



THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG

APPLIED COMPUTER SCIENCE

Course Number: ACS-2816-050
Course Name: **Health Information Systems**
Course Webpage: <http://courses.acs.uwinnipeg.ca/2816-050/>
Nexus: <https://nexus.uwinnipeg.ca/d2l/home>

Instructor Information

Instructor: Kevin Robertson
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Office Hours: Tuesdays 5:00-6:00 pm **Office:** via Zoom
Class meeting time: Tuesdays 6:00-9:00 pm **Room:** via Zoom

Important Dates

1. First Class: Tuesday January 12, 2021
2. Reading Week (no classes): February 14-19, 2021
3. Mid-Term: February 23, 2021
4. Final Withdrawal Date w/o academic penalty*: Tuesday March 16, 2021
5. Last Class: Tuesday April 6, 2021
6. Final Exam: TBD
7. University closures:
Louis Riel Day Monday, February 15, 2021
Good Friday Friday, April 2, 2021

A minimum of 20% of the work on which the final grade is based will be evaluated and available to the student before the voluntary withdrawal date. It is recommended that you talk to your lecturer before making the decision to withdraw from the course.

*Please note that withdrawing before the VW date does not necessarily result in a fee refund.

Course Objectives / Learning Outcomes

This course is an introduction to health informatics concepts and their applications. It provides an overview of concepts and current themes in health informatics – a discipline that deals with the collection, storage, retrieval and use of health-related data, information and knowledge. We will

explore a number of topics central to the understanding of the field. This course is intended for those who wish to get sufficient background to follow progress and potentially carry out development activities in the field. Readings and case studies describe health informatics systems.

In this course students will develop information system literacy as it differs from computer literacy. They will develop a thorough overview of the different ways computers can be used in organizational management and operations.

Evaluation Criteria

Due to the changes the university are making delivery of this course available, the following structure identifies the criteria the student will be based upon. All work will be submitted electronically either through NEXUS or via email back to the lecturer.

- **Assignments: 15%**
 - o There will be 3 assignments worth 5% each.
 - o May include any or a combination of the following:
 - Theory, or analysis homework
 - Mathematics (probability)
 - o Due at the beginning of class on due dates.
 - o No late assignment will be accepted, or under special circumstances accepted with 20% off for each late day.
 - o Assignments should be handed in by due date on paper (no handwritten) unless email submission is requested. Handwritten assignments will not be accepted.
 - o Multiple submissions are not permitted. Students may submit a partially completed assignment, and will receive credit for those attempted problems.
 - o Electronic submission via email is requested, students are responsible to review their assignments before submission to make sure the correct files are attached to the email.
- **Term paper Presentation: 15%**
 - o You will be required to study a current article related to the course and present in class its summary by using a PowerPoint presentation.
- **Midterm Exam: 25%**
 - o Open-book on-line through Nexus
- **Final Exam: 45%**
 - o Open book final exam
 - o Date TBD

Students should contact the instructor as soon as possible if extenuating circumstances require missing an assignment, test or examination. A medical certificate from a practicing physician may be required before any adjustments or additional actions are considered.

Test / Exam Requirements

- Photo ID is required for midterm tests and the final exam.
- Midterm and final exams will be delivered via Nexus and proctored via Zoom. Students must have video capability, and video must be turned on for the duration of the exam for proctoring.
- Midterm and final exams are open book.
 - Students are permitted to view only the following authorized course material:
 - Class notes, slides, recordings, sample code, assignment descriptions and solutions posted by the instructor
 - Course textbook
 - Student's own course notes and assignment submissions
 - Students may use an external tool such as a text editor or IDE to write answers to questions before entering them into the exam
 - Students may contact the instructor to ask questions
 - External resources (or any material not listed above) are NOT PERMITTED
 - Communication with others (except the instructor) is NOT PERMITTED
 - All work must be entirely the students' own. Collaboration or sharing of work is NOT PERMITTED.

Students with documented disabilities, temporary or chronic medical conditions, requiring academic accommodations for tests/exams (e.g., private space) or during lectures/laboratories (e.g., note-takers) are encouraged to contact Accessibility Services (AS) at 204-786-9771 or accessibilityservices@uwinnipeg.ca to discuss appropriate options. All information about a student's disability or medical condition remains confidential.
<https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/accessibility-services>.

Students may choose not to attend classes or write examinations on holy days of their religion, but they must notify their instructors at least two weeks in advance. Instructors will then provide opportunity for students to make up work examinations without penalty. A list of religious holidays can be found in the 2019-20 Undergraduate Academic Calendar online at <http://uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/docs/important-notes.pdf>

Remote Learning

All course materials including lecture notes, slides, assignments, and term paper details will be available on-line through the course website and through Nexus. Class times are reserved for further discussion and Q&A, with the remaining time for office hours.

Nexus will be used for delivery of on-line quizzes and as an alternative repository for course materials should students be unable to access web site.

Students must be available via Zoom during the lectures and taking the on-line quizzes.

- Students must display their real/full name
- Use of video is optional – except during quizzes
- Participants must be muted when not speaking

- Students may interact via chat, voice or gestures or through email

Students can find answers to frequently asked questions related to remote learning here: <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/covid-19/remote-learning-faq.html>.

Note: A permitted or necessary change in mode of delivery may require adjustments to important aspects of course outlines, like class schedule and the number, nature, and weighting of assignments and/or exams.

