
SCSSE

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

CSCI991 Project Subject Outline Autumn and Spring Session 2009

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Autumn Subject Coordinator

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Dr Hagenbuchner's consultation times during session:

Day

Time

Wednesday

1:30 – 3:30PM

Thursday

11:30-1:30PM

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Dr Piper's consultation times during session:

Day

Time

Thursday

11:30 – 1:30PM

Friday

08:30-10:30AM

Subject Organisation

Session:

Autumn and Spring Session, Wollongong Campus

Credit Points

12 credit points

Contact hours per week:

No lectures

Lecture Times & Location:

Not applicable

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/101>. Any information posted to the web site is deemed to have been notified to all students.

Subject Description

This subject involves undertaking a project. Where possible the projects are related to the research interests of the School and/or staff and are chosen to develop the student's research skills.

Objectives

On successful completion of this subject, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate skills necessary to undertake scholarly research
2. Demonstrate written communication skill through the production of a research report
3. Demonstrate problem solving skill and idea development techniques
4. Demonstrate proficiency in the domain area of chosen project.

Graduate Qualities

This subject will contribute to the following graduate qualities:

- Informed
- Independent Learners
- Problem Solvers
- Effective Communicators
- Responsible
- Innovation and Design

Further information can be found at

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

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.

Students are to arrange regular meetings with the project supervisor. It is strongly recommended that the student has face to face meetings with the supervisor(s) on a weekly basis.

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Method of Presentation:

In order to maximize learning outcomes, it is strongly recommended that students give at least one seminar per annum. The subject coordinator will schedule the seminar on a suitable date and time. Seminars are typically given towards the half-way mark of the project, and are held in building 3.

Lecture Schedule:

There are no lectures to attend for this subject. However, a successful conclusion of CSCI940 is a mandatory requirement.

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

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Textbook(s):

Supervisors will advice of suitable reading material.

Other Resources:

To be advised by project supervisor.

Assessment:

This subject has the following assessment components.

| ASSESSMENT ITEMS & FORMAT | % OF FINAL MARK | GROUP/ INDIVIDUAL | DUE DATE |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Final thesis | 90 | Individual | Last day of session |
| Presentation | 10 | Individual | TBA |
| Total | 100 | | |

Notes on Assessment:

The project is expected to be completed independently. Plagiarism may result in a FAIL grade being recorded for that assignment.

The subject coordinator will attend the presentation and will assess the presentation. Two to three assessors will assess the final thesis. The subject coordinator will select the assessors. In general, the assessors can be assumed to be academics from within the University of Wollongong. However, the names of the assessors will not be provided to the students to maintain confidentiality. The assessment criteria are outlined in the information sheet provided by the subject coordinator prior to the submission of the thesis.

A successful conclusion of CSCI940 is a mandatory requirement for CSCI991. Candidates must have performed at Credit grade level (75 percent or higher) in CSCI940 to be accepted for enrolment in CSCI991. Failure to meet this requirement will attract a TF (Technical Fail) grade on the student's academic transcript for CSCI991.

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 three copies of the final thesis in hard copy to the subject coordinator.

To be eligible for a Pass in this subject a student must achieve a mark of at least 45% in the final thesis evaluation. 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:

Examiners are allowed to retain their copies of the thesis. Under special circumstances, the student may request the thesis to be returned.

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% per day late of the assessment mark.

If the thesis is more than 4 days late will be awarded a mark of zero.

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 outline should be read in conjunction with the following documents:

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| Code of Practice - Teaching and Assessment http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/codesofprac/teaching_code.html | Code of Practice - Students http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/codesofprac/cop_students.html |
| Code of Practice-Honours http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/honourscode.html | Acknowledgement Practice Plagiarism will not be tolerated: http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/courserules/plagiarism.html |
| Key Dates http://www.uow.edu.au/student/dates.html | Student Academic Consideration Policy: http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/courserules/specialconsideration.html |
| Course Progress Policy: http://www.uow.edu.au/student/mrp/index.html | Graduate Qualities Policy: http://www.uow.edu.au/about/teaching/qualities/index.html#_The_new_UOW |
| Academic Grievance Policy (Coursework and honours students) http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/courserules/studacgrievpol.html | Non-Discriminatory Language Practice and Presentation http://staff.uow.edu.au/eed/nondiscrimlanguage.html |
| Occupational Health and Safety http://www.uow.edu.au/about/policy/ohs.html | Intellectual Property Policy http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/generalcourserules/UOW028651.html |
| Human Research Ethics: http://www.uow.edu.au/research/rso/ethics/human/ | Rules for student conduct and discipline: http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/generalrules/student_discipline_rules.html |
| Information Literacies Introduction Program http://www.uow.edu.au/student/attributes/ilip/ | Informatics Faculty Librarian, Ms Annette Meldrum, phone: 4221 4637, email: ameldrum@uow.edu.au |
| Student Support Services: http://www.uow.edu.au/student/services/ Informatics Faculty SEDLO (Student Equity and Diversity Liaison Officers) Virginie Schmelitschek, phone 4221 3833, virginie@uow.edu.au | SCSSE Internet Access & Student Resource Centre http://www.uow.edu.au/informatics/common/uow024466.html |
| SCSSE Computer Usage Rules http://www.uow.edu.au/informatics/common/uow024457.html | SCSSE Subject Outlines http://www.uow.edu.au/informatics/scsse/current |