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# SCSSE

**School of Computer Science and Software Engineering  
Faculty of Informatics**

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**MCS9318 Software Engineering Practices & Principles  
Subject Outline  
Spring Session 2009**

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Subject Coordinator

Telephone Number:

Email:

Location:

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Mr Maher's consultation times during session:

Day

Wednesday

Friday

Time

14:30-16:30

13:30-15:30

### Subject Organisation

Session:

Credit Points

Contact hours per week:

Lecture Times & Location:

Spring Session, Wollongong Campus

6 credit points

3 hours lectures

Lecture A 16:30-18:30 Wed, 19.G016

Lecture B 12:30-13:30 Fri, 3.122

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/>. Any information posted to the web site is deemed to have been notified to all students.

### Subject Description

This subject examines the current state of software engineering both as an academic discipline and as a profession. The subject focuses on issues of requirements engineering, system procurement, and professional practice, and through case studies, the subject considers reasons for the failure and success of various software engineering projects. Topics which may be covered include: Requirements Elicitation, Functional and Non-Functional Requirements, Design Patterns and Refactoring, Reverse Engineering, Software Quality Assurance, Analysis and Verification of Specification and Design, Examples of Formal Techniques in Software Engineering.

### Subject Objectives

At the completion of this subject students should be able to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of an existing Requirement Specification
  2. Derive design criteria from an implemented system
  3. Evaluate quality of existing software specification, design and implementation
  4. Identify appropriate formal techniques for a range of Software Engineering
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## Graduate Qualities

This subject will continue to the following graduate qualities:

Informed  
Problem Solvers  
Effective Communicators  
Responsible  
Team Work  
Innovation & Design

Further information can be found at:

<http://www.uow.edu.au/informatics/scsse/current/SubjectInformation/UOW049401.html>

## 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 by the University, to be attendance at approximately 80% of the allocated contact hours.

Attendance rolls will be kept for lectures. If you are present for less than 80% and would have otherwise passed you need to apply for student academic consideration, otherwise a TF (technical fail) grade will be recorded.

Students **MUST** attend their **allocated** tutorial unless they have the written permission of the subject coordinator.

## Method of Presentation:

In order to maximize learning outcomes, it is strongly recommended that students attend all lectures.

## Lecture Schedule:

A proposed Lecture schedule for the subject is as follows:

Week	Topic
1	Introduction
2	Nature of software, software qualities (I)
3	Software qualities (II)
4	Software engineering principles (I)
5	Software engineering principles (II)
6	Software process models, requirements engineering (I)
7	Requirements engineering (II)
8	Formal methods in SE (I)
9	Formal methods in SE (II)
10	Software design
11	Software verification and validation
12	Project presentation
13	Subject revision

Changes to the above schedule will be posted via e-Learning space <http://www.uow.edu.au/student/>. 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

### Textbook(s):

- Carlo Ghezzi, Mehdi Jazayeri, and Dino Mandrioli, *Fundamentals of Software Engineering*, Second Edition, Prentice Hall 2002, ISBN: 013099183X.

### Other Resources:

#### Reference Book(s):

- Ian Sommerville, *Software Engineering*, 7th Edition, Addison-Wesley 2004.
- Roger Pressman, *Software Engineering: A Practitioner's Approach*, 6th Edition, McGraw Hill 2005.
- Hans Van Vliet, *Software Engineering – Principles and Practice*, Second Edition, Wiley 2003.
- Roland Backhouse, *Program Construction: Calculating Implementations from Specifications*, John Wiley & Sons 2003.

Purchasing books is recommended but not compulsory. A wide range of texts on software engineering, as well as on more specialized areas such as requirements engineering, software specification and software verification are available in the university library and in online digital libraries such as those of IEEE and ACM. The homepages of various large software projects are also a good source with links to related papers, which can often be downloaded for free. The CiteSeer web site (<http://citeseer.ist.psu.edu>) is another source of computer science and software engineering papers that can be downloaded for free. These readings will usually involve research papers, survey papers, tutorials, case studies, and practitioner-oriented articles.

### Assessment:

This subject has the following assessment components.

ASSESSMENT ITEMS & FORMAT	% OF FINAL MARK	GROUP/ INDIVIDUAL	DUE DATE
Initial project	10.00%	Individual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Due in the final <b>lecture in Week 3</b>. Submit to the lecturer in person a folder enclosing both a hardcopy report and its softcopy in a CD.</li><li>• No electronic submission.</li><li>• Detailed instruction on the content of project will be handed out during the semester.</li></ul>
Major project	40.00%	Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Due in the <b>first lecture in Week 12</b>. Submit to the lecturer in person a folder enclosing both a hardcopy report and its softcopy in a CD.</li><li>• No electronic submission.</li><li>• Individual group members may receive different marks according to their contributions.</li><li>• Detailed instruction on the content of project will be handed out during the semester.</li></ul>
Final exam	50%	Individual	During university exam period.

### **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.

Submission of assessment items via email will not be accepted.

### **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.

All assignments will be returned within 2 weeks of their submission.

