



BLSV12023 Fire Safety Design

Term 3 - 2023

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General Information

Overview

This unit provides an understanding of issues and methods used in fire safety design, develop an appreciation of the role of fire safety engineering in the building industry and be prepared to communicate effectively with professionals in the building industry about fire safety design.

Details

Career Level: *Undergraduate*

Unit Level: *Level 2*

Credit Points: 6

Student Contribution Band: 8

Fraction of Full-Time Student Load: 0.125

Pre-requisites or Co-requisites

There are no requisites for this unit.

Important note: Students enrolled in a subsequent unit who failed their pre-requisite unit, should drop the subsequent unit before the census date or within 10 working days of Fail grade notification. Students who do not drop the unit in this timeframe cannot later drop the unit without academic and financial liability. See details in the [Assessment Policy and Procedure \(Higher Education Coursework\)](#).

Offerings For Term 3 - 2023

- Online

Attendance Requirements

All on-campus students are expected to attend scheduled classes - in some units, these classes are identified as a mandatory (pass/fail) component and attendance is compulsory. International students, on a student visa, must maintain a full time study load and meet both attendance and academic progress requirements in each study period (satisfactory attendance for International students is defined as maintaining at least an 80% attendance record).

Website

[This unit has a website, within the Moodle system, which is available two weeks before the start of term. It is important that you visit your Moodle site throughout the term. Please visit Moodle for more information.](#)

Class and Assessment Overview

Recommended Student Time Commitment

Each 6-credit Undergraduate unit at CQUniversity requires an overall time commitment of an average of 12.5 hours of study per week, making a total of 150 hours for the unit.

Class Timetable

[Regional Campuses](#)

Bundaberg, Cairns, Emerald, Gladstone, Mackay, Rockhampton, Townsville

[Metropolitan Campuses](#)

Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney

Assessment Overview

1. **Written Assessment**

Weighting: 20%

2. **Written Assessment**

Weighting: 20%

3. **Written Assessment**

Weighting: 60%

4. **Written Assessment**

Weighting: Pass/Fail

Assessment Grading

This is a graded unit: your overall grade will be calculated from the marks or grades for each assessment task, based on the relative weightings shown in the table above. You must obtain an overall mark for the unit of at least 50%, or an overall grade of 'pass' in order to pass the unit. If any 'pass/fail' tasks are shown in the table above they must also be completed successfully ('pass' grade). You must also meet any minimum mark requirements specified for a particular assessment task, as detailed in the 'assessment task' section (note that in some instances, the minimum mark for a task may be greater than 50%). Consult the [University's Grades and Results Policy](#) for more details of interim results and final grades.

CQUniversity Policies

All University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

You may wish to view these policies:

- Grades and Results Policy
- Assessment Policy and Procedure (Higher Education Coursework)
- Review of Grade Procedure
- Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – Domestic Students
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – International Students
- Student Refund and Credit Balance Policy and Procedure
- Student Feedback – Compliments and Complaints Policy and Procedure
- Information and Communications Technology Acceptable Use Policy and Procedure

This list is not an exhaustive list of all University policies. The full list of University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

Previous Student Feedback

Feedback, Recommendations and Responses

Every unit is reviewed for enhancement each year. At the most recent review, the following staff and student feedback items were identified and recommendations were made.

Feedback from Unit Evaluation Survey

Feedback

Students found the lesson content and assessments relevant and practical which helped them to get thinking about real world fire safety issues.

Recommendation

We continue to include relevant content and practical assessment items that reflect real-life problems and issues.

Feedback from Unit Evaluation Survey

Feedback

Students suggested that the lecturer had excellent knowledge and experiences of the real-life practice.

Recommendation

We continue to engage experienced practitioners with relevant real-world knowledge as the unit lecturer.

Unit Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

1. assess prescriptive and performance-based solutions for fire safety design using an industry standard software package
2. explain causes of fire and smoke in buildings
3. understand behaviour of structures and materials in fires, toxic gases, cost and risk, fire fighting, detection and control systems, active and passive fire protection systems and fire compliance requirements and responsibilities

Alignment of Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Graduate Attributes



Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Learning Outcomes

Assessment Tasks	Learning Outcomes		
	1	2	3
1 - Written Assessment - 20%	•	•	•
2 - Written Assessment - 20%	•	•	•
3 - Written Assessment - 60%	•	•	•
4 - Written Assessment - 0%	•	•	•

Alignment of Graduate Attributes to Learning Outcomes

Graduate Attributes	Learning Outcomes		
	1	2	3
1 - Communication	•	•	•
2 - Problem Solving	•	•	•
3 - Critical Thinking	•	•	•
4 - Information Literacy	•	•	•
5 - Team Work			
6 - Information Technology Competence	•	•	•
7 - Cross Cultural Competence			
8 - Ethical practice			
9 - Social Innovation			
10 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures			

Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Graduate Attributes

Assessment Tasks	Graduate Attributes									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1 - Written Assessment - 20%	•	•	•	•		•		•		
2 - Written Assessment - 20%	•	•	•	•		•		•		
3 - Written Assessment - 60%	•	•	•	•		•		•		
4 - Written Assessment - 0%	•	•	•	•		•		•		

Textbooks and Resources

Textbooks

There are no required textbooks.

