



School of Information Management

MMIM 590 CASE STUDY IN INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Trimester 1, 2, 3 2007

COURSE OUTLINE

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Course Dates:

Trimesters 1 + 2	25 February-10 October 2008
Trimesters 2 + 3	7 July 2008-13 February 2009
Trimesters 3 + 1	17 November 2007-tba

(Enrol 4 weeks prior to the trimester to allow sufficient time for supervisor allocation)

Course Aims

This course provides an opportunity for students to complete a Case Study on an approved topic in information management. It is intended that through this process, the student will demonstrate not only mastery of the theoretical basis of the topic chosen, but also an ability to undertake independent research at an appropriate academic level.

Course Objectives

Students passing this course should be able to:

1. identify, clarify and investigate a research problem in information management,
2. locate, analyse, and integrate relevant literature,
3. gather and analyse additional data if appropriate, and
4. present a coherent, well-organised argument (written and oral) based on the above.

Prerequisite: In accordance with the MIM Statute there are no prerequisites although students should have completed the required core courses for the degree. Students will be invited to attend arranged workshops on Case Study preparation.

Course Dates: This course may be offered in any trimester at the discretion of the MIM Programme Director.

Times: Regular meetings with your supervisor by arrangement.

Supervisor: To be assigned by the course coordinator on an individual basis.

Learning Resources

The workshop on Case Study preparation is offered as required. A Case Study Writing Guide that includes relevant documentation and a bibliography of materials to support the research process accompanies it. No specific text is required for this course.

Literature: You will make extensive use of the library print and CD-ROM media as well as online academic literature databases.

Informal Learning Groups: Students are encouraged to form learning groups and meet on a regular basis to share and discuss ideas related to their projects.

Computer Labs: Enrolment in this course entitles you to use of SCS computer labs at Kelburn and Pipitea campuses. Information on labs can be found at <http://www.vuw.ac.nz/scs/facilities/facilities.aspx>. The School of Information Management also has a small postgraduate lab that is available for you to use – please contact the programme administrator for further details.

Access to your student email account, Blackboard, and student records is via MyVictoria <http://my.vuw.ac.nz/cp/home/loginf>. Please ensure your contact details are kept up to date in the Student Records system.

Workload

Time Commitment: Expect to spend 12-14 hours per week work related to MMIM 590

Lectures or Tutorial: There are no regular lectures or tutorials to attend

Research Seminars: These will be held as required

Assessment

100% written Case Study report

Due by the Friday of the end of the second trimester you are enrolled (refer to Dates)

Case Study report: The requirements of the report are fully explained in the MMIM 590 Case Study Writing Guide. Your supervisor will assist in planning and preparing the report.

Project Milestones

Task	Date, time
Attend a research project orientation session incorporating “How to select a supervisor” and “How to write a Case Study”	If required, tba
Choose topic Students are advised to prepare for MMIM 590 by choosing a topic as suggested in the research project orientation workshops. Attendance at the workshop will also sensitize you to issues and the potential value of literature you read during your other studies.	If required, tba
Submit Topic Approval Form (TAF) – This goes to the Programme Administrator, who can also provide you with the TAF template. That forms the basis for enrolment and the allocation of a supervisor.*	
Submit Case Study proposal to the supervisor. This usually would take from 4 to 6 weeks, but may be completed sooner. The Research Proposal is marked by the supervisor and that mark forms 20% of the final grade.	1-2 wks
Submit final draft of written Case Study to your supervisor. Your supervisor may negotiate an earlier date.	tba
Submit 3 copies of your written Case Study (plus an electronic copy) to the course co-ordinator or programme administrator.	By last day of second trimester (see course dates)

* Steps 1-4 can be completed before the trimester commences so that you are not held up while waiting for supervisor allocation

Faculty of Commerce and Administration Offices

Railway West Wing (RWW) - FCA Student and Academic Services Office

The Faculty’s Student and Academic Services Office is located on the ground and first floors of the Railway West Wing. The ground floor counter is the first point of contact for general enquiries and FCA forms. Student Administration Advisers are available to discuss course status and give further advice about FCA qualifications. To check for opening hours call the Student and Academic Services Office on (04) 463 5376.

Easterfield (EA) - FCA/Education/Law Kelburn Office

The Kelburn Campus Office for the Faculties of Commerce and Administration, Education and Law is situated in the Easterfield Building on the ground floor (EA005). This counter is the first point of contact for :

- Duty tutors for student contact and advice.
- Information concerning administrative and academic matters.
- Forms for FCA Student and Academic Services (e.g. application for academic transcripts, requests for degree audit, COP requests).

- Examinations-related information during the examination period.

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Notice of Turnitin Use

(All courses which make use of Turnitin must inform students prior to collection of work for assessment. The following paragraph (modified as necessary for particular circumstances) should appear in course outlines.)

Student work provided for assessment in this course may be checked for academic integrity by the electronic search engine <<http://www.turnitin.com>>. Turnitin is an on-line plagiarism prevention tool which identifies material that may have been copied from other sources including the Internet, books, journals, periodicals or the work of other students. Turnitin is used to assist academic staff in detecting misreferencing, misquotation, and the inclusion of unattributed material, which may be forms of cheating or plagiarism. *At the discretion of the School, handwritten work may be copy typed by the School and subject to checking by Turnitin.* You are strongly advised to check with your tutor or the course coordinator if you are uncertain about how to use and cite material from other sources. Turnitin will retain a copy of submitted materials on behalf of the University for detection of future plagiarism, but access to the full text of submissions will not be made available to any other party.

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General University Policies and Statutes

Students should familiarise themselves with the University's policies and statutes, particularly the Assessment Statute, the Personal Courses of Study Statute, the Statute on Student Conduct and any statutes relating to the particular qualifications being studied; see the Victoria University Calendar or go to www.vuw.ac.nz/policy.

For information on the following topics, go to the Faculty's website www.vuw.ac.nz/fca under Important Information for Students:

- Academic Grievances
- Academic Integrity and Plagiarism
- Student and Staff Conduct
- Meeting the Needs of Students with Impairments
- Student Support

Manaaki Pihipihinga Programme

Manaaki Pihipihinga is an academic mentoring programme for undergraduate Māori and Pacific students in the Faculties of Commerce and Administration, and Humanities and Social Sciences. Sessions are held at the Kelburn and Pipitea Campuses in the Mentoring Rooms, 14 Kelburn Parade (back courtyard), Room 109D, and Room 210, Level 2, Railway West Wing. There is also a Pacific Support Coordinator who assists Pacific students by linking them to the services and support they need while studying at Victoria. Another feature of the programme is a support network for Postgraduate students with links to Postgraduate workshops and activities around Campus.

For further information, or to register with the programme, email manaaki-pihipihinga-programme@vuw.ac.nz or phone (04) 463 5233 ext. 8977. To contact the Pacific Support Coordinator, email pacific-support-coord@vuw.ac.nz or phone (04) 463 5842.