ELEC8040
VLSI, Algorithms, and Systems
Session 2, Special circumstances 2021
School of Engineering

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Session 2 Learning and Teaching Update

The decision has been made to conduct study online for the remainder of Session 2 for all units WITHOUT mandatory on-campus learning activities. Exams for Session 2 will also be online where possible to do so.

This is due to the extension of the lockdown orders and to provide certainty around arrangements for the remainder of Session 2. We hope to return to campus beyond Session 2 as soon as it is safe and appropriate to do so.

Some classes/teaching activities cannot be moved online and must be taught on campus. You should already know if you are in one of these classes/teaching activities and your unit convenor will provide you with more information via iLearn. If you want to confirm, see the list of units with mandatory on-campus classes/teaching activities.

Visit the MQ COVID-19 information page for more detail.
General Information

Unit convenor and teaching staff
Unit Convener and Lecturer in Charge
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Credit points
10

Prerequisites
Admission to MEngElecEng and 30cp at 3000 level or above

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
This unit looks at VLSI technology from the perspective of an enabling platform for digital, analog, and complete system solutions. By taking a systems approach driven by the applications and algorithms, the VLSI design is driven toward a more optimised solution by analysis at higher levels.

Important Academic Dates
Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at https://students.mq.edu.au/important-dates

Learning Outcomes
On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: Demonstrate an understanding of foundational impact of implementation technology and develop advanced VLSI engineering skills.

ULO2: Evaluate systems and algorithms in regard to their implementation as VLSI integrated circuits.

ULO3: Incorporate design trade-offs involving area, power and performance as a result of algorithm and architecture selection for practical problems requiring VLSI solutions.

ULO4: Demonstrate competency in the practical use of standard VLSI work products for
communication and documentation of engineering processes.

ULO5: Execute a project to implement an application or VLSI algorithm and produce requirements, specifications, and designs for low-power, area and/or high performance.

**General Assessment Information**

**Grading and passing requirement for unit**

In order to pass this unit a student must obtain a mark of 50 or more for the unit (i.e. obtain a passing grade P/CR/D/HD).

For further details about grading, please refer below in the policies and procedures section.

**Hurdle Requirements**

There are no hurdle requirements.

**Late submissions and Resubmissions**

Late submissions will attract a penalty of 10% marks per day. Extenuating circumstances will be considered upon lodgment of a formal notice of disruption of studies.

Once an assignment submission has closed no resubmission of assignments will be permitted.

**Assessment Tasks**

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**Assignment 1**

Assessment Type 1: Report  
Indicative Time on Task 2: 15 hours  
Due: **Week 4**  
Weighting: **10%**

Assignment 1 Report (1000-word equivalent)
On successful completion you will be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of foundational impact of implementation technology and develop advanced VLSI engineering skills.
- Evaluate systems and algorithms in regard to their implementation as VLSI integrated circuits.
- Incorporate design trade-offs involving area, power and performance as a result of algorithm and architecture selection for practical problems requiring VLSI solutions.
- Demonstrate competency in the practical use of standard VLSI work products for communication and documentation of engineering processes.

Assignment 1 Defence

Assessment Type ¹: Viva/oral examination
Indicative Time on Task ²: 5 hours
Due: **Week 4**
Weighting: **15%**

Assignment 2

Assessment Type ¹: Report
Indicative Time on Task ²: 15 hours
Due: **Week 7**
Weighting: **10%**

Assignment 2 Report (1000-word equivalent)
On successful completion you will be able to:
  • Demonstrate an understanding of foundational impact of implementation technology and
develop advanced VLSI engineering skills.
  • Evaluate systems and algorithms in regard to their implementation as VLSI integrated
circuits.
  • Incorporate design trade-offs involving area, power and performance as a result of
algorithm and architecture selection for practical problems requiring VLSI solutions.
  • Demonstrate competency in the practical use of standard VLSI work products for
communication and documentation of engineering processes.

Assignment 2 Defence
Assessment Type 1: Viva/oral examination
Indicative Time on Task 2: 5 hours
Due: Week 7
Weighting: 15%

Project Report
Assessment Type 1: Report
Indicative Time on Task 2: 35 hours
Due: Week 13
Weighting: 20%
Project Report (2000-word equivalent)

On successful completion you will be able to:

• Demonstrate an understanding of foundational impact of implementation technology and develop advanced VLSI engineering skills.

• Evaluate systems and algorithms in regard to their implementation as VLSI integrated circuits.

• Incorporate design trade-offs involving area, power and performance as a result of algorithm and architecture selection for practical problems requiring VLSI solutions.

• Demonstrate competency in the practical use of standard VLSI work products for communication and documentation of engineering processes.

• Execute a project to implement an application or VLSI algorithm and produce requirements, specifications, and designs for low-power, area and/or high performance.

Project Defence

Assessment Type 1: Viva/oral examination
Indicative Time on Task 2: 10 hours
Due: Exam Period
Weighting: 30%

Project Defence

On successful completion you will be able to:

• Demonstrate an understanding of foundational impact of implementation technology and develop advanced VLSI engineering skills.

• Evaluate systems and algorithms in regard to their implementation as VLSI integrated circuits.

• Incorporate design trade-offs involving area, power and performance as a result of algorithm and architecture selection for practical problems requiring VLSI solutions.

• Demonstrate competency in the practical use of standard VLSI work products for communication and documentation of engineering processes.

• Execute a project to implement an application or VLSI algorithm and produce requirements, specifications, and designs for low-power, area and/or high performance.
If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the Learning Skills Unit for academic skills support.

Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation.

**Delivery and Resources**

Textbook: None required to purchase. Lecturer will provide the reading material.


**Policies and Procedures**

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central (https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- Academic Appeals Policy
- Academic Integrity Policy
- Academic Progression Policy
- Assessment Policy
- Fitness to Practice Procedure
- Grade Appeal Policy
- Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public
- Special Consideration Policy **(Note: The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4 December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.)**

Students seeking more policy resources can visit the Student Policy Gateway (https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit Policy Central (https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central).

**Student Code of Conduct**

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/student-conduct
Results

Results published on platform other than eStudent, (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) 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 or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Student Support

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

Learning Skills

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

- Getting help with your assignment
- Workshops
- StudyWise
- Academic Integrity Module

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- Subject and Research Guides
- Ask a Librarian

Student Enquiry Service

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@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/.

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.

Changes from Previous Offering

Minor updates to the content.