

**Main course text:**

**Success in Your Project: A Guide to Student System Development Projects**

Weaver, P (2004)  
Pearson Education  
ISBN: 0273678094

Final year projects are an important feature of most undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in the fields of Business Information Technology, Information Systems, Software Engineering and Business Computing. This book is the first to provide detailed guidance and support for students in preparing for, conducting and evaluating a system development project, independent of the development methodology or technical tools to be used.

**Secondary course text:**

**The Essence of Computing Projects: A Student's Guide**

Dawson, C W (2000)  
Pearson Education  
ISBN: 013021972X

Appropriate as a supplement for computer science courses where students must complete projects. Until now there has been no single resource to help students acquire the skills they need to complete computing projects successfully. This book will fill the gap for both graduate and undergraduate students. It covers all the fundamental skills a student will need to meet and exceed the standard required every time.

**Additional reading:**

**Project Management for Information Systems (3rd Ed)**

Cadle, J & Yeates, D (2001)  
Pearson Education  
ISBN: 0273651455

Courses for an IT Project Management module on Information Sciences, Information Studies, Information Engineering, or Management Information Systems modules. The new edition provides a comprehensive introduction to the design and implementation of computer-based information systems. The book combines theory, practice and advice on the role of the project leader in managing the team, the individual and the task.

**Surviving Your Dissertation (2nd Ed)**

Rudestam, K E & Newton, R R (2001)  
Sage Publications  
ISBN: 0761919619 hardback / 0761919627 paperback

This bestselling text covers qualitative methods computer packages, action research and mixed methods; includes the latest information on the use of statistics packages such as SPSS, SAS and SYSTAT; provides writing tips, including the latest research on cognitive techniques for over-coming writer's block; suggests new strategies for organizing a dissertation, including the use of various writing packages; and coverage on using computers to do research literature reviews.

**Managing Your Software Project: A Student's Guide**

Ricketts, I W (1998)  
Springer-Verlag Berlin and Heidelberg  
ISBN: 3540760466

Undertaking a software project is an essential part of many undergraduate degrees in computer science and related disciplines. Based on his own experience of supervising student projects over the last 10 years, Ian Ricketts has produced a readable and accessible text which provides a practical guide for students embarking on a project. Topics covered include: planning; requirements analysis; structure; time management

skills; research skills; practical tools etc. Examples are provided throughout and careful reading of this book will greatly enhance the chances of creating a successful software project.

**Reading, Writing and Reasoning: A Guide for Students (2nd Ed.)**

Fairbairn, G J & Winch, C (1996)

Open University Press

ISBN: 0335197418 hardback / 033519740X paperback

This guide is a must for all students who find writing essays difficult. It will enable them to develop essential skills in reading, writing and reasoning. Written in plain language, the book encourages the development of key skills in reading and evaluating texts, in the use of a clear and effective writing style and in cogent argument. The practical advice, examples and exercises are invaluable for all students who would like to become better readers, writers and reasoners.