Final Letter Grade Assignment

Historically, numerical percentages have been converted to letter grades using the following scale. However, instructors can deviate from these values based on pedagogical nuances of a particular class, and final grades are subject to approval by the Department Review Committee.

A+	90 – 100%	B+	75 – 79%	C	60 – 64%
A	85 – 89 %	B	70 – 74%	D	50 – 59%
A-	80 – 84%	C+	65 – 69%	F	below 50%

Required Text Book(s)/Reading List

Biomedical Informatics, Computer Applications in Health Care and Biomedicine
Shortliffe, Edward H.; Cimino, James J. (Eds)
Springer 4th Edition 2014
ISBN 978-1-4471-4473-1 (Hardcover)
ISBN 978-1-4471-4474-8 (eBook)

Optional Complementary Text Book(s)

Health Informatics: Practical Guide for Healthcare and Information Technology Professionals
Holt, Robert .E.; Yoshihashi, Ann (Eds)
6th Edition 2014
ISBN 978-1-3047-9110-8 (Paperback)
ISBN 978-0-9887-5292-4 (eBook)

Lecture notes will be posted on the course website on the day of class. Recommended readings from the books should be completed before the next class and questions may be posted via email on at the start of the next class.

Prerequisite Information* (This information can be found in the UW Undergraduate Academic calendar)

A grade of at least C in each of ACS-2814(3), ACS-2909(3), ACS-2913(3) and ACS-2916(3).

Regulations, Policies, and Academic Integrity

Academic dishonesty is a very serious offense and will be dealt in accordance with the University's policies.

Avoiding Academic Misconduct: Students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the Academic Regulations and Policies found in the University Academic Calendar at:

<https://uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/docs/regulationsandpolicies.pdf>

Particular attention should be given to subsections 8 (Student Discipline), 9 (Senate Appeals) and 10 (Grade Appeals). Please note, in particular, the subsection of Student Discipline pertaining to plagiarism and other forms of cheating.

Detailed information can be found at the following:

- Academic Misconduct Policy and Procedures: <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/institutional-analysis/docs/policies/academic-misconduct-policy.pdf> and <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/institutional-analysis/docs/policies/academic-misconduct-procedures.pdf>
- UW Library video tutorial "Avoiding Plagiarism" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UvFdxRU9a8g>

Uploading essays and other assignments to essay vendor or trader sites (filesharing sites that are known providers of essays for use by others who submit them to instructors as their own work) involves "aiding and abetting" plagiarism. Students who do this can be charged with Academic Misconduct.

Non-academic misconduct. Students are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful manner on campus and in the learning environment irrespective of platform being used. Behaviour, communication, or acts that are inconsistent with a number of UW policies could be considered "non-academic" misconduct. More detailed information can be found here:

- Respectful Working and Learning Environment Policy <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/respect/respect-policy.html>,
- Acceptable Use of Information Technology Policy <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/institutional-analysis/docs/policies/acceptable-use-of-information-technology-policy.pdf>
- Non-Academic Misconduct Policy and Procedures: <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/institutional-analysis/docs/student-non-academic-misconduct-policy.pdf> and <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/institutional-analysis/docs/student-non-academic-misconduct-procedures.pdf>.

Copyright and Intellectual Property. Course materials are the property of the instructor who developed them. Examples of such materials are course outlines, assignment descriptions, lecture notes, test questions, and presentation slides—irrespective of format. Students who upload these materials to filesharing sites, or in any other way share these materials with others outside the class without prior permission of the instructor/presenter, are in violation of copyright law and University policy. Students must also seek prior permission of the instructor/presenter before, for example, photographing, recording, or taking screenshots of

slides, presentations, lectures, and notes on the board. Students found to be in violation of an instructor's intellectual property rights could face serious consequences pursuant to the Academic Misconduct or Non-Academic Misconduct Policy; such consequences could possibly involve legal sanction under the Copyright Policy

https://copyright.uwinnipeg.ca/docs/copyright_policy_2017.pdf

Privacy

Students have rights in relation of the collecting of personal data the University of Winnipeg:

<https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/privacy/admissions-privacy-notice.html>.

More information:

- Zoom and Privacy: <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/privacy/zoom-privacy-notice.html>
- Testing/Proctoring: <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/privacy/zoom-test-and-exam-proctoring.html>.

Class Cancellation, Correspondence with Students and Withdrawing from Course

When it is necessary to cancel a class due to exceptional circumstances, the course instructor will make every effort to inform students via uwinnipeg email and Nexus.

Students are reminded that they have a responsibility to regularly check their uwinnipeg e-mail addresses to ensure timely receipt of correspondence from the University and/or the course instructor.

Please let course instructor know if you plan on withdrawing from the course. Note that withdrawing before the VW date does not necessarily result in a fee refund.

Topics to be covered (tentative list).

I. Foundational Health Informatics

- Introduction to Health Informatics
- Biomedical Data: Acquisition, Storage and Use
- Biomedical Decision Making
- Health Systems Design and Basic Concepts
- Standards in Health Informatics
- Interoperability & Integration
- Ethics, Privacy and Confidential in Health Informatics
- Evaluation and Technology Assessment

II. Applied Health Informatics

- Electronic Health Record Systems
- Management of Clinical Information
- Consumer Health Informatics

- Patient Monitoring Systems
- Medical Imaging Informatics

III. Health Informatics Ahead

- Future of Computer Applications in Health Care