



Course Syllabus: Databases - CS 245

Division	Computer, Electrical and Mathematical Sciences & Engineering
Course Number	CS 245
Course Title	Databases
Academic Semester	Spring
Academic Year	2017/2018
Semester Start Date	01/28/2018
Semester End Date	05/24/2018
Class Schedule (Days & Time)	10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Sun Tue

Instructor(s)				
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Teaching Assistant(s)	
Name	Email
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Course Information	
Comprehensive Course Description	We will start with a revision of the relational model, relational algebra, SQL and OLAP. Then, we will focus on implementation issues such as buffer management, indexing, query optimization and query execution; this part will be useful for your project. Next, we will review the normalization theory, followed by transactions, concurrency control, failures and recovery. We will continue with a brief introduction to the semi-structured model (XML, XPath, XQuery). Towards the end of the semester, time permitting, we will talk about modern topics on data management, such as spatio-temporal data and the Map-Reduce framework.
Course Description from Program Guide	Database design and use of database management systems for applications. The relational model, relational algebra and SQL, the standard language for creating, querying and modifying relational and object-relational databases. XML data including the query languages XPath and XQuery. UML database design and relational design principles based on functional dependencies and normal forms. Other topics include indexes, views, transactions, authorization, integrity constraints and triggers. Advanced topics from data warehousing, data mining, Web data management, Datalog, data integration, data streams and continuous queries and data-intensive Web services.
Goals and Objectives	Understand the internals of modern data-base management systems.
Required Knowledge	Working knowledge of basic discrete mathematics (e.g., sets, functions and relations) and good programming skills (C or C++ or Java, Linux).

Reference Texts	<p>Database System Concepts Publisher: McGraw-Hill Author: Abraham Silberschatz, Henry Korth, S. Sudarshan Edition Number: 6 ISBN:0073523321 NOTE: we will use roughly 35% of the contents this book</p> <p>Database Systems: The Complete Book Publisher: Pearson Prentice Hall Author: Hector Garcia-Molina, Jeffrey D. Ullman, Jennifer Widom Edition Number: 2 ISBN: 0131873253</p> <p>Database Management Systems Publisher: McGraw-Hill Author: Raghu-Ramakrishnan, Johannes Gehrke Edition Number: 3 ISBN: 0072465638</p>
Method of evaluation	<p>40.00% - Final exam 5.00% - Others - Please specify 30.00% - Homework /Assignments 25.00% - Course Project(s)</p>
Nature of the assignments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -3 homeworks (10% each) -1 Lab exercise (5%) -Programming project (25%) -Final exam, open book (40%)
Course Policies	<p>ATTENDANCE POLICY: You are advised to attend all lectures</p> <p>HONOR CODE: In accordance with the University policy and professional standards, the highest levels of academic integrity are expected in this class. The code of student conduct is strictly enforced. Academic dishonesty will result in reductions in grades and/or expulsions from this class and/or the University.</p> <p>In addition, with respect to the course project: Everybody is expected to work individually and provide his/her own code. Cases of plagiarism will be taken very seriously and will result to 0 (zero) marks plus disciplinary actions from the university. If plagiarism is suspected, the instructor reserves the right to ask the student to prove his/her abilities by implementing in the instructor's office within limited time a similar operator.</p>
Additional Information	<p>n.a.</p>

Tentative Course Schedule

(Time, topic/emphasis & resources)

Week	Lectures	Topic
1	Sun 01/28/2018 Tue 01/30/2018	Introduction
2	Sun 02/04/2018 Tue 02/06/2018	Relational Model
3	Sun 02/11/2018 Tue 02/13/2018	Relational Algebra
4	Sun 02/18/2018 Tue 02/20/2018	SQL
5	Sun 02/25/2018 Tue 02/27/2018	OLAP
6	Sun 03/04/2018 Tue 03/06/2018	Data storage
7	Sun 03/11/2018 Tue 03/13/2018	Trees
8	Sun 03/18/2018 Tue 03/20/2018	Hashing
9	Sun 03/25/2018 Tue 03/27/2018	External sorting, Projection, Aggregation
10	Sun 04/01/2018 Tue 04/03/2018	Joins and Query Optimization
11	Sun 04/08/2018 Tue 04/10/2018	Spatial Databases
12	Sun 04/15/2018 Tue 04/17/2018	Functional dependencies
13	Sun 04/22/2018 Tue 04/24/2018	Normalization
14	Sun 04/29/2018 Tue 05/01/2018	XML
15	Sun 05/06/2018 Tue 05/08/2018	Transactions and concurrency control
16	Sun 05/13/2018 Tue 05/15/2018	Failures and recovery
17	Sun 05/20/2018 Tue 05/22/2018	(if time permits) Map-Reduce
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Note

The instructor reserves the right to make changes to this syllabus as necessary.