
School of Information Management

INFO232 Business Systems Analysis

Trimester 2 2012

COURSE OUTLINE

Names and Contact Details

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Trimester Dates

Teaching Period: Monday 16 July – Friday 19 October

Study Period: Monday 22 October – Thursday 25 October (Monday 22 October is a public holiday, Labour Day)

Examination Period: Friday 26 October – Saturday 17 November (inclusive)

Withdrawal from Course

1. Your fees will be refunded if you withdraw from this course on or before Friday 27 July 2012.
2. The standard last date for withdrawal from this course is Friday 28 September. After this date, students forced to withdraw by circumstances beyond their control must apply for permission on an '*Application for Associate Dean's Permission to Withdraw Late*' including supporting documentation.

The application form is available from either of the Faculty's Student Customer Service Desks.

Class Times and Room Numbers

Lectures: Thursday, 9:30am – 11:30pm - RH LT1

Tutorials: See **Tutorial Signup Instructions**

Course Content

INFO 232 – Lectures & Tutorials			2012 / 2
Date	Topic	Readings	Notes
WEEK 1:			
Thurs 19 July	Introduction to IS development Requirements determination	Bent & Whit Ch 1, 3, 6	Sign up for tutorials this week
	No Tutorials		
WEEK 2:			
Thurs 26 July	Introduction to data modelling (ERDs)	Bent & Whit Ch 8	
	TUTORIAL 1: Requirements determination		
WEEK 3:			
Thurs 2 Aug	Logical data modelling (ERDs)	Bent & Whit Ch 8	
	TUTORIAL 2: Data modelling		
WEEK 4:			
Thurs 9 Aug	Data analysis (Normalisation)	Bent & Whit Ch 8	
	TUTORIAL 3: Data modelling		
WEEK 5:			
Thurs 16 Aug	TEST 1		
	TUTORIAL 4: Data analysis		
WEEK 6:			
Thurs 23 Aug	Use cases	Bent & Whit Ch 7	
	No Tutorials		
WEEKS: 22 August – 4 September TRIMESTER BREAK			
WEEK 7:			
Thurs 13 Sept	Introduction to process modelling (DFDs)	Bent & Whit Ch 9	
	TUTORIAL 5: Process modelling (use cases)		
WEEK 8:			
Thurs 20 Sept	Further process modelling (DFDs)	Bent & Whit Ch 9	
	TUTORIAL 6: Process modelling (DFDs)		
WEEK 9:			
Thurs 27 Sept	TEST 2		
	TUTORIAL 7: Process modelling (DFDs)		
WEEK 10:			
Thurs 4 Oct	Systems design: application architecture & databases	Bent & Whit Ch 12-14	
	No Tutorials		
WEEK 11:			
Thurs 11 Oct	Systems design: input, output and interfaces	Bent & Whit Ch 15-17	
	TUTORIAL 8: Database design & physical DFDs		
WEEK 12:			
Thurs 18 Oct	Object oriented analysis & design using UML	Bent & Whit Ch 10, 18	
	TUTORIAL 9: I/O and interface design		

Course Learning Objectives

The course objectives are expressed in the table below. Note that they are also linked to **graduate attributes** (those attributes that a graduate with a BCA should possess) and **major attributes** (those attributes that a graduate with a major in *Information Systems* should possess). The relevant attributes of both types are explained following the table.

Objective	On completion of this course, students will be able to:	Graduate Attributes	Major Attributes
a	Explain the different stages of the Systems Development Life Cycle (SDLC)	LG4	MA1, MA2
b	Perform requirements analysis	LG1, LG2	MA1, MA3
c	Develop data models	LG1, LG2	MA1, MA3, MA5
d	Develop process models	LG1, LG2	MA1, MA3, MA5
e	Develop design solutions	LG1, LG2	MA1, MA2, MA3, MA4, MA5, MA6

BCA Graduate Attributes

LG1: Critical and creative thinking

LG2: Communication

LG3: Global and multicultural perspectives

LG4: Leadership

Major Attributes for Information Systems

MA1: Understand and manage the interplay between people, technologies and organisations that underlies information systems.

MA2: Demonstrate a sound understanding of IT and related organisational processes.

MA3: Analyse, design, develop, test, implement, and maintain information strategies, systems, processes and applications for an organisation.

MA4: Exploit opportunities created by technology innovations.

MA5: Communicate the technical and managerial aspects of information systems.

MA6: Understand, manage, and control IT risks and security.

Course Delivery

Learning materials for this course are delivered in two complementary ways: through (i) lectures and tutorials; and (ii) resources on the (Blackboard) website. Each method is both important and necessary to achieve the course objectives.

