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	Diploma of Hotel Management
Credit Points:	10
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Teaching Team

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Staff Consultation

Your lecturer/tutor is available each week for consultation outside of normal class times. Times that your lecturer/tutor will be available for consultation will be given in the first week of lectures. A list of times and rooms will be published on the Griffith College Portal under the "myTimetable" link.

Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites for this course

Brief Course Description

Information Systems for Services Industries is a 10 Credit Point course within the Diploma of Hotel Management. The course is situated within the first semester of the program. The Diploma of Hotel Management is designed to provide students with a pathway to:

- further university studies in Business and related degrees or
- direct employment.

Information Systems for Services Industries focuses on the information systems that support the tourism and hospitality industry. It provides students with a theoretical knowledge of the ways in which information technology is transforming these industries and the likely impacts of technology growth in the future. The course also provides students with an opportunity to acquire and/or develop practical computing skills for use in their education and future careers.

Rationale

The Information Systems and Services Industries [1220HSL] course provides an introduction to the use of information and communication technologies in the services industries. It gives attention to the fundamentals of technology, before looking at technologies and information systems in the tourism and hotel industries in more depth. In this context, students are taught the concepts of how these technologies work, and the impact they have on the organisation/s and industries. Also addressed are issues of how technology is impacting on society in general. Students are also given the opportunity to develop their introductory skills in computing using Microsoft Office and WordPress. Therefore, this course provides you with an opportunity to acquire and/or develop practical computing skills for use in your future education and career.

Aims

The aims of this course are:

1. To explore the different applications of technology and information systems in the tourism and hospitality industry;
2. To introduce students to the principles of information systems and how they underpin major business activities in the tourism and hospitality industry;
3. To familiarize you with how information technology is changing these industries; and,
4. To develop some practical computing skills relevant to your future career in the tourism and hospitality industry.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course students will be able to...

1. Understand and be familiar with the technologies used in the tourism and hospitality industry;
2. Demonstrate a practical understanding of the ways in which information systems are used within and between organisations in the tourism and hospitality industry;
3. Demonstrate an awareness of ethical and social issues associated with information systems in the tourism and hospitality industries; and,
4. Use computer literacy skills to communicate, analyse and solve problems in the service industries.

Texts and Supporting Materials

Course Readings

Course readings (listed in the weekly teaching schedule) are available through the campus bookshop, and contain all readings in the content summary. These provide students with information on each of the topic areas, and are designed to give students a more thorough understanding of the topics presented. To get the most out of lectures, students should complete their weekly readings before coming to the lecture.

Tutorial Materials

Tutorial materials will be available electronically via the Griffith College student portal

Workshop Materials

Workshop materials will be available electronically via the Griffith College student portal.

Organisation and Teaching Strategies

During each of the thirteen (13) weeks of teaching during a semester, you will participate in three areas of contact time.

First, the two hour lecture time will be used to present the theoretical aspects of the course content. Lecturers will use overheads and data projectors to present material.

Secondly, a one hour tutorial is used to present you with an opportunity to participate in small group discussion and complete short tutorial questions similar to those required in examinations.

Finally, workshops will be used to present you with the techniques and methods for using WordPress. You will also get the opportunity to further discuss theoretical material from the lectures on a one-to-one basis.

Class Contact Summary

â€ You are expected to attend lectures, tutorials and workshops throughout semester

â€ You are expected to read the readings stated in the content schedule each week prior to your scheduled class. This weekly preparation will help you to keep up-to-date with information required.

All students are reminded that satisfactory Program Progression requires that attendance in classes is maintained at equal to or greater than 80%, and that GPA is maintained at equal to or greater than 3.0 with passing grades achieved in more than 50% of courses in any semester [please see Griffith College Policy Library - Program Progression Policy - for more information].

