CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY

CSU IT Newsletter, December Edition

Hi,

One of my favourite sayings about the IT industry is that "if you are standing still, you are falling behind". To ensure that our courses keep up with the frenetic IT industry, we have introduced a raft of changes and this edition of the newsletter is focused on detailing these changes:

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In This Edition:

VMWare Certified Professional

A **VMWare Certified Professional** Subject (VCP) subject has been added to the Microsoft and Cisco streams of the Master of Networking and Systems Administration and Master of Management (IT). The **ITE523: Virtualisation** subject will initially be offered as credit only, as you have to attend a VMware training course at a VMware Authorised Training Centre (VATC) in order to qualify to sit the VCP certification exam.

To prepare for your VCP exam, we recommend you attend the EX068AU VMware VSphere Install, Configure & Manager V4 course at IBM Training for Systems. IBM is a VMware Authorised Training Centre (VATC) and are running a special promotion for CSU students – click here for details

Business Analyst Stream

A **Business Analyst** stream has been added to the Masters of Systems Development and Master of Management (IT). This new stream includes subject **ITE524: Certified Business Analyst** which is focused on the **Certified Business Analysis Professional (CBAP®)** certification from the International Institute of Business Analysis (IIBA). Provided that demand for the new stream justifies the accreditation process, we will be adding further IIBA certification subjects in the future.

CompTIA A+

[CompTIA A+ certification](#) now qualifies for one full subject of credit in the Master of Networking and Systems Administration and Master of Management (IT). More than 700,000 people worldwide have become CompTIA A+ certified since the program's inception in 1993.

The CompTIA A+ certification subject 'ITE521: Hardware and Software essentials' has also been included as an extra elective subject that can be studied at the beginning of 2011.

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Artificial Intelligence Subject

A new elective subject **ITC528:'Artificial Intelligence'** has been added to the Master of Systems Development and Graduate Certificate of Systems Development. ITC528 explores the specification and design of intelligent agents, implementing, testing and improving real software systems for many challenging application domains. The application areas include delivery robots, diagnostic assistants and information slaves. This subject will serve as an introduction to the more specialised subjects concerning neural networks, genetic algorithms, expert systems, machine learning and machine vision.

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Certified Ethical Hacker

The subject **ITE516: Hacking Countermeasures** will be offered as a subject for the first time in Session 1, 2011. This subject incorporates the [Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH) industry certification](#) from the EC Council – the subject is normally restricted to students enrolled in Masters of Information Systems Security or the Master of Management (IT) but students from other courses may be able to also undertake the subject with the approval of the course manager.

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Red Hat Linux Certification

Red Hat Linux Certification Special Offers: Red Hat Certified Technician (RHCT®) and Red Hat Certified Engineer® (RHCE®) both qualify for one full subject of credit in the Linux specialisation of the towards either the Master of Networking and Systems Administration or the Master of Management (IT). If you sit a Red Hat course before the end of February, Red Hat are offering a free exam voucher and 50% discount if you have to re-sit – www.itmasters.edu.au/redhat.aspx

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Microsoft Dynamics CRM Developer

Microsoft Dynamics CRM Developer: With organisations worldwide investing (USD$3,965 million in 2009) in sales force automation, Customer Relationship Management (CRM) is one of the IT industry's fastest growing areas. We are considering introducing a Microsoft Dynamics / Microsoft Sharepoint specialisation stream into the Master of Systems Development later this year but in the interim, your Microsoft Dynamics MCITP certification will qualify you for one full subject of credit.
To prepare for your Microsoft Dynamics MCITP certification we recommend you attend courses at Australia's leading Microsoft Dynamics CRM training provider - Advanced Training.

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Confirming how much credit you are eligible for

Fill out the online form at http://www.itmasters.edu.au/AmIEligible.aspx and we will get back to you with confirmation of your credit entitlements and answers to these and any other questions you may have.

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Closing Date Extended

If you are interested in beginning your Masters at the beginning of next year, the final date to submit your application has been extended to the 23rd January, 2011. Click here to submit your application.

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