Master of Information Technology (Games Production) (IT43)

Year offered: 2011
Admissions: Yes
CRICOS code: 003776E
Course duration (full-time): 1.5 years
Course duration (part-time): 3 years
Domestic Fees (indicative): 2011: Full fee tuition $7,375 (indicative) per semester
International Fees (indicative): 2011: $11,125 (indicative) per semester
Domestic Entry: February and July
International Entry: February and July
Total credit points: 144
Standard credit points per full-time semester: 48
Standard credit points per part-time semester: 24
Course coordinator: Dr Ross Hayward
Campus: Gardens Point

Course completion rules
Students should meet the following requirements before they are able to complete the Masters program:
• Students are required to complete 144 credit points of units.
• Students are required to complete the specified core unit.
• Students wishing to specialise must complete the specific unit requirements for a major.
• Students wishing to complete their postgraduate studies without a single area of specialisation must satisfy the unit requirements for graduation with no major.
• Students may be allowed to take up to four units of electives. These units may be selected from postgraduate units outside of the Faculty of Science and Technology.

Early exit options
Students enrolled in this course may be eligible to exit their courses with a Graduate Certificate (IT85), after successful completion of an approved 48 credit points, or with a Graduate Diploma (IT37), after successful completion of an approved 96 credit points.

Further Information
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IT43 - MIT (Games Production)

Core

PRINCE2 (R) Project Management

All of the following units:

- INN180 Computer Games Studies
- INN181 Introduction to Games Production
- INN600 Advanced Readings 1
- INN601 Advanced Readings 2

In addition, select 3 of the following units:

- INN220 Business Analysis
- INN321 Business Process Management
- INN330 Information Management
- INN311 Enterprise Systems
- INN700 Introduction To Research
- INN701 Advanced Research Topics

Select any four elective units from the list below:

- GSN401 Managing in the Global Business Environment
- GSN405 Strategic Management
- GSN413 Financial Management 1
- GSN415 Understanding Leadership
- GSN416 Business Plans 1
- INN690 Minor Project 1
- INN691 Minor Project 2
- INN692 Minor Project 3
- INN693 Project
- INN694-1 Project 1
- INN694-2 Project 2

UNIT SYNOPSES

GSN401 MANAGING IN THE GLOBAL BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

Competence in managing is the key to success for any organisation and for any person within that organisation. The knowledge and ability to manage within the global business environment are crucial requirements for today's and tomorrow's managers. This unit introduces the planning, leading, organising and controlling functions of management to elucidate current trends in management practice in the global environment.

Antirequisites: GSN204, MGN409

Equivalents: [Page 1/5]
GSZ401  Credit points: 6  Contact hours: 3 per week  
Campus: Gardens Point  Teaching period: 2011 6TP2 and 2011 6TP4

GSN405 STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT
Strategy is the process of determining goals and moving towards the achievement of those goals in a business, government, or not-for-profit setting. This unit introduces the concept of strategy and explores the basic tenets of the strategy process, competitive advantage, and strategic management in a changing global environment. It lays in the foundations for students in terms of understanding contemporary thinking in the strategy field. The learning process is enhanced by practical real-time examples of strategy in action utilising the case study method of learning.

Antirequisites: GSZ602  Equivalents: GSN405  Credit points: 6  Contact hours: 3 per week  
Campus: Gardens Point  Teaching period: 2011 6TP1, 2011 6TP3 and 2011 6TP5

GSN413 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT 1
This unit introduces the student to the international financial environment in which business operates. The three major lessons in finance (time value, diversification and arbitrage) are introduced. Topics include time value of money, valuation, sources of funds, behaviour of firms and financial markets, introduction to investment evaluation, diversification, risk and return, and cost of capital.

Prerequisites: GSN403  Antirequisites: EFN406  Equivalents: GSZ413  Credit points: 6  Contact hours: 3 per week  
Campus: Gardens Point  Teaching period: 2011 6TP2 and 2011 6TP4

GSN415 UNDERSTANDING LEADERSHIP
Leadership is the process of persuasion or example by which an individual influences others to pursue identified goals. The skills of leadership can be identified and learned. This unit explores the attributes, roles and tasks of leaders in contemporary business situations and the issues that impact on leadership, such as leader-follower interaction, ethics, leadership characteristics and leadership development. This unit culminates in the development of leadership profiles of contemporary leaders with an exploration of their characteristics and how their leadership roles are exercised.

Equivalents: GSZ415  Credit points: 6  Contact hours: 3 per week  
Campus: Gardens Point  Teaching period: 2011 6TP3

GSN416 BUSINESS PLANS 1
This unit offers students the opportunity to write a formal business plan for a new business venture or offshoot of an existing venture. As business planning is an intensive viability screening exercise in which the business planners must consider all strategic alternatives, students are required to choose a preferred ‘business model’ and analyse whether or not the proposed new venture appears to be viable. The business plan is a document that communicates this viability to an investor or other potential stakeholders in the new business and the structure and content of the business plan is crafted according to its intended role in a multi-stage communication process with the target reader.