Use of Blackboard

Course Material

All course material and announcements will be published on Blackboard on a regular basis. **Students are expected to download these materials from Blackboard.**

Expected Workload

As a 15-point course, students are expected to invest approximately 150 hours worth of effort to complete the course successfully. These hours include time preparing for and participating in: lectures, tutorials, and tests. They include time spent at the university and any time spent on the course off campus.

Readings

The textbook for this course is:

Whitten & Bentley (2007) Systems Analysis & Design, McGraw-Hill, 7th Edition

Assessment Requirements

Course assessment will be based on the following:

	<u>Learn Obj</u>		<u>Date</u>
Test 1 (Data Modelling)	a, b, c	25%	16 August
Test 2 (Process Modelling)	a, d	25%	27 September
Examination	a, e	40%	tba (exam period)
Tutorial submissions	b, c, d, e	10%	Every week except for Weeks 1, 6, 10
TOTAL		100%	

Mandatory Course Requirements

To pass this course, students must:

- 1. Participate in at least seven out of nine designated tutorials;**
- 2. Obtain an average of at least 50% across all assessments; and**
- 3. Obtain at least 40% of the possible marks in the final examination.**

Please note: Do not take chances by missing tutorials unnecessarily – you may later become ill or be otherwise forced to miss some tutorials, and then find that you have not accumulated enough tutorial attendances.

Tutorials

Students are required to register for **one** 1-hour tutorial per week.

Tutorial Sign-up

The opportunity to sign up for tutorials will begin **immediately after Thursday's lecture in Week 1**. Please sign up for a tutorial session by **2pm, Friday** as tutorials will start in Week 2. The tutorial sign-up system is called S-cubed (see <https://signups.victoria.ac.nz/> for details). Instructions are available on Blackboard.

Tutorial hopping is not permitted

Tutorial hopping is not allowed. If you need to temporarily change to another tutorial, please print and fill out the Tutorial Change Form (can be found under Course Information tag on Blackboard).

This form must be signed by Senior Tutor or Course Co-ordinator. You will only get attendance from the replacement tutorial if you show the tutor of the class the signed change form at the beginning of the tutorial.

Tutorials

For each tutorial, students are required to submit their submission to the tutors at the beginning of the tutorial. Each submission is worth 1% of your final grade. A bonus 1% will be given if you attend all nine tutorials.

Tests / Examination

The tests reflect the three parts of the course. For each test, you will be provided with details of an assignment case, and will be expected to answer questions about the case during the test. The more students work on the assignment case prior to the test, the better prepared they will be when sitting the test.

Note the first two tests are held during class time. The final test is set as an examination after the lectures.

Students who enrol in courses with examinations are obliged to attend an examination at the University at any time during the formal examination period.

The final examination for this course will be scheduled at some time during the period from Friday 26 October – Saturday 17 November (inclusive).

Scaling

To obtain a fair and consistent distribution of marks relative to assessment difficulty, scaling of marks may be employed on some or all assessments.

Quality Assurance Note

Your assessed work may also be used for quality assurance purposes, such as to assess the level of achievement of learning objectives as required for accreditation and audit purposes. The findings may be used to inform changes aimed at improving the quality of FCom programmes. All material used for such processes will be treated as confidential, and the outcome will not affect your grade for the course.

Penalties

Failure to sit a test will mean no marks are allocated for that assessment. Failure to submit a tutorial submission before the start of the tutorial will mean no mark will be allocated. If students are unable to sit a test, or submit their tutorial submission on time, they need to provide the Senior Tutor (or Course Coordinator) with documentary evidence (such as a medical certificate) demonstrating why they were unable to comply.

Class Representative

A class representative will be elected in the first class, and that person's name and contact details made available to VUWSA, the Course Coordinator and the class. The class representative provides a communication channel to liaise with the Course Coordinator on behalf of students.

Communication of Additional Information

All formal notices relating to this course will be posted on the Blackboard website - you are expected to log on and check for announcements on a regular basis, at least two or three times a week. The INFO232 website can be accessed at: <http://blackboard.vuw.ac.nz>

For the following important information follow the links provided:

Academic Integrity and Plagiarism

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/plagiarism.aspx>

General University Policies and Statutes

Find key dates, explanations of grades and other useful information at www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study

Find out about academic progress and restricted enrolment at

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/academic-progress.aspx>

The University's statutes and policies are available at www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/policy, except qualification statutes, which are available via the Calendar webpage at

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/calendar.aspx> (See Section C).

Further information about the University's academic processes can be found on the website of the Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Academic) at

www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about_victoria/avcacademic/default.aspx

AVC (Academic) Website: information including: Conduct, Academic Grievances, Students with Impairments, Student Support

http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about_victoria/avcacademic/Publications.aspx

Faculty of Commerce Office

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/vbs/studenthelp>

Te Putahi Atawhai

Maori and Pacific Mentoring Programme

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/tpa/>