

620-353 Discrete Mathematics

Credit Points:	12.500
Level:	Undergraduate
Dates & Locations:	2008, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 2, - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: 36 lectures (three per week) and up to 12 practice classes (one per week) Total Time Commitment: 120 hours.
Prerequisites:	Any two 200-level subjects from the Department of Mathematics and Statistics. Computer Science 433-253 may be substituted for one of these subjects.
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	It is University policy to take all reasonable steps to minimise the impact of disability upon academic study and reasonable steps will be made to enhance a student's participation in the University's programs. Students who feel their disability may impact upon their active and safe participation in a subject are encouraged to discuss this with the relevant subject coordinator and the Disability Liaison Unit.
Coordinator:	Prof P Forrester
Subject Overview:	<p>Discrete mathematics is concerned with the study of objects which are finite in number and typically computable. At a computational level one seeks efficient algorithms and formulas for the listing and counting of the objects. Theory provides a way to these algorithms and formulas, and further provides links between seemingly disparate areas of discrete mathematics.</p> <p>Five main topics are studied. These are Counting, permutations and combinations; Combinatorial logic; Recursions and generating functions; Groups and permutations; Hall's theorem and designs. Outside of mathematics, aspects of these topics come up in the study of computer science, communication engineering, architecture and physics.</p> <p>A common theme throughout the course will be the constructive aspect of the subject, whereby algorithms and formulas are formulated for the enumeration and listing of discrete objects. Through studying this course students will gain an appreciation of the practical use of theoretical analysis.</p>
Assessment:	Up to 48 pages of written assignments due during semester (20%); a 3-hour written examination in the examination period (80%).
Prescribed Texts:	None
Breadth Options:	<p>This subject is a level 2 or level 3 subject and is not available to new generation degree students as a breadth option in 2008.</p> <p>This subject or an equivalent will be available as breadth in the future.</p> <p>Breadth subjects are currently being developed and these existing subject details can be used as guide to the type of options that might be available.</p> <p>2009 subjects to be offered as breadth will be finalised before re-enrolment for 2009 starts in early October.</p>
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Notes:	This subject is available for science credit to students enrolled in the BSc (pre-2008 degree only), BASc or a combined BSc course.
Related Course(s):	Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science Bachelor of Arts and Sciences

Bachelor of Science