Prerequisites: GSN405, GSN410, and 84 credit points of MBA units (GSN% units)  Equivalents: GSN416  Credit points: 6  Contact hours: 3 per week  
Campus: Gardens Point  Teaching period: 2011 6TP1, 2011 6TP3 and 2011 6TP5

INN180 COMPUTER GAMES STUDIES
This unit is designed to give you a clear understanding of the socio-cultural issues that affect the computer game industry. Through critical review of games and games industry literature, playing games and actively participating in classroom discussion you will develop your capacity to join in the discourse about the design, impact and future direction of computer games in our society.

Antirequisites: INB180, ITB750  Equivalents: ITN750  
Credit points: 12  Contact hours: 3 per week  
Campus: Gardens Point  Teaching period: 2011 SEM-1

INN181 INTRODUCTION TO GAMES PRODUCTION
This subject will provide you with knowledge and skills in games production. By gaining an overview of the production process, you will learn how the technology and the people involved integrate into a coherent and efficient manufacturing process. By the end of this subject you will have the knowledge to conceive, create, integrate and optimise tools and personnel into a complete games production system.

Antirequisites: INB181, ITB751, ITN751  
Credit points: 12  Contact hours: 3 per week  
Campus: Gardens Point  Teaching period: 2011 SEM-2

INN220 BUSINESS ANALYSIS
This unit is aimed to give you an introduction to the role, knowledge, and skills required of a business analyst. This unit focuses on both the trades—tools and methods used by a business analyst, as well as the soft skills—creativity and communication, both of which are critical to successful business and requirements analysis. Through lectures, cases studies and role playing activities, you will develop basic knowledge and skills required for introductory business analysis (BA).

Antirequisites: INB220  
Equivalents: ITB222, ITB365, ITN222, ITN365  
Credit points: 12  Contact hours: 3
INN311 ENTERPRISE SYSTEMS
The unit presents and discusses the Enterprise Systems Lifecycle model, orienting students to the requirements of addressing total cost of ownership, change management requirements and process modelling requirements in order to achieve business benefits. Concepts of Enterprise Systems success and associated enablers and barriers are also introduced. This unit introduces the technical architecture of complex 3-tiered client server environments. It seeks to show how an integrated complex database environment meets common business needs, and yet fails to meet the total Information Systems requirements.

**Prerequisites:** INB311  
**Credit points:** 12  
**Contact hours:** 3 per week  
**Campus:** Gardens Point  
**Teaching period:** 2011 SEM-2

INN321 BUSINESS PROCESS MANAGEMENT
The aim of this unit is to introduce you to modern methodologies of Business Process Management. A main objective is to increase your awareness of the close link between business requirements and IT capabilities, and the related fundamental role of business processes. This unit also seeks to develop logical thinking, an appreciation for conceptual models, and the capability to understand and deal with complex systems.

**Prerequisites:** INB321  
**Equivalents:** ITN298  
**Credit points:** 12  
**Contact hours:** 3 per week  
**Campus:** Gardens Point  
**Teaching period:** 2011 SEM-1

INN330 INFORMATION MANAGEMENT
The aim of this unit is to provide you with an awareness of the activities in which IM professionals are engaged within various organisational contexts. You will use case studies and introduce yourself to the strategic and analytic elements that comprise information management activities. These activities include the alignment of enterprise information and business planning, enterprise information policy, evaluation of information resources & systems and applications of the information inventory.

**Prerequisites:** INB330  
**Equivalents:** ITN266  
**Credit points:** 12  
**Contact hours:** 3 per week  
**Campus:** Gardens Point  
**Teaching period:** 2011 SEM-2

INN500 PRINCE2 (R) PROJECT MANAGEMENT
The majority of information technology (IT) initiatives, such as systems developments and implementations, are introduced into organizations through projects, and the success of these projects depends on their effective management. This unit covers the integration of the multi-disciplinary skills that students would have acquired at stage in the course required to manage IT projects successfully. Specifically, it covers the administrative, technical, communication and socio-political demands placed on modern IT project managers. The unit covers practical, relevant and topical IT project management issues delivered through workshops and lectures.

**Prerequisites:** Completion of 36 credit points of Postgraduate units (INN% or PUN% or GSN%)  
**Antirequisites:** INB123, ITB365, ITB272  
**Equivalents:** ITN272  
**Credit points:** 12  
**Contact hours:** 4 per week  
**Campus:** Gardens Point  
**Teaching period:** 2011 SEM-1 and 2011 SEM-2

INN600 ADVANCED READINGS 1
The aim of this unit is to broaden your understanding of potential research topics and methods and support you in developing essential skills that enable clarity and focus in investigating IT research; rigour in evaluating claims and accuracy in your understanding of domain problems, related theories and methodologies appropriate to your specialist area.

