

# ELEC 6003 NEUROMORPHIC ACCELERATORS

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 800231

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**Description** Problem-oriented thinking and distributed system design are essential for neuromorphic engineers. This subject is designed to provide students with sufficient understanding to neuromorphic processor. Students will be able to implement spiking neural networks by programming neuromorphic processors. The lab work and programming assignments focus on different key aspects of programming neuromorphic processor: Neural modelling, Python programming, debugging code and hardware/software co-simulation. The workshops focus on the concrete implementation of neural networks.

**School** Graduate Research School

**Discipline** Electronic Engineering

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 2 10cp

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**Level** Postgraduate Coursework Level 6 subject

**Restrictions** Must be enrolled in 8124 Master of Applied Neuromorphic Engineering

## Assumed Knowledge

Proficient in Python, basic in neural computing, basic in spiking neural networks.

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Design Spiking Neural Networks (SNNs) systems for efficient on-chip computing
2. Implement SNNs using the Neuromorphic Processors◆f programming framework
3. Critically appraise novel solutions for efficient neural network systems
4. Effectively communicate the significance and impact of neuromorphic processors to non-specialist audience
5. Accurately compile professional lab reports detailing the methodology employed in implementing the SNN architecture

## Subject Content

- \* Architectures of Neuromorphic Accelerators
- Parallel computing
- Differences between Neuromorphic Accelerator architectures and conventional von-Neumann architecture
- \* Features of Spiking Neural Networks
- Difference between Spiking Neural Networks and conventional numerical computing systems
- \* Programming frameworks of Neuromorphic processors

## Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group	Mandatory Task
Practical	1000 words	25	N	Individual	Y
Practical	1200 words	30	N	Individual	Y
Practical	1500 words	30	N	Group	Y
Presentatio	5 minutes	15	N	Individual	Y

## Teaching Periods

### Spring (2025)

#### Parramatta City - Macquarie St

##### On-site

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