THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES, ST. AUGUSTINE

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES

MGMT 2006 – MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS I

COURSE OUTLINE

No. of Credits: 3
Level: II
Pre-Requisite(s): None

COURSE DESCRIPTION/RATIONALE

This course is an introductory course in Management Information Systems. It is concerned with the organizational foundations of systems, their strategic role, and the organizational and management changes driving the emergence of the Digital Firm. It also covers the hardware, software, data storage, and telecommunications technologies that comprise the information technology infrastructure that includes the Internet. The role of information systems in organizational knowledge management is also discussed along with the tools of decision analysis. The role, functioning and importance of information systems are also considered in terms of the local T&T context. Students will also be guided to explore the www for information system related information.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

This course will aim to assist the student to:

* Understand and explain the organizational foundations of Information Systems.
* Learn the purpose and appropriate use of Information Systems in Organizations, and in the local (T&T) physical environment.
* Learn to use the Web to source Information Systems related information
* Understand and explain the technical foundations of Information Systems.
* Understand and use the web effectively in a local (T&T), and Global context.
* Understand and explain the use of Knowledge Management.
* Understand and explain the significance of management decision tools.
* Understand the basic features of Information Systems Management and Security.
* Understand and apply the basic concepts of Web-enabled Global Commerce.

**TEACHING STRATEGY**

Lectures are mainly for motivation and clarification, and they will include a ‘seminar’ component, with student participation an integral part of the session. Students are deemed to be responsible for their own learning, and the Lecturer will be seen as a coach and facilitator of the learning experience. As a result, you will be presumed to have spent enough time on the research and reading assignments before class, and that you understand the basics of the area under study, and/or have intelligent questions on the area. You are encouraged to ask questions in and out of class.

**STUDENT ASSESSMENT**

(i) Choice of individual Mid-Term Test or Group Project out of --- 25%
(ii) Final Examination out of --- 75%

**REQUIRED TEXTS**


**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY/EXAMINATION REGULATIONS**

- Please consult Section V (especially sub section B which deals with cheating) of the University of the West Indies, Examination Regulations for First Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates for details of this policy.

- Students are asked to pay special attention to Examination Regulation 19 which states that:

  ‘Any candidate who has been absent from the university for a prolonged period during the year for any reason other than illness or whose attendance at prescribed lecturers, classes, practical classes, tutorial or clinical instructions has been unsatisfactory or who has failed to submit essays or other exercises set by his teachers may be debarred by the relevant Academic Board, on the recommendation of relevant Faculty Board, from taking any University examinations’
Code of Conduct during Class

The following guidelines facilitate the creation and maintenance of an effective learning environment. All students are expected to adhere to the guidelines throughout the semester.

- Switch off all cellular phones and beepers before the start of each class session
- Be civil at all times. We can disagree without being disagreeable
- Read all assigned materials and attempt all assigned problems before the start of each class
- Participate in class discussions. Question on the subject matter are welcomed at any time

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