BUSA2020
Data Modelling and Visualisation
Session 1, In person-scheduled-weekday, North Ryde 2024
Department of Actuarial Studies and Business Analytics

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General Information

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Credit points
10

Prerequisites
(BUSA1000 or COMP1000 or COMP1350) and (STAT150 or STAT1250 or STAT170 or STAT1170 or STAT171 or STAT1371)

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
Growing quantities of data collected by business, government, the internet and social media provide opportunities for better management and a better society through evidence-based decision-making and the provision of new services. This unit builds on the quantitative techniques and approaches to achieve these goals that were introduced in BUSA1000.

Students will gain hands-on experience with software tools to analyse and present quantitative data using spreadsheets and data visualisation software. The unit thus is an introduction to the technical and philosophical skills required, and the many applications of business analytics.

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

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

ULO1: Explore different methods of data analysis and presentation for social networks, complex systems and relational links.

ULO2: Create interactive models using appropriate software to aid decision-makers in understanding interrelationships and trends.
ULO3: Apply intermediate skills in spreadsheets and data visualisation software to demonstrate trends and relationships among factors in industry and society.
ULO4: Analyse government, industry and social media data to identify relationships and trends.
ULO5: Evaluate conclusions drawn from different data and analytic tools.

Assessment Tasks

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Spreadsheet Functions
Assessment Type 1: Quantitative analysis task
Indicative Time on Task 2: 10 hours
Due: Week4
Weighting: 25%

Students will be asked to demonstrate skills in data manipulation.

On successful completion you will be able to:
- Explore different methods of data analysis and presentation for social networks, complex systems and relational links.
- Apply intermediate skills in spreadsheets and data visualisation software to demonstrate trends and relationships among factors in industry and society.

Project
Assessment Type 1: Practice-based task
Indicative Time on Task 2: 30 hours
Due: Week8
Weighting: 40%

The assessment consists of a project related to the topics of the class.
On successful completion you will be able to:

- Explore different methods of data analysis and presentation for social networks, complex systems and relational links.
- Create interactive models using appropriate software to aid decision-makers in understanding interrelationships and trends.
- Apply intermediate skills in spreadsheets and data visualisation software to demonstrate trends and relationships among factors in industry and society.
- Analyse government, industry and social media data to identify relationships and trends.
- Evaluate conclusions drawn from different data and analytic tools.

**Data Visualisation**

Assessment Type 1: Practice-based task  
Indicative Time on Task 2: 20 hours  
Due: **Week12**  
Weighting: **25%**

Students will use visualisation software to extract spreadsheet data to demonstrate interrelationships in different ways appropriate to the task.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Apply intermediate skills in spreadsheets and data visualisation software to demonstrate trends and relationships among factors in industry and society.
- Evaluate conclusions drawn from different data and analytic tools.

**Participation in the class**

Assessment Type 1: Participatory task  
Indicative Time on Task 2: 0 hours  
Due: **N/A**  
Weighting: **10%**

Active participation in classes

On successful completion you will be able to:
• Explore different methods of data analysis and presentation for social networks, complex systems and relational links.
• Create interactive models using appropriate software to aid decision-makers in understanding interrelationships and trends.
• Apply intermediate skills in spreadsheets and data visualisation software to demonstrate trends and relationships among factors in industry and society.

1 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 Writing Centre for academic skills support.

2 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
Please refer to iLearn

Policies and Procedures
Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central (https://policies.mq.edu.au). 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
• Assessment Procedure
• Complaints Resolution Procedure for Students and Members of the Public
• Special Consideration Policy

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

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit Policy Central (https://policies.mq.edu.au) and use the search tool.

Student Code of Conduct
Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of
Student Support

Macquarie University offers a range of Student Support Services including:

- IT Support
- Accessibility and disability support with study
- Mental health support
- Safety support to respond to bullying, harassment, sexual harassment and sexual
Student Enquiries
Got a question? Ask us via AskMQ, or contact Service Connect.

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.

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