FIT5108 Reading unit - Semester 1, 2012

This unit enables students to read widely in a relevant topic within the fields of information technology, information systems or information management, under supervision. It may be an area not offered in any other fifth-year level unit, or involve building more in-depth knowledge in an area with which they already have some familiarity. Students enrolling in this unit must have the approval of the Head of School or their nominee. Details for the reading unit will be defined and approved individually for each student and will include objectives, assessment and an initial reading list. Assessment comprises a research paper or review (6000-10,000 words), project report, or equivalent.

Mode of Delivery

Caulfield (Day)

Contact Hours

Students meet weekly with their supervisors for approximately 30 minutes to set goals and report on achievements and difficulties.

Workload

Workload requirement is approximately 12 hours per week for 12 weeks. The precise subdivision of the hours will be determined by the supervisor.

Unit Relationships

Prohibitions

IMS5021, BUS5010

Prerequisites

Completion of 24 points of graduate units from FIT. 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.

Chief Examiner

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Campus Lecturer

Caulfield

Steven Wright
Academic Overview

Outcomes

At the completion of this unit students will:

- gain detailed knowledge and in-depth understanding of a topic of interest to the student; which is not formally taught, but would be regarded as relevant to and enhancing the students studies;
- develop an ability to analyse and synthesise and construct arguments from a range of published sources;
- develop skills at critiquing and evaluating others ideas, opinions and arguments;
- demonstrate a willingness to present ideas for scrutiny to a supervisor;
- demonstrate a willingness and an ability to accept criticism of ideas.;
- appreciate the nature and demands of independent research.
- learn self-reliance and time management skills in order to gain greater independence as a learner;
- learn to work effectively in a close, cooperative relationship with a supervisor.

Graduate Attributes

Monash prepares its graduates to be:

1. responsible and effective global citizens who:
   
   a. engage in an internationalised world
   b. exhibit cross-cultural competence
   c. demonstrate ethical values

critical and creative scholars who:

   a. produce innovative solutions to problems
   b. apply research skills to a range of challenges
   c. communicate perceptively and effectively

Assessment Summary

Research assignment: 100%

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Teaching Approach

Research activities

Students will research an agreed thesis topic under the guidance of their supervisor, and will receive feedback on their progress through regular meetings with their supervisor.
Feedback

Our feedback to You

Types of feedback you can expect to receive in this unit are:

• Informal feedback on progress in labs/tutes
• Graded assignments with comments

Your feedback to Us

Monash is committed to excellence in education and regularly seeks feedback from students, employers and staff. One of the key formal ways students have to provide feedback is through SETU, Student Evaluation of Teacher and Unit. The University's student evaluation policy requires that every unit is evaluated each year. Students are strongly encouraged to complete the surveys. The feedback is anonymous and provides the Faculty with evidence of aspects that students are satisfied and areas for improvement.

For more information on Monash's educational strategy, and on student evaluations, see:
http://www.policy.monash.edu/policy-bank/academic/education/quality/student-evaluation-policy.html

Previous Student Evaluations of this unit

If you wish to view how previous students rated this unit, please go to
**Unit Schedule**

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*Unit Schedule details will be maintained and communicated to you via your MUSO (Blackboard or Moodle) learning system.*
Assessment Requirements

Assessment Policy

Faculty Policy - Unit Assessment Hurdles

Assessment Tasks

Participation

• Assessment task 1

  Title:  
  Reading unit

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

  Weighting:  
  100%

  Criteria for assessment:  
  To be specified by the supervisor.

  Due date:  
  To be negotiated

Examinations

Assignment submission

It is a University requirement
(http://www.policy.monash.edu/policy-bank/academic/education/conduct/plagiarism-procedures.html) for students to submit an assignment coversheet for each assessment item. Faculty Assignment coversheets can be found at http://www.infotech.monash.edu.au/resources/student/forms/. Please check with your Lecturer on the submission method for your assignment coversheet (e.g. attach a file to the online assignment submission, hand-in a hard copy, or use an online quiz).

Online submission

If Electronic Submission has been approved for your unit, please submit your work via the VLE site for this unit, which you can access via links in the my.monash portal.

Extensions and penalties

Submission must be made by the due date otherwise penalties will be enforced.

You must negotiate any extensions formally with your campus unit leader via the in-semester special consideration process:
Returning assignments

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

Policies

Monash has educational policies, procedures and guidelines, which are designed to ensure that staff and students are aware of the University’s academic standards, and to provide advice on how they might uphold them. You can find Monash's Education Policies at: http://policy.monash.edu.au/policy-bank/academic/education/index.html

Key educational policies include:

- Plagiarism (http://www.policy.monash.edu/policy-bank/academic/education/conduct/plagiarism-policy.html)
- Special Consideration (http://www.policy.monash.edu/policy-bank/academic/education/assessment/special-consideration-policy.html)
- Grading Scale (http://www.policy.monash.edu/policy-bank/academic/education/assessment/grading-scale-policy.html)
- Discipline: Student Policy (http://www.policy.monash.edu/policy-bank/academic/education/conduct/student-discipline-policy.html)
- Academic Calendar and Semesters (http://www.monash.edu.au/students/key-dates/)
- Orientation and Transition (http://www.infotech.monash.edu.au/resources/student/orientation/)
- Codes of Practice for Teaching and Learning (http://www.policy.monash.edu/policy-bank/academic/education/conduct/suppdocs/code-of-practice-teaching-and-learning.html)

Student services

The University provides many different kinds of support services for you. Contact your tutor if you need advice and see the range of services available at www.monash.edu.au/students. For Sunway see http://www.monash.edu.my/Student-services, and for South Africa see http://www.monash.ac.za/current/

The Monash University Library provides a range of services and resources that enable you to save time and be more effective in your learning and research. Go to http://www.lib.monash.edu.au or the library tab in my.monash portal for more information. At Sunway, visit the Library and Learning Commons at http://www.lib.monash.edu.my/. At South Africa visit http://www.lib.monash.ac.za/.

Academic support services may be available for students who have a disability or medical condition. Registration with the Disability Liaison Unit is required. Further information is available as follows:

- Website: http://monash.edu/equity-diversity/disability/index.html
- Email: dlu@monash.edu
- Drop In: Equity and Diversity Centre, Level 1 Gallery Building (Building 55), Monash University, Clayton Campus, or Student Community Services Department, Level 2, Building 2, Monash University, Sunway Campus
- Telephone: 03 9905 5704, or contact the Student Advisor, Student Community Services at 03 55146018 at Sunway
Other Information

Other

To be recommended by the supervisor according to the chosen topic.