BCIS202

What is good about this course

These course taught the fundamental elements of project management planning & methodologies available. It introduced methods of Project management, QA, Testing strategies, and implementation plans at a very low level. All aspects were used in this project making it of some value to students

Something useful that we learned was about the risk management process which was further discussed in IS301

What is recommended to change for this course

The concepts of this course are built upon by multiple other courses (specifically in the IS stream) It could be quiet easily merged together and taught at a faster pace.

My recommendation would be get a client, bring them to class, get them to explain the software system that they wish to implement and I would get the whole class to write a system implementation plan including interface design, people involved, risks associated, time frame etc. That way they could get their first taste of Scrum and dealing with clients. Practicing risk management early in the degree would help them a lot when it comes to doing it again in IS301 and it won’t be such a shock by then. Also the client would have changing requirements each week and challenge students in what they create. This way students get to practice what they have been taught and more or less get interaction in dealing with people which at the end of the day, no course can teach you that unless you practice. I feel like that would have benefited me greatly when it comes to preparation for my project.

The course may benefit in the future from adding a practical application of Risk Management theory. Actually seeing a risk management plan in action, and the types of threats to a project one needs to manage would be of great benefit.