Introduction to Database Systems COSC-3336.001  
Department of Computing Sciences  
Spring 2018

A. **COURSE INFORMATION**

Course number/section: COSC-3336.001  
Class meeting time: MWF 9:00-9:50AM  
Class location: CI-128  
Course Website: bb9.tamucc.edu

B. **INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION**

Instructor: Marwa Hassan  
Office location: TBD  
Office hours: M 1:00 – 2:00 PM  
W and F 11:00 AM –1:00 PM  
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Appointments: Please email for appointments

C. **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Catalog Course Description

A study of contemporary database management system concepts, terminology, and methodology for use and implementation. Commercially available systems are discussed and used with emphasis upon the relational model.

D. **PREREQUISITES AND COREQUISITES**

Prerequisites  
COSC 2437

Corequisites  
None

E. **REQUIRED TEXTBOOK(S), READINGS AND SUPPLIES**


Optional Textbook(s) or Other References  
None

Supplies  
None
F. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ASSESSMENT

Assessment is a process used by instructors to help improve learning. Assessment is essential for effective learning because it provides feedback to both students and instructors. A critical step in this process is making clear the course’s student learning outcomes that describe what students are expected to learn to be successful in the course. The student learning outcomes for this course are listed below. By collecting data and sharing it with students on how well they are accomplishing these learning outcomes students can more efficiently and effectively focus their learning efforts. This information can also help instructors identify challenging areas for students and adjust their teaching approach to facilitate learning.

By the end of this course, students should be able to:

1. Practice data modeling using the entity-relationship;
2. Develop database designs and Normalization of Database Tables;
3. Understand the use of SQL and use SQL syntax;
4. Use/understand stored procedures of MySQL;
5. Understand transaction management and concurrency control and distributed database management systems.

G. INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS AND ACTIVITIES

The major instructional method is lecturing. The class also includes individual assignments and term project. Students are expected to present their term project.

H. MAJOR COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING

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I. COURSE CONTENT/SCHEDULE

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Note: Changes in this course schedule may be necessary and will be announced to the class by the Instructor. The assignments and exams shown are directly related to the Student Learning Outcomes described in Section K.

J. COURSE POLICIES

Attendance/Tardiness
The students are expected to come to class on time every day the class meets. Attendance and active participation are crucial. Read the chapter to be discussed before coming to class. Ask questions of material you do not understand. If I cannot explain the answers to your satisfaction, make an appointment with me to discuss the question. Demonstrate integrity, maturity, and ethical behavior.

You are responsible for all material presented in class. Turn off all electronic devices including cell phones when you enter the classroom. Use of computers is only allowed for taking notes and class-related activities. Surfing the Internet, playing games, or otherwise participating in distracting behavior are not allowed and will result in automatic grade reduction and/or being asked to leave class.

Make-up Exams
Makeup exams will not be given under normal circumstances. If you notify me immediately that serious, unavoidable, documentable (e.g., with a letter from your doctor) circumstances have arisen, I will discuss options for replacing the missing grade. (For example, I may allow the grade earned on the comprehensive final to replace the grade for the missed exam.) Excused absences due to school sponsored activities, religious observations, family rituals, etc. should be discussed in advance.

Assignments
Due dates are listed in each assignment. Assignments are accepted until the specified due date.
- Late work penalty: 25% if one day late (up to 24 hours late); 50% if two days late (from 24 to 48 hours late); zero credit if more than two days.
Collaboration
The assignments are to be completed individually unless instructed otherwise. You may ask each other for general advice, but do NOT share final answers and/or source code. Be sure to protect your work.
Working with others without the specific permission of the instructor on assignments that will be submitted for a grade is considered unauthorized collaboration and will be treated as copying. Action will be taken as discussed under the academic honesty policy.
If unsure about the limits, students must seek the instructor’s permission before working with one another.

K. COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY POLICIES

- Academic Integrity (University)
  University students are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the highest standards of academic honesty. Academic misconduct for which a student is subject to penalty includes all forms of cheating, such as illicit possession of examinations or examination materials, falsification, forgery, complicity or plagiarism. (Plagiarism is the presentation of the work of another as one’s own work.) In this class, academic misconduct or complicity in an act of academic misconduct on an assignment or test will result in a failing grade.