Content Schedule

Weekly Teaching Schedule

Week	Topic	Activity	Readings
1	Introduction to information systems in the services industries	Lecture	Online article readings: Internet and Global Hotel Industry (Wei, 2001) Internet Relationship Marketing (Gilbert, 2002)
	Administration and overview	Tutorial	Introduction to tutorial, computer networks and Microsoft Office
	Administration and overview	Workshop	Ice breaking activities
2	Computers, information systems and the Internet	Lecture	Nyheim, McFadden & Connolly (2005) Chapter 3
	Website plan assignment	Tutorial	MS Word tutorial - report formatting
	Group discussion	Workshop	Selecting a topic and writing an introduction
3	Database management in the services industries	Lecture	Hoffer & Prescott (2005) Chapter 1
	Website plan assignment	Tutorial	Referencing articles with APA style
	Documenting website report	Workshop	Writing objectives and competitors websites analysis
4	Internet marketing in services industries	Lecture	Zhou (2004) Chapter 6 and Preece (2000) Chapter 1
	Website plan assignment	Tutorial	Discussion on target audience, use environment and website contents
	Documenting website report	Workshop	Using MS Word SmartArt to design website storyboard and page templates
5	Website development in services industries	Lecture	Briggs (2001) Chapter 7
	Website plan assignment	Tutorial	Discussion on marketing approach and assignment submission procedures

	Documenting website report	Workshop	Report writing and formatting
6	Information technology in event management	Lecture	Knox (2004) Chapter 7 and selected readings from Beaven & Laes (2004)
	Website plan assignment	Tutorial	Last-minute one to one help
	Documenting website report	Workshop	Checking report draft
7	Introduction to WordPress	Lecture	Website goes live - demonstration of website setup and page creation in WordPress
	WordPress website setup	Tutorial	Introduction to the WordPress dashboard, settings and theme selection
	Assignment submission	Workshop	Website plan assignment submission
8	Information Technology in hotels	Lecture	O'Connor (2004) Chapter 9
	WordPress -- Website design	Tutorial	Reading Settings, site title, taglines and website disclaimers, creating pages etc.
	Image editing	Workshop	Using Paint, Picasa and Picture Manager to edit images - Creating banner images
9	Website design principles	Lecture	Online article readings
	WordPress -- Website design	Tutorial	Creating WordPress page and custom menus
	WordPress exercise and discussion	Workshop	Practicing WordPress and feedback discussion of the 1st assignment
10	Information technology in travel	Lecture	Prideaux (2001) Chapter 14
	WordPress -- Website design	Tutorial	Dealing with contents - text, image, galleries, multimedia contents and links
	WordPress exercise and discussion	Workshop	User engagement and SEO in WordPress
11	Information technology in tourism destinations	Lecture	Pease, W., Rowe, M. & Cooper, M(2007) (pp.1-25)
	WordPress -- Website design	Tutorial	Creating WordPress posts, categories, custom forms and widgets
	WordPress exercise	Workshop	Creating image reference and testing website
12	IT ethics, crime and privacy	Lecture	Long & Long (2005) Chapter 7
	WordPress -- Website design	Tutorial	Assignment submission guideline and last-minute one to one assistance
	Assignment submission	Workshop	Website project assignment submission
13	Course review and administration	Lecture	All relevant chapters covered in the semester
	Exam preparations	Tutorial	Revision activities
	FAQ	Workshop	Feedback discussion of the 2nd assignment

Assessment

This section sets out the assessment requirements for this course.

Summary of Assessment

Item	Assessment Task	Weighting	Relevant Learning Outcomes	Due Date
1	Lecture Comprehension Activities	10%	1,2,3	1-13
2	Website Plan	20%	1,3,4	7
3	Website Project	30%	1,3,4	12
4	Final Exam	40%	1,2,3	14

Assessment Details

There are four assessment items in this course.

Lecture Comprehension Activities

This assessment includes a set of activities in varying formats such as online quizzes and group discussion to test students understanding of course materials delivered in the lectures. These activities are to be completed during the lectures throughout the semester. Timing of the activities will not be announced in advance.

Website Plan

The website plan requires students to consider various management issues and design issues that need to be considered before developing a website. One copy of the website plan must be submitted in hardcopy, and will be assessed based on clarity of writing, appropriately and directly addressing the information required, and the congruity between information in different sections. The plan should be presented as a business report, with an appropriate title, introduction, and summary. The website plan will be the basis of the website project. Students should pay attention to the feedback they receive on the website plan to improve their website projects.

