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## General Information

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**Prerequisites**  
ISYS302 or ISYS360

**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 [https://students.mq.edu.au/important-dates](https://students.mq.edu.au/important-dates)

## Learning Outcomes

1. Ability to think Strategically and to develop strategic plans for the management of IT
2. Ability to apply models and methods to assess the Impact of IT on industries, markets and organizations. Issues covered include: a. Business model design; b. IT impact on business models; c. IT impact on organizations; d. Framing the business case for IT, IT business value and governance.
3. Ability to apply Program and Portfolio Management concepts in the context of Enterprise strategic management a. Managing IT project/program delivery b. Managing project risk
c. Managing the IT portfolio.


5. The unit provides practice in the exercise of the following skills during the semester: a. Leadership skills; b. Communication skills; c. Critical analysis skills; d. Creative thinking skills.

**General Assessment Information**

**Assessment policy**

If you cannot complete a piece of work please see the convenor before the due date.

Late assignments (without prior consent), will attract a 10% per day (24 hours) penalty. Students who anticipate that they will not be able to submit an assignment on time due to illness or other life issue, such as work commitments or family crisis, must request an extension at least 24 hours prior to the due date for the assignment and provide substantiating evidence of the reason for the delay. No extensions will be granted without these conditions being met.

Your final grade will depend on your performance in each assessment task separately. In particular:

- You must perform satisfactorily on a week by week basis on the in-class work and case studies, this means that attendance is compulsory (between weeks 3 and 13) in order to pass this unit; this component will be partially peer assessed also. If you are unable to attend for health, work or other personal reasons, you should provide substantiating evidence to support your absence as soon as practical either before or after the absence. Students who fail to attend class between weeks 3 and 13 without substantiating evidence for the reason for their absence and / or who do not submit the assigned in-class work, will attract a penalty for that weeks absence.
- You must submit a reasonable attempt at the individual and group assignments and the reflection paper to pass this unit.
- Failure to appear at your group presentation (without a very good reason) will count as 0.
- Participation in the Method Clinic assessment item is optional, students may undertake this task to score additional marks to bolster their performance over all. Poor performance on this item will not affect other marks, students are encouraged to have a go and extend their communication skills and competencies.

See the policies section below for additional information.
## Assessment Tasks

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### Participation

**Due:** **Weeks 3-13**  
**Weighting:** **25%**

This assessment component is based on a combination of attendance, participation in in-class exercises, contribution to class discussion and group work which is partially peer assessed. Participation marks are assessed and awarded individually.

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- Application of IT leadership and the management of IT activities, focusing on the below

• The unit provides practice in the exercise of the following skills during the semester:
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Assignment 1
Due: Week 5 5/9/14
Weighting: 15%

Create a Strategy Map for Apple. Students apply the Strategy Map technique of Kaplan and Norton to create a Strategy Map reflecting Apple Corporation's Strategic Plan. The purpose of this assignment is to teach students how to create and reflect a strategic plan in an accessible document for use in an organisation as both a communication and education tool. The reason for choosing Apple Corporation is that they are a well known organisation with a lot of publicly available information from which is relatively easy to deduce a plausible Strategic Plan. In addition, Apple is a technology driven company. Their Strategic positioning is based on aggressive development and deployment of technology.

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Assignment 2
Due: Week 11 31/10/14
Weighting: 20%

Research and develop a strategy for dot com giant Amazon's next evolution of growth.

This assignment tests the students ability to understand how to develop a Strategic Plan for a Corporation that is technology driven. The students focus on the application of technology strategies to drive business growth and market positioning. Amazon's track record of success in dominating, owning, changing and controlling the publishing industry through the development of and application of customer centric strategies is unparalleled. Through studying this mega corporations history and then attempting to project forward into the future of Amazon's next move, students can combine analytical skills, strategic thinking skills and demonstrate their
learning and understanding around strategic planning and technology driven competitive advantage. Students have access to two indepth case studies of Amazon's history, to provide them with a solid basis to develop their forward trajectory. Students will supplement these with their own research. Publicly available Information about Amazon is abundant and easily obtainable, making them an excellent case study for students to trial their strategic planning skills on.

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Presentation

Due: Week 12 7/11/14
Weighting: 5%

In week 12 students present their Amazon Strategies to the rest of the class. The Group Presentation provides students with the opportunity to practice distilling a complex topic into a short and effective presentation to their peers.

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:

• Application of IT leadership and the management of IT activities, focusing on the below issues: a. Innovation, New Technology and Outsourcing b. IT governance; c. Leadership of strategic change
• The unit provides practice in the exercise of the following skills during the semester: a. Leadership skills; b. Communication skills; c. Critical analysis skills; d. Creative thinking skills
Method Clinic
Due: Week 13 14/11/14
Weighting: 10%

The Method Clinic assessment item is optional, students can undertake this item to score additional marks. Students who wish to undertake this assessment item will get 5 marks awarded based on peer assessment and five marks based on the Lecturers assessment. This item is individually assessed.

To participate in the Method Clinic, students select from a list of techniques and concepts taught during the semester and provide a presentation to explain the application of the topic to the rest of the class. This assessment task tests students understanding of the topic as well as their ability to distil and communicate it back to their peers in a clear and concise manner in presentation format.

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:

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Reflection Paper
Due: 21/11/14
Weighting: 25%

The Reflection Paper assessment item is given in lieu of an exam and is due the week after the final class. The reflection paper asks students to answer a series of questions about the topics addressed in class each week. The paper tests students ability to demonstrate their understanding of the topics covered and convey that understanding in a succinct and appropriate fashion with practical examples of application.

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Delivery and Resources

Classes

Each week you should attend a three-hour seminar. For details of days, times and rooms consult the timetables webpage.

Textbook

The textbook for ITEC842 used this semester is:

• The main text book will be
• Supplementary books (highly recommended but not compulsory for students)
• Other references:
• Kaplan and Norton, (1996) Balanced Score Card
Unit Schedule

Topic List

Note: for 2014 weeks 1 and 2 will be held in the second week of semester Friday 15 August and for week 2's class only start time is 5:00pm and finish time is 9:30. From week 3 onwards normal class times will resume (6:00 - 9:00) You should have received an email about this.

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Learning and Teaching Activities

Lectures
Each week a lecture is provided for students summarising the main points of learning, explaining concepts and techniques and demonstrating real world examples of the application of those concepts and techniques. Students are directed to additional sources of information to extend and deepen their learning.

Case studies and in class exercises
Each week students participate in an in class exercise or case study. These activities provide students with an opportunity to apply the concepts and techniques covered in the lectures to a scenario and practice the thinking and analysis skills required. These exercises and case studies serve to enable students to strengthen and deepen their learning through mimicking within the class room a real world situation.

Individual Assignment
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Group work including Group Assignment

The students work in groups throughout the semester to complete in class exercises and the Group Assignment. Group work is partially peer assessed. Group work promotes critical thinking and communication skills, organisational skills and leadership. Group work gives students and opportunity to develop team skills such as cooperation and negotiation skills, and leaderships skills such as mentoring, planning and decision making.

Presentations

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Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central. Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:


In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the Learning and Teaching Category of 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/support/student_conduct/](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/)
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 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

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://informatics.mq.edu.au/help/.

When using the University’s IT, you must adhere to the Acceptable Use 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.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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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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In particular, in order to pass the unit, you must

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Department of Computing expectations are that students have to perform satisfactorily in the final exam as well as in their internal work/assignments.

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