- Classroom/Professional Behavior
  Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, as an academic community, requires that each individual respect the needs of others to study and learn in a peaceful atmosphere. Under Article III of the Student Code of Conduct, classroom behavior that interferes with either (a) the instructor’s ability to conduct the class or (b) the ability of other students to profit from the instructional program may be considered a breach of the peace and is subject to disciplinary sanction outlined in article VII of the Student Code of Conduct. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior may be instructed to leave the classroom. This prohibition applies to all instructional forums, including classrooms, electronic classrooms, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc.

- Statement of Civility
  Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi has a diverse student population that represents the population of the state. Our goal is to provide you with a high quality educational experience that is free from repression. You are responsible for following the rules of the University, city, state and federal government. We expect that you will behave in a manner that is dignified, respectful and courteous to all people, regardless of sex, ethnic/racial origin, religious background, sexual orientation or disability. Behaviors that infringe on the rights of another individual will not be tolerated.

- Deadline for Dropping a Course with a Grade of W (University)
  I hope that you never find it necessary to drop this or any other class. However, events can sometimes occur that make dropping a course necessary or wise. Please consult with your academic advisor, the Financial Aid Office, and me, before you decide to drop
this course. Should dropping the course be the best course of action, you must initiate the process to drop the course by going to the Student Services Center and filling out a course drop form. Just stopping attendance and participation WILL NOT automatically result in your being dropped from the class. Please consult the Academic Calendar (http://www.tamucc.edu/academics/calendar/) for the last day to drop a course.

- **Grade Appeals (College of Science and Engineering)**
  As stated in University Procedure 13.02.99.C2.01, Student Grade Appeal Procedures, a student who believes that he or she has not been held to appropriate academic standards as outlined in the class syllabus, equitable evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course. The burden of proof is upon the student to demonstrate the appropriateness of the appeal. A student with a complaint about a grade is encouraged to first discuss the matter with the instructor. For complete details, including the responsibilities of the parties involved in the process and the number of days allowed for completing the steps in the process, see University Procedure 13.02.99.C2.01, Student Grade Appeal Procedures. These documents are accessible through the University Rules website at http://www.tamucc.edu/provost/university_rules/index.html, and the College of Science and Engineering Grade Appeals webpage at http://sci.tamucc.edu/students/GradeAppeal.html. For assistance and/or guidance in the grade appeal process, students may contact the chair or director of the appropriate department or school, the Office of the College of Science and Engineering Dean, or the Office of the Provost.

- **Disability Services**
  The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please call (361) 825-5816 or visit Disability Services in Corpus Christi Hall 116.

  If you are a returning veteran and are experiencing cognitive and/or physical access issues in the classroom or on campus, please contact the Disability Services office for assistance at (361) 825-5816.

  http://disabilityservices.tamucc.edu/

- **Statement of Academic Continuity**
  In the event of an unforeseen adverse event, such as a major hurricane and classes could not be held on the campus of Texas A&M University–Corpus Christi; this course would continue through the use of Blackboard and/or email. In addition, the syllabus and class activities may be modified to allow continuation of the course. Ideally, University facilities (i.e., emails, web sites, and Blackboard) will be operational within two days of the closing of the physical campus. However, students need to make certain that the
course instructor has a primary and a secondary means of contacting each student.

L. OTHER INFORMATION

- **Academic Advising**
  The College of Science & Engineering requires that students meet with an Academic Advisor as soon as they are ready to declare a major. The Academic Advisor will set up a degree plan, which must be signed by the student, a faculty mentor, and the department chair. Meetings are by appointment only; advisors do not take walk-ins. Please call or stop by the Advising Center to check availability and schedule an appointment. The College’s Academic Advising Center is located in Center for Instruction 350 or can be reached at (361) 825-3928.

**GENERAL DISCLAIMER**

I reserve the right to modify the information, schedule, assignments, deadlines, and course policies in this syllabus if and when necessary. I will announce such changes in a timely manner during regularly scheduled lecture periods.