Website Project

The website project requires the development of a website, based on the previously developed website plan. This is intended to assess student's familiarity and application of practical skills, while also requiring consideration of how to implement the management and design issues that were raised in the website plan. As well as the website, students are also required to provide a document detailing references and how the implementation of the website differed from the website plan. The assessment criteria for the website project will be based on elements of website quality.

Final Examination

The Final Exam assesses your knowledge of information systems in the tourism and hospitality industry.

You are required to submit all assessment items by the due date as stated in this Course Outline.

To gain a Pass grade in this course, you must achieve a minimum of 50% collectively for all assessment pieces.

Submission and Return of Assessment Items

Normally you will be able to collect your assignments in class within fourteen [14] days of the due date for submission of the assignment.

Retention of Originals

You must be able to produce a copy of all work submitted if so requested. Copies should be retained until after the release of final results for the course.

Extensions

To apply for an extension of time for an assignment, you must submit an Application for Extension of Assignment form to your teacher at least 24 hours before the date the assignment is due. Grounds for extensions are usually: serious illness, accident, disability, bereavement or other compassionate circumstances and must be able to be substantiated with relevant documentation [e.g. Griffith College Medical Certificate]. Please refer to the Griffith College website - Policy Library - for guidelines regarding extensions and deferred assessment.

Assessment Feedback

Marks awarded for assessment items will also be available on the on-line grades system on the Student Website within fourteen [14] days of the due date.

Generic Skills

Griffith College aims to develop graduates who have an open and critical approach to learning and a capacity for lifelong learning. Through engagement in their studies, students are provided with opportunities to begin the development of these and other generic skills.

Studies in this course will give you opportunities to begin to develop the following skills:

Generic Skills	Taught	Practised	Assessed
Written Communication	Yes	Yes	Yes
Oral Communication		Yes	
Information Literacy	Yes	Yes	Yes
Secondary Research	Yes	Yes	Yes
Critical and Innovative Thinking	Yes	Yes	Yes
Academic Integrity	Yes	Yes	Yes
Self Directed Learning		Yes	
Team Work		Yes	
Cultural Intelligence		Yes	
English Language Proficiency		Yes	Yes

Additional Course Generic Skills

Additional Course Information

Teacher and Course Evaluations:

Your feedback is respected and valued by your lecturers and tutors. You are encouraged to provide your thoughts on the course and teaching, both positive and critical, directly to your lecturer and tutor or by completing course and lecturer evaluations on the Griffith College portal whenever these are available

Academic Integrity

Griffith College is committed to maintaining high academic standards to protect the value of its qualifications. Academic integrity means acting with the values of honesty, trust, fairness, respect and responsibility in learning, teaching and research. It is important for students, teachers, researchers and all staff to act in an honest way, be responsible for their actions, and show fairness in every part of their work. Academic integrity is important for an individual's and the College's reputation.

All staff and students of the College are responsible for academic integrity. As a student, you are expected to conduct your studies honestly, ethically and in accordance with accepted standards of academic conduct. Any form of academic conduct that is contrary to these standards is considered a breach of academic integrity and is unacceptable.

Some students deliberately breach academic integrity standards with intent to deceive. This conscious, pre-meditated form of cheating is considered to be one of the most serious forms of fraudulent academic behaviour, for which the College has zero tolerance and for which penalties, including exclusion from the College, will be applied.

However, Griffith College also recognises many students breach academic integrity standards without intent to deceive. In these cases, students may be required to undertake additional educational activities to remediate their behaviour and may also be provided appropriate advice by academic staff.

As you undertake your studies at Griffith College, your lecturers, tutors and academic advisors will provide you with guidance to understand and maintain academic integrity; however, it is also your responsibility to seek out guidance if and when you are unsure about appropriate academic conduct.

Please ensure that you are familiar with the [Griffith College Academic Integrity Policy](#); this policy provides an overview of some of the behaviours that are considered breaches of academic integrity, as well as the penalties and processes involved when a breach is identified.

For further information please refer to the Academic Integrity Policy on the Griffith College website – Policy Library.

Risk Assessment Statement

In Information Systems for Service Industries, you are not exposed to any out of the ordinary risks.

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