

The Australian National University College of Engineering & Computer Science
Department of Computer Science

COMP2300-2008-CourseAdmin

Course Administration

1 Preamble

This document gives a brief description of the administrative arrangements for COMP2300 in 2008. Further details are given on the course web page:

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

2 Course Staff

The course lecturer and coordinator is Peter Strazdins. His office is CSIT N219 and his phone is 6125 5140.

Office hours will be made available from the COMP2300 Web Page. Please contact the lecturer by email if you would like to make an appointment outside of office hours.

3 Textbooks

The reading brick **Specification of the PeANUt Computer, 2007** (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. The brick will be handed out in the week 1 lectures.

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. *Some reading is essential in order to gain a good level of understanding of computer systems. The course assessment will be designed in order to test your understanding.*

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 2008 are scheduled according to the following timetable:

Wed	13:00 - 14:00	PhysT
Thu	14:00 - 15:00	PhysT
Fri	11:00 - 12:00	MCCT3

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

5 Tutorial/Laboratory Laboratories

There will be 9 supervised combined tutorial/laboratory sessions, each of 2 hours duration. At this stage these labs are scheduled for weeks 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 11. There will be an unsupervised laboratory session in week 12.

For the tutorial part of the session, handouts will be provided in the lecture of the preceding week. This may include a *Preparation Sheet*, which contains simple exercises you will be expected to complete *before the session*.

To register for a session, go to <http://cs.anu.edu.au/streams>.

The current sessions 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	13:00	N113	Tue	15:00	N113
Tue	17:00	N113	Wed	11:00	N113
Thu	08:00	N113	Thu	10:00	N113

6 Assignments

There will be three assignments for COMP2300 in 2008.

- Assignment 1: out week 2, tentatively due week 5 (Fri noon), value $\approx 12\%$
- Assignment 2: out week 5, tentatively due week 9 (Fri noon), value $\approx 10\%$
- Assignment 3: out week 9, tentatively due week 12 (Fri noon), value $\approx 8\%$

Detailed assignment specifications will be placed on the COMP2300 web page. Assignment extensions will only be granted in exceptional and unforeseeable 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 assignment marks will be announced on the course Announcement forum.

7 Assessment

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

The proposed assessment for COMP2300 in 2008 will be in four parts:

1. assignments, worth 30%.
2. a tutorial/laboratory mark, worth 10%.
This will include computer assessed laboratory exercises, plus a mark allocated by your tutor on your tutorial preparation, attendance, and participation in discussions.
3. a one hour mid-semester written examination, worth 20%. Its two questions will be independently redeemable by equivalent questions in the final exam.
4. a two (plus one) hour final written examination, worth 40%.

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.