361AA Master of Software Systems Engineering

Year and Campus:	2011 - Parkville
CRICOS Code:	027897J
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Level:	Graduate/Postgraduate
Duration & Credit Points:	100 credit points taken over 12 months full time. This course is available as full or part time.
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Course Overview:	The MSSE allows graduates of computer science to study current computer science and software engineering topics at an advanced level. The course allows considerable flexibility and students select their own program from the available subjects. The technological skills presented in the MSSE are in high demand throughout the computing industry.The course covers a wide range of subjects enabling students to choose areas a variety of specialisations, for example: # Artificial Intelligence: understanding and building intelligent systems # Information Management: database and information retrieval systems and associated technologies for the management of data # Software Engineering: modern software engineering principles and methodologies
Objectives:	The Master of Software Systems Engineering is designed to: # Provide a solid foundation for students who want to develop their career in the broad field of computing # Provide a thorough understanding of key areas of Computer Science # Provide an introduction to research skills in a selected area # Improve computer related oral and written communication skills
Course Structure & Available Subjects:	The recommended or standard course structures are listed below. When setting the timetable every effort will be made to avoid clashes between the times of classes associated with these sets of subjects. Students should be aware however, that if it proves to be impossible to achieve a timetable without clashes in these sets of subjects, the Faculty reserves the right to modify course structures in order to eliminate the conflicts. Students will be advised during the enrolment period of the semester if the recommended courses need to be varied. Where the courses include elective subjects these should be chosen so that timetable clashes are avoided. In particular, students in combined degrees should plan their courses so that the subjects chosen in the other faculty do not clash with those recommended for the engineering component.
Subject Options:	All MSSE students must pass SWEN90003 IT Project Management. Additionally, students may take either seven subjects of 12.5 points each or five subjects of 12.5 points plus a small research project of 25 points (COMP9030 Minor Research Project). The research project involves an investigation and preparation of a substantial written report under the supervision of an academic staff member. Enrolment in this subject requires the approval of the Program Director. Students must complete a minimum of six subjects at a 600-level, including SWEN90003 IT Project Management, from those taught by the Department. Students should note that not all subjects are offered every year. Students seeking definitive details should contact the department prior to commencement. International students should check subject availability before commencing the course.

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:

Subject		
SWEN90002 Engineering for Internet Applications	Not offered 2011	12.50
COMP90010 Web Technologies and Applications	Semester 1	12.50
SWEN90003 IT Project Management	Not offered 2011	12.50
COMP90014 Algorithms for Functional Genomics	Not offered 2011	12.50
COMP90016 Computational Genomics	Not offered 2011	12.50
COMP90015 Distributed Systems	Not offered 2011	12.50
COMP90017 Sensor Networks and Applications	Not offered 2011	12.50
COMP90024 Cluster and Grid Computing	Not offered 2011	12.50
COMP90029 Directed Study 6A	Not offered 2011	12.50
COMP90049 Knowledge Technologies	Not offered 2011	12.50
COMP90005 Directed Study 6B	Not offered 2011	12.50
COMP90048 Declarative Programming	Not offered 2011	12.50
COMP90030 Minor Research Project	Not offered 2011	25
COMP90025 Parallel and Multicore Computing	Not offered 2011	12.50
COMP90050 Advanced Database Systems	Not offered 2011	12.50
COMP90051 Statistical and Evolutionary Learning	Not offered 2011	12.50
COMP90053 Program Analysis and Transformation	Not offered 2011	12.50
COMP90054 Software Agents	Not offered 2011	12.50

In addition to these subjects, students may with the approval of the Program Director take up to two of the following subjects from the Master of Telecommunications Engineering:

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
ELEN90003 Network Design and Optimisation	Semester 2	12.50
ELEN90006 Internet Engineering	Semester 1	12.50

Entry Requirements:

Academic Requirements

Academic entry requirements are:
a four year degree with a substantial computing content with an average final year mark of at least 70% (University of Melbourne equivalent)
or
a four year degree in a related discipline together with considerable industry experience in the field of computing or software engineering
or
consideration will also be given to applicants with a three year degree in a computing-related discipline or equivalent and who have completed the Postgraduate Diploma in Science (Computer Science) at the University of Melbourne with a mark of 75% or higher.

Computer Background

An applicant's computing background should include solid experience with Unix and C programming as well as a good knowledge of:

- data structures and algorithms for sorting, searching and graph manipulation
- software development principles and tools
- software design including object-oriented design.

An applicant's computing background should also include good knowledge of several specialised areas, such as: artificial intelligence; computability and logic; operating systems; databases; human-computer interaction; computer networks; compilers; computer graphics and software engineering.

An applicant must have studied mathematics or statistics at the equivalent of a second year University level.

English Language Requirement

International students and students whose prior qualifications are from a university overseas where English is not the official language of instruction and examination need to supply proof of academic English language competency. Proof acceptable to the University includes:

Original evidence of an English Language test score at a sitting within the last 24 months of either -

TOEFL - at least 577 and a TWE of at least 4.5 (paper based) or a TOEFL of at least 233 with an Essay Rating of at least 4.5 (computer based)
or
IELTS - at least 6.5. (A minimum band score of 6 is required in the Academic Writing module).

Entry under a slightly lower Engineering alternative* English Language entry requirement is available as follows:

TOEFL - at least 550, with a TWE of 4 or the computer based TOEFL of at least 213 with an Essay Rating Score of at least 4 and agreeing in writing to undertake and pass an ESL subject in the first semester of study at The University of Melbourne
or
IELTS - at least 6 and agreeing in writing to undertake and pass an ESL subject in the first semester of study at The University of Melbourne.

* The Faculty of Engineering's English Language alternative may affect the duration and cost of your course.

Core Participation Requirements:	For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Students Experiencing Academic Disadvantage Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Description, Subject Objectives, Generic Skills and Assessment Requirements of this entry. The University is dedicated to provide support to those with special requirements. Further details on the disability support scheme can be found at the Disability Liaison Unit website: http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/
Graduate Attributes:	Graduate Attributes:Ability to undertake problem identification, formulation, and solutionAbility to utilise a systems approach to complex problems and to design and operational performanceCapacity for creativity and innovationAbility to manage information and documentation
Notes:	The program is accredited by the Australian Computer Society (ACS).