**General Information**

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Credit points
4

Prerequisites
Admission to MIT

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
This unit examines strategic planning processes and management and how information technology enables organisations to conduct business in radically different and more effective ways. It covers topics including competitive positioning, business information and technology, strategy development and deployment, innovation and technology as a mechanism for competitive advantage, outsourcing as a strategy, marketing, and presentation (written and oral) skills.

**Important Academic Dates**

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at [http://students.mq.edu.au/student_admin/enrolmentguide/academicdates/](http://students.mq.edu.au/student_admin/enrolmentguide/academicdates/)

**Learning Outcomes**

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**Assessment Tasks**

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**Diagnositc Case Study 1**

Due: **Week 3**  
Weighting: **5%**  

An individual short report answering questions on the prior two weeks of lectures and our Lego Case Study exercise. This is an early diagnostic assessment to provide feedback on the style and requirements of assessment in this unit.

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**Case Studies 2 to 9**

Due: **Weeks 4 to 11**  
Weighting: **80%**

We consider a series of case studies relating to GE, H&M, Formula 1 Constructors, Ryanair, Amsterdam, FeedHenry, Flight Centre and Apple. Each week students will be required to submit an individual short, 150 word, responses to questions relating to the prior week's lectures and the
This unit uses a continuous assessment model, with no final exam.

(Late submission of assignments is not possible due to the 'flipped classroom' approach of in class discussion and review of answers submitted.)

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Elevator Pitch Presentation

Due: Week 13
Weighting: 15%

Individually, students will be required to select an ASX200 company and apply the models and concepts of the unit to the strategic plan of the organisation. A creative approach to recommending new strategies and the role of IT in strategy execution is required. Students will need to use an elevator pitch style of presentation as there is a 10 minute limit.

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## Delivery and Resources

### Recommended Texts

The following texts are mandatory and will be used 'cover to cover':

Peter High, 'Implementing World Class IT Strategy' Wiley, 2014. (There is an ebook available from the US site for about USD 20.)

Johnson, G et al, ‘Exploring Strategy Text and Cases’ 10e, Pearson, 2014. (There is an ebook on the UK site for about GBP 31.)

[I used a VPN to access these sites as they are not available to Australian IP addresses.]

### Unit Material

Our iLearn site will be used for storing lectures, references and assignment submission at: [https://ilearn.mq.edu.au/](https://ilearn.mq.edu.au/).

### Participation

Please note that in class participation is required to meet the standards of the unit. This is not an externally delivered unit. We are using a 'flipped classroom' model which requires students to review each other's answers to case study assignments. As a minimum, we require at least 8 out of 12 sessions attendance. More than four absences will require an official Disruption approval (see [https://ask.mq.edu.au/](https://ask.mq.edu.au/) ) Furthermore, students must attend the Week 13 assessment presentation session. Alternative arrangements will be made if a student cannot attend Week 13 and qualifies for an official Disruption.

**Late assignments**: Late submission is not available for this unit. For instance, a student fails to submit by 5:00 pm of the evening of the class, then quite correctly, attends the subsequent review session and has learned all the best answers to the questions posed! The student could then submit perfect work whilst incurring only the usual 10% penalty for being up to 24 hours late. Students need 50% to pass, so all is not lost if one or two assignments are not submitted on time.

All assignments are to be submitted through the iLearn class website.

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**Student Code of Conduct**

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: [https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/)

**Results**

Results shown in iLearn, or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in eStudent. For more information visit [ask.mq.edu.au](http://ask.mq.edu.au).

**Student Support**

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit [http://students.mq.edu.au/support/](http://students.mq.edu.au/support/)

**Learning Skills**

Learning Skills ([mq.edu.au/learningskills](http://mq.edu.au/learningskills)) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- Workshops
- StudyWise
- Academic Integrity Module for Students
- Ask a Learning Adviser

**Student Enquiry Service**

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at [ask.mq.edu.au](http://ask.mq.edu.au)

**Equity Support**

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the Disability Service who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

**IT Help**

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit [http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/](http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/).

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy. The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.
Graduate Capabilities

PG - Discipline Knowledge and Skills

Our postgraduates will be able to demonstrate a significantly enhanced depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content knowledge in their chosen fields.

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PG - Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

Our postgraduates will be capable of utilising and reflecting on prior knowledge and experience, of applying higher level critical thinking skills, and of integrating and synthesising learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments. A characteristic of this form of thinking is the generation of new, professionally oriented knowledge through personal or group-based critique of practice and theory.

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PG - Research and Problem Solving Capability

Our postgraduates will be capable of systematic enquiry; able to use research skills to create new knowledge that can be applied to real world issues, or contribute to a field of study or practice to enhance society. They will be capable of creative questioning, problem finding and problem solving.

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Our postgraduates will be able to communicate effectively and convey their views to different social, cultural, and professional audiences. They will be able to use a variety of technologically supported media to communicate with empathy using a range of written, spoken or visual formats.

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PG - Engaged and Responsible, Active and Ethical Citizens

Our postgraduates will be ethically aware and capable of confident transformative action in relation to their professional responsibilities and the wider community. They will have a sense of connectedness with others and country and have a sense of mutual obligation. They will be able to appreciate the impact of their professional roles for social justice and inclusion related to national and global issues.