Additional Textbook Information

The modules for weekly topics of the unit in its Moodle page will include all the required resources and readings.

IT Resources

You will need access to the following IT resources:

- CQUniversity Student Email
- Internet
- Unit Website (Moodle)
- Microphone and camera for use with Zoom
- Word processing software such as MS Word
- Endnote bibliographic software. This is optional for formatting references.
- MS Teams

Referencing Style

All submissions for this unit must use the referencing style: [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

For further information, see the Assessment Tasks.

Teaching Contacts

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Schedule

Week 1 - 06 Nov 2023

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Topic 1: Introduction and Regulatory Compliance for Design		

Week 2 - 13 Nov 2023

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Topic 2: Portable Fire Extinguishers, Fire Hose Reels and Fire Blankets		

Week 3 - 20 Nov 2023

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Topic 3: Emergency Lighting and Illuminated Exit Signs		

Week 4 - 27 Nov 2023

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Topic 4: Fire Detection Systems		

Vacation Week - 04 Dec 2023

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
There is no online session this week. Enjoy the term break!		

Week 5 - 11 Dec 2023

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Topic 5: Smoke Hazard Management Systems		Assessment item 1 (A1) Due: Week 5 Monday (11 Dec 2023) 11:45 pm AEST

Week 6 - 18 Dec 2023

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Topic 6: Passive Fire Safety Systems		

Vacation Week - 25 Dec 2023

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
There is no online session this week. Enjoy the term break!		

Week 7 - 01 Jan 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Topic 7: Emergency Lifts and Egress Systems		

Week 8 - 08 Jan 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Topic 8: Bushfire Protection		

Week 9 - 15 Jan 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Topic 9: Fire Hydrant Systems		Assessment item 2 (A2) Due: Week 9 Friday (19 Jan 2024) 11:45 pm AEST

Week 10 - 22 Jan 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Topic 10: Sprinkler Systems		

Week 11 - 29 Jan 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Topic 11: Fire Engineered Systems		

Week 12 - 05 Feb 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Topic 12: Inspections and Audits		

Exam Week - 12 Feb 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
		Assessment item 3 (A3) Due: Exam Week Friday (16 Feb 2024) 11:45 pm AEST Online quiz Due: Exam Week Wednesday (14 Feb 2024) 11:45 pm AEST

Assessment Tasks

1 Assessment item 1 (A1)

Assessment Type

Written Assessment

Task Description

Assessment 1 relates to learning outcome no.1 with implications for learning outcomes no.2 and no.3. It will focus on the

correct referencing of performance and design standards. This assessment will assess students' knowledge on the importance of correctly citing relevant performance standards when evaluating systems and providing defect lists to clients. Students need access to the NCC and Australian Standards in order to complete this assessment. Australian Standards can be accessed through the CQU library.

Assessment Due Date

Week 5 Monday (11 Dec 2023) 11:45 pm AEST

Submit a single MS word or PDF file via Assessment Block of the Moodle and allow time for checking the Turnitin score

Return Date to Students

Week 7 Monday (1 Jan 2024)

Weighting

20%

Assessment Criteria

For all assessments, formatting and presentation are really important.

Technical accuracy and referencing where required is paramount with an overarching requirement for demonstrating your answer / submission / design with clarity.

The length of this assignment is determined by sketches, brief response answers and worked calculations as required, consequently there is not prescribed word limit for this assessment task.

Your assignment should be produced in electronic format either as a single word-processed document, or a single pdf format document.

The assignment will be assessed on the following basis:

- Clarity of expression and comprehensive coverage of issues
- Use of quality supporting documentation as appropriate
- Use of original thought and content
- Overall presentation and ability to communicate using correct spelling, grammar and punctuation and the use of appropriate diagrams and other visual communication
- Demonstration of core knowledge and demonstration of appropriate application of knowledge

Referencing Style

- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

Submission

Online

Submission Instructions

Submit a single word-processed document, or a single pdf format document

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- assess prescriptive and performance-based solutions for fire safety design using an industry standard software package
- explain causes of fire and smoke in buildings
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Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Information Literacy
- Information Technology Competence
- Ethical practice

2 Assessment item 2 (A2)

Assessment Type

Written Assessment

Task Description

Assessment 2 relates to learning outcomes no.1 to no.3. It will ask students a range of questions seeking them to read and determine results from Standards and the BCA. This assignment relates to fire safety measures and bushfire protection. This assessment will assess students' knowledge on the importance of checklists for records, commissioning reports for final sign off's, and bushfire attack level valuations.

Assessment Due Date

Week 9 Friday (19 Jan 2024) 11:45 pm AEST

Submit a single MS word or PDF file via Assessment Block of the Moodle and allow time for checking the Turnitin score

Return Date to Students

Week 11 Friday (2 Feb 2024)

Weighting

20%

Assessment Criteria

For all assessments, formatting and presentation are really important.