**To be eligible for a Pass in this subject a student must achieve a mark of at least 40% in the Final Examination. Students who fail to achieve this minimum mark & would have otherwise passed will be given a TF (Technical Fail) for this subject.**

### **Procedures for the return of assessment items:**

Project reports will be available from the lecturer after being marked.

### **Penalties for late submission of assessment items:**

Penalties apply to all late work, except if student academic consideration has been granted. Late submissions will attract a penalty of 25% of the assessment mark.

This amount is per day including weekends.

Work more than (4) days late will be awarded a mark of zero.

### **Tutorial/Lab Closure Policy**

If for any reason, the number of students in a tutorial or lab falls below a sustainable enrolment level, as determined by the Head of School, tutorials/labs offered for that subject may be collapsed or deleted.

You will have to attend the new tutorials/lab if this closure affects the one you are attending.

We will endeavour to make this decision no later than Week 4 of session.

### **Supplementary Exams**

Supplementary Exams will be dealt with in accordance with student academic consideration policy (<http://www.uow.edu.au/about/policy/studentacademicconsiderationpolicy.pdf>) 9.2 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.**

## **Student Academic 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 academic consideration in order to complete all assessable work.

The University applies strict criteria to the granting of student academic consideration. Before applying for student academic consideration, students should carefully read the University's policy which can be found at: <http://www.uow.edu.au/about/policy/studentacademicconsiderationpolicy.pdf>.

## **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/studacgrievpol.html> which contains a range of policies on educational issues and student matters.

This subject outline can be found at: <http://www.uow.edu.au/informatics/scsse/>

This outline should be read in conjunction with the following documents:

Code of Practice - Teaching and Assessment <a href="http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/codesofprac/teaching_code.pdf">http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/codesofprac/teaching_code.pdf</a>	Code of Practice - Students <a href="http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/codesofprac/cop_students.html">http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/codesofprac/cop_students.html</a>
Code of Practice-Honours <a href="http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/CodeofPractice-Honours.pdf">http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/CodeofPractice-Honours.pdf</a>	Acknowledgement Practice <b>Plagiarism will not be tolerated:</b> <a href="http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/courserules/plagiarism.html">http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/courserules/plagiarism.html</a>
Key Dates <a href="http://www.uow.edu.au/student/dates.html">http://www.uow.edu.au/student/dates.html</a>	Student Academic Consideration Policy: <a href="http://www.uow.edu.au/about/policy/studentacademicconsiderationpolicy.pdf">http://www.uow.edu.au/about/policy/studentacademicconsiderationpolicy.pdf</a>
Course Progress Requirements: <a href="http://www.uow.edu.au/student/mrp/index.html">http://www.uow.edu.au/student/mrp/index.html</a>	Graduate Qualities Policy: <a href="http://www.uow.edu.au/about/teaching/qualities/index.html#_The new UOW">http://www.uow.edu.au/about/teaching/qualities/index.html#_The new UOW</a>
Academic Grievance Policy (Coursework and honours students) <a href="http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/courserules/studacgrievpol.html">http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/courserules/studacgrievpol.html</a>	Non-Discriminatory Language Practice and Presentation <a href="http://staff.uow.edu.au/eed/nondiscrimlanguage.html">http://staff.uow.edu.au/eed/nondiscrimlanguage.html</a>
Occupational Health and Safety <a href="http://staff.uow.edu.au/ohs/commitment/ohspolicy/index.html">http://staff.uow.edu.au/ohs/commitment/ohspolicy/index.html</a>	Ownership of Work & Intellectual Property Policy: <a href="http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/generalcourserules/UOW028651.html">http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/generalcourserules/UOW028651.html</a>
Human Research Ethics Committee: <a href="http://www.uow.edu.au/research/rso/ethics/human/">http://www.uow.edu.au/research/rso/ethics/human/</a>	Rules for student conduct: <a href="http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/generalrules/StudentConductRules.pdf">http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/generalrules/StudentConductRules.pdf</a>
Independent Learners' Introductory Program <a href="http://www.uow.edu.au/student/attributes/ilip/">http://www.uow.edu.au/student/attributes/ilip/</a>	Informatics Faculty Librarian, Ms Annette Meldrum, phone: 4221 4637, email: <a href="mailto:ameldrum@uow.edu.au">ameldrum@uow.edu.au</a>
Student Support Services: <a href="http://www.uow.edu.au/student/services/">http://www.uow.edu.au/student/services/</a> Informatics Faculty SEDLO ( <b>Student Equity and Diversity Liaison Officers</b> ) Virginie Schmelitschek, phone 4221 3833, <a href="mailto:virginie@uow.edu.au">virginie@uow.edu.au</a>	SCSSE Internet Access & Student Resource Centre <a href="http://www.uow.edu.au/informatics/common/uow024466.html">http://www.uow.edu.au/informatics/common/uow024466.html</a>
SCSSE Computer Usage Rules <a href="http://www.uow.edu.au/informatics/common/uow024457.html">http://www.uow.edu.au/informatics/common/uow024457.html</a>	SCSSE Subject Outlines <a href="http://www.uow.edu.au/informatics/scsse/current">http://www.uow.edu.au/informatics/scsse/current</a>