

615-695 Professional IS Consulting

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2009, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, - Taught on campus. Semester 2, - Taught on campus. Lectures
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: 36 hours taught in three blocks Total Time Commitment: Not available
Prerequisites:	None
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 Graeme Simsion
Subject Overview:	This subject allows students, working individually and in syndicates, to gain experience in commercial and professional aspects of information systems practice. Students will develop business communication skills, including commercial report writing, presentation skills in the context of information systems consulting practice. Aspects addressed will include the analysis for, and the development of, business cases for IT investments. Students will gain experience in both internal and external IS consulting, including ethical considerations in the field of information systems. The subject will enhance students' ability to manage relationships with key stakeholders, communicate effectively about key IS services, and engage effectively with senior decision makers in organisations.
Objectives:	Upon completion of this subject, students should be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply information systems practices and learning to a business problem which involves the use of information systems or information systems practices • Engage in, plan, execute, manage, and complete a substantial information systems consulting project and document and present a business report representing the findings and recommendations of the project • Work effectively in a syndicate to collectively achieve practical consulting outcomes • Describe the consulting and client engagement processes
Assessment:	Group report of 2,500 words (30%) due first third of semester; an individual assignment of 2000 words (30%) due second third of semester; an individual briefing report of 2000 words and a short presentation (40%) due last third of semester.
Prescribed Texts:	There are no prescribed texts
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 and independent learning.

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 (Coursework) Postgraduate Certificate in Information Systems Postgraduate Diploma in Information Systems
Related Majors/Minors/ Specialisations:	R05 RI Master of Science - Information Systems