Technical accuracy and referencing where required is paramount with an overarching requirement for demonstrating your answer / submission / design with clarity.

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Referencing Style

- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

Submission

Online

Submission Instructions

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- assess prescriptive and performance-based solutions for fire safety design using an industry standard software package
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Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Information Literacy
- Information Technology Competence
- Ethical practice

3 Assessment item 3 (A3)

Assessment Type

Written Assessment

Task Description

Assessment 2 relates to learning outcomes no.1 to no.3. While our role is often educating our external customers about the importance of fire safety, internal customers also need to be educated at times. This assessment will place students in the position of educating, guiding, and convincing a work colleague on the benefits of fire safety. This type of communication can be challenging from experience, as students will soon find out when drafting their responses. As a specialist consultant in fire safety and regulatory matters, you are often placed in the position of encouraging some regulatory authorities to consider the adoption of a harder-line approach regarding fire safety in buildings. Some regulatory authorities operate in a reactive manner towards regulatory matters and fail to see the benefits of a proactive fire safety program. For the purposes of this assessment, students will be asked to prepare a report for the executive management team of a local council to consider the development of a fire safety regulatory team and program at their

council.

Assessment Due Date

Exam Week Friday (16 Feb 2024) 11:45 pm AEST

Submit a single MS word or PDF file via Assessment Block of the Moodle and allow time for checking the Turnitin score

Return Date to Students

Within two weeks of the submission and before the certification of grades.

Weighting

60%

Assessment Criteria

For all assessments, formatting and presentation are really important.

Technical accuracy and referencing where required is paramount with an overarching requirement for demonstrating your answer / submission / design with clarity.

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The assignment will be assessed on the following basis:

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- Demonstration of core knowledge and demonstration of appropriate application of knowledge

Referencing Style

- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

Submission

Online

Submission Instructions

Submit single word-processed document, or a single pdf format document

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- assess prescriptive and performance-based solutions for fire safety design using an industry standard software package
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Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Information Literacy
- Information Technology Competence
- Ethical practice

4 Online quiz

Assessment Type

Written Assessment

Task Description

This quiz is a fail/pass assessment item. There will be 20 multiple choice questions. You need to answer at least 10 questions correctly to pass this quiz. The quiz will be accessible from week 11 of the term and remain open for a week and two attempts are allowed for each student.

In order to pass this unit, you need to obtain a pass mark (50%) from this assessment.

Assessment Due Date

Exam Week Wednesday (14 Feb 2024) 11:45 pm AEST

The quiz will remain open for a week and two attempts are allowed for each student

Return Date to Students

The results will be returned by the system after completion of the quiz

Weighting

Pass/Fail

Minimum mark or grade

In order to pass this unit, you need to obtain a pass mark (50%) from Assessment 4/Quiz.

Assessment Criteria

No Assessment Criteria

Referencing Style

- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

Submission

Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

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Graduate Attributes

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Academic Integrity Statement

As a CQUniversity student you are expected to act honestly in all aspects of your academic work.

Any assessable work undertaken or submitted for review or assessment must be your own work. Assessable work is any type of work you do to meet the assessment requirements in the unit, including draft work submitted for review and feedback and final work to be assessed.

When you use the ideas, words or data of others in your assessment, you must thoroughly and clearly acknowledge the source of this information by using the correct referencing style for your unit. Using others' work without proper acknowledgement may be considered a form of intellectual dishonesty.

Participating honestly, respectfully, responsibly, and fairly in your university study ensures the CQUniversity qualification you earn will be valued as a true indication of your individual academic achievement and will continue to receive the respect and recognition it deserves.

As a student, you are responsible for reading and following CQUniversity's policies, including the [Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure](#). This policy sets out CQUniversity's expectations of you to act with integrity, examples of academic integrity breaches to avoid, the processes used to address alleged breaches of academic integrity, and potential penalties.

What is a breach of academic integrity?

A breach of academic integrity includes but is not limited to plagiarism, self-plagiarism, collusion, cheating, contract cheating, and academic misconduct. The Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure defines what these terms mean and gives examples.

Why is academic integrity important?

A breach of academic integrity may result in one or more penalties, including suspension or even expulsion from the University. It can also have negative implications for student visas and future enrolment at CQUniversity or elsewhere. Students who engage in contract cheating also risk being blackmailed by contract cheating services.

Where can I get assistance?

For academic advice and guidance, the [Academic Learning Centre \(ALC\)](#) can support you in becoming confident in completing assessments with integrity and of high standard.

What can you do to act with integrity?



Be Honest

If your assessment task is done by someone else, it would be dishonest of you to claim it as your own



Seek Help

If you are not sure about how to cite or reference in essays, reports etc, then seek help from your lecturer, the library or the Academic Learning Centre (ALC)



Produce Original Work

Originality comes from your ability to read widely, think critically, and apply your gained knowledge to address a question or problem