**School of Science**

Courses: COSC2177 Computer Science Honours Thesis

COSC2179 Minor Thesis/Project

COSC2389/2390 Minor Thesis/Project Part A/B

**Assessment summary**

Thesis examiner 1 40%

Thesis examiner 2 40%

Seminar 20%

The two thesis examiners are chosen by the Discipline honours coordinator and should not include the project supervisor. The Discipline Honours coordinator may be one of the examiners. In the event of a discrepancy of 20% or more between thesis marks given by the two examiners, a third examiner should be appointed by the Discipline Honours Coordinator and the final thesis mark should be the average of the two nearest marks given by the three examiners. If the three marks are evenly distributed, the final result should be the average of all three.

**Submission details:**

*Due date:*

Theses should be submitted before 11.59 p.m. on the Thursday of week 14 of the semester in which the project is due to be completed.

*Format:*

In the presentation of the thesis, the following sequence of section headings is recommended:

* Title page
* Declaration (signed and dated)
* Acknowledgements
* Summary (<200 words) - non-technical summary for public dissemination
* Abstract (<200 words)
* Contents and pagination
* Introduction
* Literature Review
* Methods
* Results and Discussion
* Conclusion
* Appendices (if appropriate)
* References (in a standard format used by a leading journal in your discipline area)

The thesis should be submitted as a pdf document via the Learning Management System.

The sections of the thesis from the beginning of the Introduction to the end of the Conclusion should consist of not more than 50 A4-sized 1.5 spaced typed pages, including relevant illustrations. Additional information, for example data, may be added as appendices and do not count towards the page limit.

Late submission of written work without an extension being granted will result in marks being deducted at the rate of 10% of the given mark per day for the first week late. Students wishing to request extensions must contact the Course Coordinator prior to the due date. You may be asked to furnish a medical certificate or other relevant documentation and to complete an application for an extension as required by the university. Where matters beyond your control interfere with the completion of assessment components, you may seek special consideration. Such consideration is usually reserved for serious instances of ill health to students and their dependents. The application should be in the format prescribed by the University on a form (for Special Consideration).

All students are expected to present a seminar on their work. The oral presentations are worth 10% of the final mark. The oral presentation (20 min plus 10 min for questions) will be given to your peers (staff and postgraduate students) and should focus on the results of your research. These talks will be presented at the end of the semester no later than the week following submission of the thesis. You are required to attend all Honours seminars in your discipline and to participate by asking questions and providing seminar feedback to the other students.

**Thesis assessment – examiner**

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| **Scoresheet**  Comment on and score each aspect of the thesis. | | | |
| Guide to achievement levels  NN – consistently below expectations  PA – displays attributes at a basic level  CR - displays some attributes at a higher than basic level  DI - achieves generally high performance on all relevant criteria  HD - excellent level of achievement on all relevant criteria | | | |
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| Abstract, Summary and Introduction   * technical and non-technical summaries of research * clear research questions/aims/hypotheses * literature review places research in context * background knowledge |  | NN  PA  CR  DI  HD  Mark/15 | 0-7  8-9  10-11  12-13  14-15 |
| Methods   * clear and accurate description of methods * sufficient detail to allow reproduction of results * awareness and critical evaluation of alternatives |  | NN  PA  CR  DI  HD  Mark/15 | 0-7  8-9  10-11  12-13  14-15 |
| Results and Discussion   * clear and complete presentation of results * sufficient quantity of work * appropriate intellectual level * appropriate consideration of evidence in discussion * uncertainty/error analysis |  | NN  PA  CR  DI  HD  Mark/40 | 0-20  21-24  25-28  29-32  33-40 |
| Conclusion   * conclusions are supported by the observations/results/calculations * conclusions relate to the original research questions/aims/hypotheses |  | NN  PA  CR  DI  HD  Mark/15 | 0-7  8-9  10-11  12-13  14-15 |
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