

Study Project Management

From second semester 2009, the Faculty of Information Technology is introducing FIT5057 Project Management. The introduction of this new subject is due to popular demand from students and the employment market place.

Many companies are now regarding project management as being mandatory for the survival of the firm. Organisational redesign is occurring at a rapid rate because of shorter product life cycles, rapidly changing already dynamic environments, accelerated development of sophisticated information systems, and increased marketplace competitiveness. Because of these factors, companies are considering project management organisations as a solution. Additionally, project management is often used as a training ground to prepare future general managers, as in fact project managers get to know more about the total operation of a company than most executives.

Project management can be beneficial to you no matter which industry you belong to or would like to be in such as the aeronautical, construction or technology industries.

The subject focuses on a holistic approach to project management. The aim of the subject is to provide students with a high level of understanding of the processes of project management, as well as sound skills in use of project tools. Proficiency in using key tools and concepts could give students a significant competitive advantage in the market place. The content deals with areas such as concepts and definitions, organising and staffing the project office and team, planning, scheduling techniques, cost control, risk management, contracts and procurement.



Case studies, articles of interest that may appear in current media, and students' own work experiences with project management, will be discussed in classes to optimise the learning opportunity in this subject. Commercially available software is reviewed and students have access to a PC-based project management package throughout the subject. After completing the subject, students at no cost are able to sit an exam for certification with either the Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM), or Project Management Professional (PMP) with the highly recognised Project Management Institute (PMI).

The aim of this subject is for students to:

- Examine and describe the concepts, techniques, and decision tools available to project managers.
- Demonstrate the importance of strategy and prioritising for effective resource allocation and balancing a portfolio of projects.
- Assess and synthesise diverse information for an integrative project management.
- Create and critically evaluate innovative ideas and strategies within ambiguous and uncertain business environment.
- Develop professional and personal skills – team work; leadership; ethical behaviour; analytical skills, including problem solving and critical thinking; define and schedule the project phases in the Microsoft Project software.



Unit code: FIT5057
Duration: 0.5 years
Campus: Caulfield
Prerequisites: Students must be enrolled in a Postgraduate course at Monash University to undertake this unit.



Monash University

Since its first intake of students in 1961, Monash University has forged an identity as Australia's truly international university. With six campuses in Australia, campuses in Malaysia and South Africa, a centre in Italy and links with more than 100 institutions worldwide, a Monash education qualifies all our students for success in the global community.

Monash is a member of the Group of Eight – Australia's leading universities, recognised for their excellence in research, scholarship and teaching. Together, this group undertakes 70 per cent of all research conducted in Australian universities.

Monash University Graduate School of Business

The Graduate School of Business delivers graduate business education to over 4000 students, with a further 300 students undertaking higher degrees by research. The scale and diversity of the activities of the Monash GSB enable us to offer students an unparalleled range of study choices and the flexibility of a variety of teaching modes in different locations.

The Faculty of Business and Economics (of which the Monash Graduate School of Business is a part) has been awarded international business school accreditation by the Brussels-based European Quality Improvement System, better known as EQUIS. The accreditation establishes Monash's Faculty of Business and Economics as one of the world's leading higher education institutions in management and business administration.

Monash University Faculty of Information Technology

The Faculty of Information Technology provides outstanding teaching and research across six campuses. By integrating its computing and information technology disciplines, the Faculty provides enormous breadth and depth of teaching and research to the campuses, strategic alliances, centres and partnerships that form the Monash global network.

Monash is the only Group of Eight university to have a dedicated IT faculty, recognising the importance of information and communications technology as a distinct discipline, requiring specialist teaching and research.

The university's strong reputation and international profile provide a passport to a career in a field that places no national boundaries on the ability to operate as a professional. No matter where they plan to work, whether in Australia or overseas, Monash IT graduates are seen as premium IT professionals.

Students in the Master of Business

The Master of Business is an innovative course offered by the Monash University Graduate School of Business at Caulfield campus. It offers the option of completing a specialisation in **information technology management**. This structure enables students to build a degree encompassing the skills they choose, need and want. Alternatively students may choose two of these units together with four units from the Faculty of Business and Economics.

For further information visit:

www.gsb.monash.edu/programs/offerings/business.html

Choose six of the following:

- FIT5057** Project management
- FIT5092** e-Business
- FIT5094** IT for management decision making
- FIT5101** Enterprise systems
- FIT5102** IT strategy and governance
- FIT5107** Managing business records
- FIT5157** Services science
- FIT9003** Database systems design
- FIT9006** Information technology management

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