

The Australian National University Faculty of Engineering & Information Technology
Department of Computer Science

COMP2300-2006-CourseAdmin

2006 Course Administration

1 Preamble

This document gives a brief description of the administrative arrangements for COMP2300 in 2006. Further details are given on the course web page:

<http://cs.anu.edu.au/student/comp2300/>

2 Course Staff

- The course coordinator is Peter Strazdins. His office is CSIT N219 and his phone is 6125 5140. He will lecture the O, N modules and some of the M module. He is responsible for the second assignment, as well as general administrative matters relating to the course.
- Peter Christen is lecturing the D, C and P modules, and some of the M module. He is responsible for the first assignment. His office is CSIT N326 and his phone number is 6125 5690.

Contact hours will be available on the COMP2300 Web Page. Please contact the lecturers by email if you would like to make an appointment outside of their contact hours.

3 Textbooks

The reading brick **Specification of the PeANUt Computer, 2006** (or 2005), is absolutely necessary for the two PeANUt modules, and it is assumed that all students have access to a copy. There is no electronic copy of this brick.

Additionally, you will find a book on the C programming language and one on computer architecture to be extremely valuable, as in the laboratories, assignments and examination it will be expected that you are familiar with material beyond that which is presented in the lecture slides.

The choice of textbooks will be discussed in the first lecture. You will also find a book on C very useful for your future professional life.

4 Lectures

The COMP2300 lectures in 2006 are scheduled according to the following timetable:

Monday 12:00 - 13:00	MCC T2
Tuesday 14:00 - 15:00	MCC T2
Thursday 17:00 - 18:00	MCC T3

For a detailed lecture schedule please consult the COMP2300 Web Page. Selected material presented in the lectures will be made available from the page **before** the lecture. You should print these and bring copies to the lecture.

5 Laboratories

There will be 6 supervised lab sessions. At this stage these labs are scheduled for weeks 3, 4, 6, 7, 9 and 11. Any changes from this schedule will be announced on the COMP2300 web site. In addition you will be given some homework in weeks 2 and 5, and be expected to work through unsupervised lab in weeks 8 and 12. Each supervised lab goes for two hours. To register for a lab class go to <http://cs.anu.edu.au/streams>.

The current labs are as follows, but please refer to the COMP2300 Web Page for an up to date schedule (tutors are yet to be assigned).

Day	Time	Location	Day	Time	Location
			Tue	12:00	N112
Tue	15:00	N112	Wed	11:00	N112
Wed	17:00	N112	Fri	09:00	N112
Fri	11:00	N112	Fri	13:00	N112

6 Assignments

There will be two assignments for COMP2300 in 2006.

- Assignment 1: Out week 3 (7 March), tentatively due: Wednesday 5 April, 12 noon
- Assignment 2: Out week 7 (3 April), tentatively due: Wednesday 17 May, 12 noon

Detailed assignment specifications will be placed on the COMP2300 web page. Assignment extensions will only be granted in exceptional circumstances, e.g. serious illness supported with medical certificates.

From the date that your assignment marks are released electronically, you have a period of two weeks in which to question your mark. After this period your mark will be final. Release of your assignment marks will be announced on the course web site and in lectures.

7 Assessment

Attendance at labs is not compulsory, but you should be aware that the lab sheets do contain new and examinable material.

The assessment for COMP2300 in 2006 will be in three parts:

1. Assignment 1; this will be a mark out of 15.
2. Assignment 2; this will be a mark out of 15.
3. final written examination; this will be a mark out of 70. The exam will be 3 hours and held after the end of semester in the normal examination period.

These components are then added to give your final mark. This may then be scaled to give your overall course mark and grade.

Supplementary exams will be awarded only to those students with an overall course mark of between 45 and 49.

Peter Strazdins and Peter Christen, 16/02/2006