**Assumed knowledge:** Completion of at least 48 credit points of Postgraduate level IT units is assumed knowledge.  
**Credit points:** 12  
**Campus:** Gardens Point  
**Teaching period:** 2011 SEM-1, 2011 SEM-2 and 2011 SUM

INN601 ADVANCED READINGS 2
The aim of this unit is to broaden your understanding of potential research topics and methods and support you in developing essential skills that enable clarity and focus in investigating IT research; rigour in evaluating claims and accuracy in your understanding of domain problems, related theories and methodologies appropriate to your specialist area.

**Assumed knowledge:** Completion of at least 48 credit points of Postgraduate level IT units is assumed knowledge.  
**Credit points:** 12  
**Campus:** Gardens Point  
**Teaching period:** 2011 SEM-1, 2011 SEM-2 and 2011 SUM

INN690 MINOR PROJECT 1
The aims of this unit are to help you acquire necessary skills in a problem domain, and to enable you to conduct a well-defined project with specific outcomes within a precisely defined project plan. This unit also teaches you how to prepare a well written project report.

**Assumed knowledge:** Completion of at least 48 credit points of Postgraduate level IT units is assumed knowledge.  
**Credit points:** 12  
**Campus:** Gardens Point  
**Teaching period:** 2011 SEM-1, 2011 SEM-2 and 2011 SUM
INN691 MINOR PROJECT 2
The aims of this unit are to help you acquire necessary skills in a problem domain, and to enable you to conduct a well-defined project with specific outcomes within a precisely defined project plan. This unit also teaches you how to prepare a well written project report.

Assumed knowledge: Completion of at least 48 credit points of Postgraduate level IT units is assumed knowledge.
Credit points: 12  Campus: Gardens Point  Teaching period: 2011 SEM-1, 2011 SEM-2 and 2011 SUM

INN692 MINOR PROJECT 3
The aims of this unit are to help you acquire necessary skills in a problem domain, and to enable you to conduct a well-defined project with specific outcomes within a precisely defined project plan. This unit also teaches you how to prepare a well written project report.

Assumed knowledge: Completion of at least 48 credit points of Postgraduate level IT units is assumed knowledge.
Credit points: 12  Campus: Gardens Point  Teaching period: 2011 SEM-1, 2011 SEM-2 and 2011 SUM

INN693 PROJECT
The aims of this unit are to help you acquire necessary skills in a problem domain, and to enable you to conduct a well-defined project with specific outcomes within a precisely defined project plan. This unit also teaches you how to prepare a well written project report.

Assumed knowledge: Completion of at least 48 credit points of Postgraduate level IT units is assumed knowledge.
Credit points: 24  Campus: Gardens Point  Teaching period: 2011 SEM-1, 2011 SEM-2 and 2011 SUM

INN694 PROJECT
This unit enables you to carry out an independent or group project addressing a research question or practical problem in theoretical or practical information technology. It provides an opportunity to individualise your studies by concentrating on a specific problem. The aims of this unit are to help you acquire necessary skills in a problem domain, and to enable you to conduct a well-defined project with specific outcomes within a precisely defined project plan. This unit also teaches you how to prepare a well written project report.

Prerequisites: INN694-1  Assumed knowledge: Completion of at least 48 credit points of Postgraduate level IT units is assumed knowledge.  Credit points: 12  Campus: Gardens Point  Teaching period: 2011 SEM-1, 2011 SEM-2 and 2011 SUM

INN700 INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH
This unit is aimed at students undertaking a major research project (see corequisites above). In order to pursue such a project, you must have some insight into the range of possible approaches to research available. Before commencing the research proper, it is necessary to review related literature in depth and prepare a detailed proposal outlining the research question, design and project plan. Quality control and good project management must be exercised throughout the research project. Main items of assessment pertain to each student's unique, research project being pursued in parallel. This unit aims to give you insight into the range of possible approaches to research, to develop the skills needed to prepare your literature review and research proposal and to assist you in planning and managing time and resources.

Assumed knowledge: Must be con-currently enrolled in either full-time or part-time Higher Research Degree (i.e. PhD, ProDoc, Research Masters, or Honours) or, if coursework masters then a 48cp research project. In all instances, must have a formal Principle Supervisor
Equivalents: ITN100  Other requisites: Unit Coordinator Approval and a course GPA of at least 5.5 is required to enrol.  Credit points: 12  Campus: Gardens Point  Teaching period: 2011 SEM-1 and 2011 SEM-2

INN701 ADVANCED RESEARCH TOPICS
All research students need an appreciation of a wide variety of potential approaches to conducting research and an understanding of the key issues that bear on such approaches. INN701 is an advanced unit aimed at research students who are soon to complete a detailed, rigorous and defensible design of their intended research project (e.g. Stage 2). Research students, coursework masters students and honours students intending undertaking a major research project should pursue INN701 either subsequent to, or in parallel with INN700.

Prerequisites: INN700 which can be studied in the same teaching period as INN701  Assumed knowledge: INN700 may be waived for invited, advanced, high-
performing undergrads  

Equivalents: ITN269  

Other requisites: GPA of at least 5.5 is required to enrol  

Credit points: 12  

Campus: Gardens Point  

Teaching period: 2011 SEM-1 and 2011 SEM-2