
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<td>9</td>
<td>Classes by Example Advanced C++ Concepts (Bits, Error Handling and Namespaces)</td>
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<td>Linked List (Single and Double)</td>
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Stacks, Queues, Dequeues and Hashing

Binary Trees
Heaps and Heap Sort

Programming Case Studies (Gluing it all together)
Revision and other topics leading to MCS9204

Changes to the above schedule will be posted via e-Learning space http://www.uow.edu.au/student/lol. Any information posted to the web site is deemed to have been notified to all students.

Subject Materials:
Any readings/references are recommended only and are not intended to be an exhaustive list. Students are encouraged to use the library catalogue and databases to locate additional readings. Notes and other supplementary resources will be published on the subject website at http://vista.uow.edu.au.

Textbook(s):
There are no Textbooks for the subject.

References
The following are REFERENCES for the subject. It is up to you to decide if you need them.
1. Savitch, Walter, Absolute C++, Addison-Wesley, 2002
7. Adams, Joel, Leestma, Sanford & Nyhoff, Larry, C++: An Introduction to Computing

Some of these are available from UniCentre Bookshop and Library

Assessment:
This subject has the following assessment components.

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<th>ASSESSMENT ITEMS &amp; FORMAT</th>
<th>% OF FINAL MARK</th>
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<td>10 x Laboratory sessions each worth 2 marks</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>Individual</td>
<td>Each week from Week 2 – Week 12 (10 weeks total) During Lab time. Refer to notes below.</td>
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<td>5 x Assignments each worth 6 marks due roughly fortnightly.</td>
<td>30%</td>
<td>Individual</td>
<td>Assignment 1 Due end of Week 3 Assignment 2 Due end of Week 5 Assignment 3 Due end of Week 8 Assignment 4 Due end of Week 11 Assignment 5 Due end of Week 13. Refer to notes below</td>
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<td>Examination</td>
<td>50%</td>
<td>Individual</td>
<td>Formal Examination Period</td>
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Notes on Assessment:
All assignments are expected to be completed independently. Plagiarism may result in a FAIL grade being recorded for that assignment.

Electronic Submission of Assessment Items:
Unless otherwise notified by the subject coordinator, all written assignments must be submitted electronically.

Other Procedures for the submission of assessment items:
In addition to electronic submission students are required to submit assignments in hard copy to their tutor.

IMPORTANT: ALL of the assessment items listed in the above table must be completed successfully in order to pass the subject.

(a) There will be 5 programming assignments, which will be assessed. Assignment must compile on the platform used in the lab.
(b) Unless otherwise indicated, assignments are due by Thursday 11:59pm of the week due.
(c) Assignments are to be submitted electronically via Unix/Linux system before the scheduled time. Submission via email/fax/printed form is not acceptable. Some tasks will require the student to demonstrate C++ programs to the tutor in the laboratory. These tasks will be clearly identified on the instructions on the assignments. Receipts for submitted work are e-mailed to the student and should be kept by the student as evidence of submission. The receipt will contain compilation messages. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that any errors reported are corrected.
(d) It is student’s responsibility to keep a backup of his/her work. There will be no extension granted due to any circumstance related to the failure of students’ own equipment.
(e) Students who copy an assignment may receive zero for that assignment. This also covers assignments which may be the product of community effort by several students. Working together is acceptable, but the final coding should be the work of the individual student, as assessment is a measure of your ability. All students involved in plagiarism will have zero marks for that assessment task.
(f) Programs submitted which do not produce the required result cannot be awarded more than half marks. Programs which do not compile due to syntax errors will receive no marks, but may still be commented upon. Proper documentation and program style are needed in the assignments to receive full marks.
(g) Students must submit lab tasks by the due date. Marks will ONLY be awarded if the student attends the lab. All lab tasks must work on the platform used in the lab. These will be marked and returned in the next lab.

Procedures for the return of assessment items:
Lab and tutorial staff will endeavour to return assessment during allocated lab and tutorial time.

Marks will be available from the subject website. Students should check the website regularly for changes and updates to subject information together with assessment marks.

Penalties for late submission of assessment items:
Penalties apply to all late work, except if special consideration has been granted. Late submissions will attract a penalty of 25% of the assessment mark per day including weekends. Work more than four (4) days late will be awarded a mark of zero.

Supplementary Exams
Supplementary Exams will be dealt with in accordance with student academic consideration policy (http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/courserules/specialconsideration.html) 6.2 Timing of Supplementary Exams.

While the School normally grants supplementary exams when the student does not sit the standard
exam for an acceptable reason, each case will be assessed on its own merit and there is no guarantee a supplementary exam will be granted. If a supplementary exam is granted, you will normally be notified via SOLS Mail the time and date of this supplementary exam. You must follow the instructions given in the email message. 

Please note that if this is your last session and you are granted a supplementary exam, be aware that your results will not be processed in time to meet the graduation deadline.

Special Consideration Policy

The School recognises that it has a responsibility to ensure equity and consistency across its subjects for all students. Sometimes, in exceptional circumstances, students need to apply for student special consideration in order to complete all assessable work.

The University applies strict criteria to the granting of special consideration. Before applying for student special consideration, students should carefully read the University’s policy which can be found at: http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/courserules/specialconsideration.html

As an example: If a student requires an extension of time for the completion of an assignment this may be granted in certain circumstances. A request for an extension must be made to the Subject Coordinator via SOLs before the due date.

Plagiarism

When you submit an assessment task, you are declaring the following:

1. It is your own work and you did not collaborate with or copy from others.
2. You have read and understand your responsibilities under the University of Wollongong's policy on plagiarism.
3. You have not plagiarised from published work (including the internet). Where you have used the work from others, you have referenced it in the text and provided a reference list at the end of the assignment.

Students must remember that:

Plagiarism will not be tolerated.

Students are responsible for submitting original work for assessment, without plagiarising or cheating, abiding by the University’s policies on Plagiarism as set out in the University Handbook under University Policy Directory and in Faculty handbooks and subject guides. Plagiarism has led to the expulsion from the University.

Student Academic Grievance Policy

The School aims to provide a fair, equitable and productive learning environment for all its students. The Student Academic Grievance Policy seeks to support the achievement of this goal by providing a transparent and consistent process for resolving student academic grievances.

Any student who has a grievance over a result should obtain a Faculty of Informatics Appeal Against Decision or Action Affecting Academic Experience form from the Informatics Student Enquiry Centre. (http://www.uow.edu.au/content/groups/public/@web/@inf/@faculty/documents/doc/uow017433.pdf)

The student should firstly take the form to the marker/lecturer to discuss the matter and, if the student is still not satisfied, s/he should take the next step as outlined on the form.

Once the grievance has been considered by the Faculty, if the student still feels the situation has not been fully resolved s/he may consult the Dean of Students. However, the Dean of Students can have no input into the academic judgment of the lecturer and can only review the grievance to ensure proper procedure has been followed.

Relevant University Policies, procedures and students services:

For more information students must refer to the Faculty handbook, online references or consult the UOW policy in full at http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/courserules/studaegrievpol.html which contains a range of policies on educational issues and student matters.
This outline should be read in conjunction with the following documents:

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<td><a href="http://www.uow.edu.au/informatics/common/uow024466.html">http://www.uow.edu.au/informatics/common/uow024466.html</a></td>
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