

SYST H4206: Strategic Management & Information Systems

Module Title:	Strategic Management & Information Systems		
Language of Instructio	n: English		
Credits:	10		
NFQ Level:	8		
Module Delivered In	No Programmes		
Teaching & Learning Strategies:	Strategic Management: Traditional lectures with workshops for groups. Information Systems: Traditional theory classes incorporating class interaction. Workshop style classes for implementing emerging IS frameworks and case studies.		
Module Aim:	To provide the student with an in-depth analysis of strategic IS/IT planning and IS portfolio implementation within an modern enterprise. Strategic Management will directly link to the Business Management syllabi. I particular, students should be familiar with organisational structures, corporate culture and tools of externa analysis that will be taken to a higher level of study in Strategic Management. The main objective of this subject is to enable students to draw up comprehensive strategic plans and to develop a framework for strategic implementation. To provide the student with an in-depth analysis of strategic IS/IT planning and IS portfolio implementation within an modern enterprise		

Learning Outcomes					
On successf	On successful completion of this module the learner should be able to:				
LO1	Analyse and evaluate Opportunities and Threats in the external organisational environment				
LO2	Apply range of concepts and tools to identify, analyse and evaluate competitive advantage of current organizations				
LO3	Develop and recommend appropriate strategies for an organisation using tools and techniques offered by management theory				
LO4	Analyse current areas of interest in strategic management which drive the development of strategic information systems				
LO5	Evaluate and apply the techniques used to plan, develop and implement strategic information systems.				

Pre-requisite learning Module Recommendations This is prior learning (or a practical skill) that is recommended before enrolment in this module.				
Incompatible Modules These are modules which have learning outcomes that are too similar to the learning outcomes of this module.				
No incompatible modules listed				
Co-requisite Modules				
No Co-requisite modules listed				
Requirements This is prior learning (or a practical skill) that is mandatory before enrolment in this module is allowed.				
3rd year Information Systems Engineering or equivalent				



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Module Content & Assessment

Indicative Content

Leadership, Strategy, and Competitive Advantage; Opportunities and Threats - Analysis of the External Environment

Competitive Advantage

Competencies and Profitability - Analysis of Internal Resources; Strategy at the Functional Level

Formulating strategic options
Strategy at the Business Level; Industry Environment and Business -Level Strategy; Strategy at the Corporate Level; Corporate Diversification Strategy

Technology and Business StrategyTechnological Change, Disruptive Technology, Architectural Innovation, Dominant Design

Implementing Strategy

Performance and Governance; Corporate Social Responsibility

Strategic Information Systems

Strategic role of information systems; evolution of systems to support competitive positioning of an organisation. Strategic informations systems and value chain analysis. Internal and external value chains and their impact on IS/IT. Competitive forces model and its impact on IS/IT development (4 hours) Adopting a process-based perspective to IS development. Problems with functional systems. The role of BPR in systems development

Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)
Topical issues associated with ERP implementation in the modern enterprise e.g. configurability, best practice etc.

Links between information systems strategy and business strategy; establishing a strategic information systems planning process; barriers to aligning information systems strategy with business strategies; planning frameworks and approaches; contents of an information systems strategic plan.

System Implementation Strategies

Current frameworks and techniques for strategic information systems development and implementation

Case studies in strategic information systems implementation.

Current/Emerging Issues

Current/emerging issues in terms of information systems for strategic advantage.

Assessment Breakdown	%
Continuous Assessment	65.00%
End of Module Formal Examination	35.00%

Continuous Assessment				
Assessment Type	Assessment Description	Outcome addressed	% of total	Assessment Date
Project	Team -based Project and Presentation	1,2,3	50.00	Week 13
Other	Continous Assessment	4,5	15.00	n/a

No Project

No Practical

End of Module Formal Examination				
Assessment Type	Assessment Description	Outcome addressed	% of total	Assessment Date
Formal Exam	No Description	4,5	35.00	End-of-Semester

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Module Workload

Workload: Full Time		
Workload Type	Frequency	Average Weekly Learner Workload
Lecture	30 Weeks per Stage	2.00
Tutorial	30 Weeks per Stage	0.50
Estimated Learner Hours	30 Weeks per Stage	2.50
	Total Hours	150.00