ISYS90044 Minor Research Project in IS

Credit Points:	25
Level:	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2010, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, Parkville - Taught on campus. Semester 2, Parkville - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: This subject is an individual research project and weekly contact hours will vary depending on the nature of the project. Students should discuss this with their supervisor but as a guide, a student enrolled in a 50 point research project subject would be expected to be engaged in their research for an average of forty hours per week or 480 hours for the semester. Students enrolled in a 37.5, 25 or 12.5 point research subject would be expected to be engaged in their research on a pro-rata basis. Total Time Commitment: Candidates are expected to devote an average of 20 hours per week to this subject for 14 weeks, giving a total commitment of approximately 280 hours. This calculation does not include the time required to find and negotiate a project before semester starts, which can be a very time-consuming process. Candidates are therefore advised to start preparing for this subject well in advance of the semester. An early start will help ensure a successful outcome when the project is submitted at the end of week 14 of a semester (two weeks after the end of formal classes).
Prerequisites:	Candidates must have completed 615-610 Research Methods in Information Systems (or equivalent) and three other subjects at postgraduate level with an average mark of 75 (H2A) or better. In addition, no candidate will be allowed to enrol until a topic has been negotiated with a supervisor and approved by the subject coordinator. This approval must be obtained in the week before the start of a semester at the very latest. To meet this deadline, candidates are strongly advised to start selecting and negotiating topics at least six weeks before a semester starts.
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:	Dr Wally Smith
Contact:	Email: wsmith@unimelb.edu.au
Subject Overview:	An individual program of supervised research and study in a selected area of Information Systems. The subject will be supervised by a member of academic staff who is familiar with the research topic and chosen research method. Detailed requirements are to be negotiated with the supervisor and approved by the subject coordinator.
Objectives:	TBA
Assessment:	Assessment will consist of a 1,000 word research proposal due in week 4 of semester (10%) and a thesis of 8,000 words due 2 weeks after semester ends (90%).
Prescribed Texts:	None.

Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Generic Skills:	Students should develop skills in literature search and analysis, critical thinking, independent learning, and writing of a minor research paper.
Links to further information:	http://www.dis.unimelb.edu.au/current/postgrad/subjects/index.html
Related Course(s):	Master of Information Systems Master of Information Systems Master of Information Systems Master of Information Systems/Postgraduate Diploma in Management