



THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG

APPLIED COMPUTER SCIENCE

Course Number: ACS-3902-003
Course Name: Database Systems
Course Webpage: <https://nexus.uwinnipeg.ca/d2i/home/50832>

Instructor Information

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Important Dates

1. First Class: Wednesday, January 4, 2023
2. Reading Week (no classes): February 19-25, 2023
3. Final Withdrawal Date w/o academic penalty*: Tuesday, March 14, 2023
4. Last Class: Monday, April 3, 2023
5. Final Exam (Comprehensive): Scheduled within April 10-21
6. University closures: Louis Riel Day Monday, February 20, 2023
Good Friday Friday, April 7, 2023

*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.

Course Objectives / Learning Outcomes

- Introduce theory of relational model.
- Provide the foundation for database design required by systems analysts, designers, programmers and data modelers.
- Introduce techniques utilized in the various stages of a database software development cycle.
- Cover EERDs, database languages, functional dependencies, normalization, physical data storage.

Evaluation Criteria

1. Assignments (35%)
 - 10 assignments, worth 5% each
 - Individual due dates will be posted on Nexus
 - No late submissions will be accepted
2. Final Exam (65%)
 - Interview-style (oral examination)
 - Date by arrangement.
 - During the semester's examination period (April 10 – 21)
 - Duration per student: 25 – 35 minutes
 - Cumulative

Passing the Final Exam is a requirement to pass this course!

Assignment submissions

All work is to be submitted electronically via Nexus.

Programming questions may require submission of programming files. Programming files must clearly indicate the student's name and student-number at the beginning of the file as a comment.

Non-programming questions must be typed using a word processor or drawing software and submitted as a PDF (Portable Document Format) file. These files must also clearly indicate the student's name and student-number at the beginning of the file.

Further details and submission procedure will be stated in each assignment.

Students are responsible for backing up and protecting their assignment work, and for reviewing their assignments before submission to ensure the correct files are submitted.

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

Exam Requirements

- Exams will be delivered in person.
- Photo ID is required for the final exam.
- The use of computers, calculators, phones, or other electronic devices is not permitted during exams.
- Final exams are closed book.

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>

Required Textbook / Reading List

- Elmasri and Navathe, Fundamental of Database Systems, 7th Edition, Addison-Wesley, ISBN: 978-0-133970777
- Class notes/slides will be available on Nexus.

Topics to be covered (tentative)

- Ch 5 The relational data model and relational database constraints
- Ch 6 Basic SQL
- Ch 7 More SQL: complex queries, triggers, views, and schema modification
- Ch 8 The relational algebra
- Ch 3 Data modeling using the entity-relationship (ER) model
- Ch 4 The enhanced entity-relationship (EER) model.
- Ch 9 Relational database design by ER- and EER-to-relational mapping
- Ch 14 Basics of functional dependencies & normalization
- Ch 16, 17 file structures: hashing, indexing
- As time permits: NoSQL Databases (MongoDB), Object and object-relational databases, XML, Hierarchical data model

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.

Course tools

The database management system used in the course is PostgreSQL. It is expected that students use PostgreSQL for all assignments involving databases. PostgreSQL is free to download to your own computing environments (see <https://www.postgresql.org>).

Prerequisite Information

- A grade of at least C in ACS-2913(3) (or the previous ACS-2911(3) and ACS-2912(3)) and ACS-2814(3) (or the former ACS-2914(3)).

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%

Student Wellness

The University of Winnipeg affirms the importance of student mental health and our commitment to providing accessible, culturally appropriate, and effective services for students. Students who are seeking mental health supports are encouraged to reach out to the Wellness Centre at studentwellness@uwinnipeg.ca or 204.988.7611. For community-based mental health resources and supports, students are encouraged to dial 2-1-1. This program of United Way is available 24/7 in 150 languages.

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>.

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.