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Information Systems in Business

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Dept of Accounting & Corporate Governance

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Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit enables students to gain an understanding of the implications and impacts of the web revolution based on the basic principles of management information systems. The primary objective of this unit is to understand the concept of the digital economy, the impact business pressures play on the organisation and their responses and adaptations to these pressures and the role technology plays both inside and outside the organisation in the context of globalisation. The focus is on the creation of business value by enabling business processes through the use of information and communications technologies (ICTs). This unit is offered in two delivery modes. Students can choose between a face-to-face, on campus offering, over the full semester, or an external offering comprising six modules, each of one week’s duration, with a workshop on campus prior to the start of semester.

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:

- Critically evaluate the correlation between business and technology including how business strategies and processes determine technology decisions.
- Evaluate the significance of information to organisational success by explaining the business benefits of a reliable IS infrastructure and how to successfully leverage information with an appropriate level of security.
- Explain how enterprise-wide systems support information and how business decisions
are made by the users of that information. Discuss the issues relating to information ethics and privacy, including the implications for social media use.

Assessment Tasks

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Assessed Coursework

Due: **Weeks 2 to 6**  
Weighting: **30%**

Students will work through a number of activities each week including reading the chapter in the textbook, reading the lecture notes and completing CONNECT activities. Full details are available on the ACCG822 iLearn website.

Submission

Each activity worth 6% will be completed online from weeks 2 to 6 (5 weeks).

Extensions

No extensions will be granted. Students who have not submitted the task prior to the deadline will be awarded a mark of 0 for the task, except for cases in which an application for disruption of studies is made and approved.

Penalty for Late Submission

Not applicable

Students must attempt all assessment tasks and achieve an overall mark of fifty (50) percent for coursework to be considered satisfactory.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Critically evaluate the correlation between business and technology including how business strategies and processes determine technology decisions.
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are made by the users of that information.

• Discuss the issues relating to information ethics and privacy, including the implications for social media use.

Report

Due: **Week 5 (28th March)**  
Weighting: **30%**

The assessment task is to write a fifteen (15) page report with scholarly references that will address a topic relating to social media and work (full details are available on iLearn).

**Submission**

All reports will be submitted through Turnitin on iLearn and marked through grademark (the online marking system). Students will receive feedback within two weeks of the report submission through Grademark and Gradebook on the iLearn website.

**Extensions**

No extensions will be granted.

**Penalty for Late Submission**

No extensions will be granted. There will be a deduction of 10% of the total available marks made from the total awarded mark for each 24 hour period or part thereof that the submission is late (for example, 25 hours late in submission – 20% penalty). This penalty does not apply for cases in which an application for disruption of studies is made and approved. No submission will be accepted after solutions have been posted.

Students must attempt all assessment tasks and achieve an overall mark of fifty (50) percent for coursework to be considered satisfactory.

On successful completion you will be able to:

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• Discuss the issues relating to information ethics and privacy, including the implications for social media use.

**Final Exam**

Due: **Monday 18th April**  
Weighting: **40%**

A final examination is included as an assessment task for this unit to provide assurance that:

i) the product belongs to the student and
ii) the student has attained the knowledge and skills tested in the exam.

A two and a half (2.5) hour final examination for this unit will be held during the University Examination period.

Students must pass the final exam to pass the unit.

Supplementary Exams

If a Supplementary Examination is granted as a result of the Disruption to Studies Policy the examination will be scheduled as per the Supplementary Examination timetable of the Faculty. Please note that the supplementary examination will be of the similar format as the final examination.

On successful completion you will be able to:

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• Evaluate the significance of information to organisational success by explaining the business benefits of a reliable IS infrastructure and how to successfully leverage information with an appropriate level of security.

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Delivery and Resources

Classes

There is one compulsory class on the Saturday prior to the beginning of Session 1. The class will be a four hour workshop. The details are:

Date: Saturday 27th February 2016
Time: 1:00pm to 5:00pm
Venue: W5C 210 Tute Room

Students will be expected to do some pre-work such as read the textbook chapter and complete activities. Note that the final exam will be held in the break. The details for the final exam are:

Date: 18th April 2016
Time: 9am to 11:30am
Venue: E4A 323

Textbook

There are three options available:

**Option A (HIGHLY RECOMMENDED):** Connect Plus with SmartBook & eBook (Including LearnSmart adaptive learning tool) **RRP $104.95** (http://www.mheducation.com.au/9781743760765-aus-connect-plus-online-access-for-business-driven-information-systems)

**Option B:** Print textbook with Connect with LearnSmart adaptive learning tool (without eBook) to be purchased from university bookshop **RRP $149.95** (http://www.mheducation.com.au/9781743762097-aus-pack-business-driven-information-systems)

**Option C:** If you have the textbook from elsewhere, you can buy Connect with LearnSmart adaptive learning tool (without eBook) **RRP $37.95** (http://www.mheducation.com.au/9781743760758-aus-connect-online-access-for-business-driven-information-systems)

**Technology Used**

Course Material is available on the unit website (http://ilearn.mq.edu.au) - please note this includes the use of Turnitin. Other technology includes access to the internet to utilise the library website and the use of applications such as word processing software for assignments.

**Expectations and Workload**

Students are expected to spend 150 hours working on this unit. As a guide a student should spend these approximate amounts of time on each of the following activities:

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<td>1 Weekly preparation including reading the textbook, assigned activities and assessable activities.</td>
<td>104</td>
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<td>3 Report</td>
<td>26</td>
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<td>4 Revision/preparation for exam</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
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**Unit Schedule**

Refer to the iLearn website.

**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:


Disruption to Studies Policy http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption_studies/policy.html The Disruption to Studies Policy is effective from March 3 2014 and replaces the Special Consideration Policy.

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/

**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.

*For performance to be considered satisfactory for this unit, students must have submitted all assessment tasks and achieve at least 50 percent of the total internal assessment marks.*

**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 Services and 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.

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

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.

Graduate Capabilities
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.

This graduate capability is supported by:
Assessment task
• Final Exam

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:
Learning outcome
• Evaluate the significance of information to organisational success by explaining the business benefits of a reliable IS infrastructure and how to successfully leverage information with an appropriate level of security.

Assessment task
• Final Exam
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.

This graduate capability is supported by:

**Learning outcomes**

- Critically evaluate the correlation between business and technology including how business strategies and processes determine technology decisions.
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**Assessment tasks**

- Assessed Coursework
- Report
- Final Exam

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.

This graduate capability is supported by:

**Learning outcome**

- Discuss the issues relating to information ethics and privacy, including the implications for social media use.

**Assessment tasks**

- Assessed Coursework
- Report
PG - Effective Communication

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.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- Explain how enterprise-wide systems support information and how business decisions are made by the users of that information.
- Discuss the issues relating to information ethics and privacy, including the implications for social media use.

Assessment tasks

- Assessed Coursework
- Report
- Final Exam

Changes from Previous Offering

The unit has an updated version of the textbook.

The activities have been revised and the student workload streamlined.

Research & Practice, Global & Sustainability

This unit addresses global and sustainability issues as direct areas of study and as necessary implications arising from the materials, assessment and academic discussion and debate in classes/seminars. We promote sustainability by developing the ability of students to research and locate information within the information systems domain. We aim to provide students with an opportunity to obtain skills which will benefit them throughout their career.

The unit materials have a reference list at the end of each chapter with all references cited by the author. These provide some guidance to references that could be used to research in depth particular issues.