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Introduction

Welcome to FIT5109 Research topic. This 6 point unit is an elective in the current Master of Information Management and Systems (MIMS) and the Master of Business Systems (MBS). You must have received prior approval from the unit administrators before enrolling in this unit.

Unit synopsis

This unit enables students to pursue a particular topic of research in the fields of information technology, information systems or information management. The research is done under supervision, and provides a chance for a student to pursue a topic of interest that has not been covered in other coursework units, or to build more in-depth knowledge in an area with which they already have some familiarity but desire more knowledge and expertise. Students enrolling in this unit should have the approval of the Head of School or their nominee. Assessment comprises a research paper, project report, or equivalent.

Learning outcomes

On completion of this unit students will have:

1. Gained an in-depth understanding of a relevant topic of interest that enhances their prior studies;
2. Developed their ability to analyse and synthesise and construct arguments from a range of published sources;
3. Developed skills at critiquing and evaluating others' ideas, opinions and arguments;
4. Enhanced their skills in project planning, collecting and evaluating data and presenting findings;
5. Learnt to work effectively in a close, cooperative relationship with a supervisor;
6. Enhanced their skills as independent learners, demonstrating self-reliance and effective time management.

Contact hours

Students meet weekly with their supervisors (in person or by phone) for approximately 30 minutes to set goals and report on achievements and difficulties.

Workload

Weekly meetings with supervisor (or OCL equivalent) will set goals for self-guided investigation and learning.

Unit relationships

Prerequisites

24 points of Graduate units from the Faculty of Information Technology

Prohibitions

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Relationships

FIT5109 is an elective unit in the MIMS and MBS.

Before attempting this unit you must have satisfactorily completed 24 points of Graduate units from the Faculty of Information Technology.

Entry to this unit is subject to approval of the Associate Dean Education (ADE), on the advice of the relevant Masters Program Leader. An application form is required.

You may not study this unit and IMS5037 in your degree.
Teaching and learning method

Research is done under supervision, and provides a chance for a student to pursue a topic of interest that has not been covered in other coursework units, or to build more in-depth knowledge in an area with which they already have some familiarity but desire more knowledge and expertise.

Timetable information

For information on timetabling for on-campus classes please refer to MUTTS, http://mutts.monash.edu.au/MUTTS/

Tutorial allocation

On-campus students should register for tutorials/laboratories using the Allocate+ system: http://allocate.cc.monash.edu.au/

Unit Schedule

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Unit Resources

Prescribed text(s) and readings
To be discussed with the supervisor.

Recommended text(s) and readings
To be discussed with the supervisor.

Required software and/or hardware
To be discussed with the supervisor.

Equipment and consumables required or provided
Students studying off-campus are required to have the minimum system configuration specified by the Faculty as a condition of accepting admission, and regular Internet access. On-campus students, and those studying at supported study locations may use the facilities available in the computing labs. Information about computer use for students is available from the ITS Student Resource Guide in the Monash University Handbook. You will need to allocate up to $n$ hours per week for use of a computer, including time for newsgroups/discussion groups.

Study resources
Study resources we will provide for your study are:

To be discussed with the supervisor.
Assessment

Overview

Research paper, review, project report or equivalent: 100%

Faculty assessment policy

To pass a unit which includes an examination as part of the assessment a student must obtain:

- 40% or more in the unit's examination, and
- 40% or more in the unit's total non-examination assessment, and
- an overall unit mark of 50% or more.

If a student does not achieve 40% or more in the unit examination or the unit non-examination total assessment, and the total mark for the unit is greater than 44% then a mark of no greater than 44-N will be recorded for the unit.

Research paper (6,000-10,000 words) and project or equivalent: 100%.

To pass this unit, a student must obtain an overall unit mark of 50% or more.

Assignment tasks

Assignment coversheets

Assignment coversheets are available via "Student Forms" on the Faculty website: http://www.infotech.monash.edu.au/resources/student/forms/

You MUST submit a completed coversheet with all assignments, ensuring that the plagiarism declaration section is signed.

Assignment submission and return procedures, and assessment criteria will be specified with each assignment.

- Assignment task 1

  Title: To be set by the individual staff member supervising each research topic.
  Description: To be set by the individual staff member supervising each research topic.
  Weighting: To be set by the individual staff member supervising each research topic.
  Due date: To be set by the individual staff member supervising each research topic.

Due dates and extensions

Please make every effort to submit work by the due dates. It is your responsibility to structure your study program around assignment deadlines, family, work and other commitments. Factors such as normal work pressures, vacations, etc. are not regarded as appropriate reasons for granting extensions. Students are advised to NOT assume that granting of an extension is a matter of course.
Students requesting an extension for any assessment during semester (eg. Assignments, tests or presentations) are required to submit a Special Consideration application form (in-semester exam/assessment task), along with original copies of supporting documentation, directly to their lecturer within two working days before the assessment submission deadline. Lecturers will provide specific outcomes directly to students via email within 2 working days. The lecturer reserves the right to refuse late applications.

A copy of the email or other written communication of an extension must be attached to the assignment submission.

Refer to the Faculty Special consideration webpage or further details and to access application forms: http://www.infotech.monash.edu.au/resources/student/equity/special-consideration.html

**Late assignment**

**Return dates**

Students can expect assignments to be returned within two weeks of the submission date or after receipt, whichever is later.
Appendix

Please visit the following URL: http://www.infotech.monash.edu.au/units/appendix.html for further information about:

- Continuous improvement
- Unit evaluations
- Communication, participation and feedback
- Library access
- Monash University Studies Online (MUSO)
- Plagiarism, cheating and collusion
- Register of counselling about plagiarism
- Non-discriminatory language
- Students with disability
- End of semester special consideration / deferred exams