FIT5182
Decision support systems research internship

Unit Guide

Semester 1, 2011

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This unit adds to previous study in the key business intelligence/decision support systems graduate units and provides an avenue for high-performing students to experience research as an intern working with DSS researchers on a major project. Each intern will have a negotiated work and assessment schedule. Admission to the internship requires excellence in the prerequisite units and a satisfactory interview with the relevant project researchers.

Mode of Delivery

Caulfield (Day)

Contact Hours

Interns are expected to spend 24 hours per week on FIT5182. They are required to attend seminars, workshops, and meetings related to DSS research during their internship.

Workload

Interns are expected to spend 24 hours per week.

Unit Relationships

Prohibitions

FIT5098

Prerequisites

FIT5093, FIT5094 and FIT5095
Students must achieve a high distinction grade in each of these units. Selection for students who meet this requirement is based on a final interview.

Chief Examiner

David Arnott

Campus Lecturer

Caulfield

David Arnott
Learning Objectives

At the completion of this unit students will:

- have developed capabilities to undertake research in the decision support systems field;
- have learned a particular research method and gained mastery of the application of some aspect of the method;
- be able to communicate their role and contribution to a DSS research project.

Graduate Attributes

Monash prepares its graduates to be:

1. responsible and effective global citizens who:
   
a. engage in an internationalised world  
b. exhibit cross-cultural competence  
c. demonstrate ethical values

critical and creative scholars who:

   a. produce innovative solutions to problems  
b. apply research skills to a range of challenges  
c. communicate perceptively and effectively

Assessment Summary

In-semester assessment: 100%

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Teaching Approach

Research activities

Feedback

Our feedback to You

Types of feedback you can expect to receive in this unit are:

- Other: Regular meetings between interns and DSS Lab researchers. Detailed feedback on the research tasks completed
Your feedback to Us

Monash is committed to excellence in education and regularly seeks feedback from students, employers and staff. One of the key formal ways students have to provide feedback is through SETU, Student Evaluation of Teacher and Unit. The University's student evaluation policy requires that every unit is evaluated each year. Students are strongly encouraged to complete the surveys. The feedback is anonymous and provides the Faculty with evidence of aspects that students are satisfied and areas for improvement.

For more information on Monash's educational strategy, and on student evaluations, see:
http://www.policy.monash.edu/policy-bank/academic/education/quality/student-evaluation-policy.html

Previous Student Evaluations of this unit

If you wish to view how previous students rated this unit, please go to

Unit Schedule

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*Please note that these dates may only apply to Australian campuses of Monash University. Off-shore students need to check the dates with their unit leader.
Assessment Policy

To pass a unit which includes an examination as part of the assessment a student must obtain:

- 40% or more in the unit's examination, and
- 40% or more in the unit's total non-examination assessment, and
- an overall unit mark of 50% or more.

If a student does not achieve 40% or more in the unit examination or the unit non-examination total assessment, and the total mark for the unit is greater than 50% then a mark of no greater than 49-N will be recorded for the unit.

Assessment Tasks

Participation

- **Assessment task 1**

  **Title:** Internship
  
  **Description:** For each intern an individual assessment schedule and marking guide will be prepared and submitted to the Graduate Programs Committee for approval.
  
  **Weighting:** 100%
  
  **Criteria for assessment:** Assessment criteria will be determined individually.
  
  **Due date:** Due date will be determined individually by the Graduate Programs Committee.

Examinations

Assignment submission

You MUST submit a completed coversheet with all assignments, ensuring that the plagiarism declaration section is signed.

Extensions and penalties

Submission must be made by the due date otherwise penalties will be enforced.

Returning assignments

Students can expect assignments to be returned within two weeks of the submission date or after receipt, whichever is later.

Policies

Monash has educational policies, procedures and guidelines, which are designed to ensure that staff and students are aware of the University's academic standards, and to provide advice on how they might uphold them. You can find Monash's Education Policies at: http://policy.monash.edu.au/policy-bank/academic/education/index.html

Key educational policies include:

- Plagiarism
  (http://www.policy.monash.edu/policy-bank/academic/education/conduct/plagiarism-policy.html)
- Assessment
- Special Consideration
  (http://www.policy.monash.edu/policy-bank/academic/education/assessment/special-consideration-policy.html)
- Grading Scale
  (http://www.policy.monash.edu/policy-bank/academic/education/assessment/grading-scale-policy.html)
- Discipline: Student Policy
  (http://www.policy.monash.edu/policy-bank/academic/education/conduct/student-discipline-policy.html)
- Academic Calendar and Semesters
  (http://www.monash.edu.au/students/key-dates/);
- Orientation and Transition
  (http://www.infotech.monash.edu.au/resources/student/orientation/); and
- Academic and Administrative Complaints and Grievances Policy
  (http://www.policy.monash.edu/policy-bank/academic/education/management/complaints-grievance-policy.html)

Student services

The University provides many different kinds of support services for you. Contact your tutor if you need advice and see the range of services available at www.monash.edu.au/students. The Monash University Library provides a range of services and resources that enable you to save time and be more effective in your learning and research. Go to http://www.lib.monash.edu.au or the library tab in my.monash portal for more information. Students who have a disability or medical condition are welcome to contact the Disability Liaison Unit to discuss academic support services. Disability Liaison Officers (DLOs) visit all Victorian campuses on a regular basis.

- Website: http://adm.monash.edu/sss/equity-diversity/disability-liaison/index.html;
- Telephone: 03 9905 5704 to book an appointment with a DLO;
- Email: dlu@monash.edu
- Drop In: Equity and Diversity Centre, Level 1 Gallery Building (Building 55), Monash University, Clayton Campus.