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PG - Capable of Professional and Personal Judgment and Initiative

Our postgraduates will demonstrate a high standard of discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgment. They will have the ability to make informed choices and decisions that reflect both the nature of their professional work and their personal perspectives.

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Standards

Four standards, namely HD, D, CR, P summarize as many different levels of achievement. Each standard is precisely defined to help students know what kind of performance is expected to deserve a certain mark. The standards corresponding to the learning outcomes of this unit are given below:

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<td>Demonstrated deep understanding of the impact of IT on industries, markets and organisations, through the design application and analysis of business models, and the development, explanation and selling of inspirational IT Business cases.</td>
<td>Demonstrated deep understanding of the application of IT Decisions rights models, and management frameworks, leadership of change and the nexus between planning and execution as enabled by outstanding leadership capability.</td>
<td>Consistently demonstrated, effective leadership of the group, including planning, directing, delegating, guiding, supporting, influencing, persuading and inspiring. Consistently able to manage ones own workload, deliver on time and set a good example to the group. Consistently excellent verbal and written communication skills of a high order. Consistently demonstrated understanding of analytical models and methods and ability to apply them appropriately, creatively and intelligently, with imagination and flair.</td>
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<td>Demonstrated understanding of the impact of IT on industries, markets and organisations, through the design, application and analysis of business models, and the development of IT Business cases.</td>
<td>Demonstrated understanding of the application of IT Decisions rights models, and management frameworks, and the leadership of change.</td>
<td>Demonstrated, effective deputy leadership of the group, including supporting the leader in planning, directing, delegating, guiding, supporting, influencing, persuading and inspiring the group. Able to manage ones own workload, deliver on time and set a good example to the group. Consistently good verbal and written communication skills of a high order. A good demonstrated understanding of analytical models and methods and ability to apply them appropriately.</td>
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<td>Demonstrated understanding of the application of some IT Decisions rights models, and of at least one IT management framework.</td>
<td>Ability to step up when offered minimal guidance and encouragement, willingness to work with a buddy to support and lead them and to take direction. Able to manage ones own workload, deliver on time and not let the group down. Verbal and written communication skills that support consistent comprehension of meaning and demonstrate understanding of material read. A demonstrated understanding of some analytical models and methods and some ability to apply them appropriately. Ability to apply some creative thinking to problems.</td>
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| P | Demonstrated ability to develop a strategy map. Demonstrated ability to develop an IT Strategic Plan and Business Plan. Demonstrated knowledge of what is contained in an IT portfolio. | Demonstrated understanding of the impact of IT as a basic business enabler and of the content and purpose of in IT Business Case. | Demonstrated understanding of the concept of IT Decision Rights. Demonstrated understanding of the basic components of at least one IT Management framework | Willingness to attempt to demonstrate leadership skills in the group. Ability to be self directed and self responsible and reliable. Ability to write coherently in simple point form sentences and make oneself understood verbally, limited ability to apply analytical models and creative thinking skills. |

**Grading**

At the end of the semester, you will receive a grade that reflects your achievement in the unit.
• **Fail (F)**: does not provide evidence of attainment of all learning outcomes. There is missing or partial or superficial or faulty understanding and application of the fundamental concepts in the field of study; and incomplete, confusing or lacking communication of ideas in ways that give little attention to the conventions of the discipline.

• **Pass (P)**: provides sufficient evidence of the achievement of learning outcomes. There is demonstration of understanding and application of fundamental concepts of the field of study; and communication of information and ideas adequately in terms of the conventions of the discipline. The learning attainment is considered satisfactory or adequate or competent or capable in relation to the specified outcomes.

• **Credit (Cr)**: provides evidence of learning that goes beyond replication of content knowledge or skills relevant to the learning outcomes. There is demonstration of substantial understanding of fundamental concepts in the field of study and the ability to apply these concepts in a variety of contexts; plus communication of ideas fluently and clearly in terms of the conventions of the discipline.

• **Distinction (D)**: provides evidence of integration and evaluation of critical ideas, principles and theories, distinctive insight and ability in applying relevant skills and concepts in relation to learning outcomes. There is demonstration of frequent originality in defining and analysing issues or problems and providing solutions; and the use of means of communication appropriate to the discipline and the audience.

• **High Distinction (HD)**: provides consistent evidence of deep and critical understanding in relation to the learning outcomes. There is substantial originality and insight in identifying, generating and communicating competing arguments, perspectives or problem solving approaches; critical evaluation of problems, their solutions and their implications; creativity in application.

In this unit, your final grade depends on your performance in each assessment item. For each task, you receive a mark that combines your standard of performance based on each learning outcome assessed by this task. Then the different component marks are added up to determine your total mark out of 100. Furthermore, it is a requirement that you participate in the class discussions. The initial measure of this participation is your attendance, whereby a minimum standard of 80% is required.

Obtaining a grade higher than a **Pass (P)** in this unit will require a student to obtain (in addition to the above):

- the required total number of marks (Credit - 65, Distinction - 75, High Distinction - 85).