



THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG

APPLIED COMPUTER SCIENCE

Course Number: GACS-7307-001
Course Name: Advanced Concepts in Cloud Computing
Course Webpage: TBD

Instructor Information

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Class meeting time: Mondays/Wednesdays 11:30 – 12:45 TBD

Important Dates

1. First Class: Monday, January 8, 2024
2. Reading Week (no classes): February 18-24, 2024
3. Final Withdrawal Date w/o academic penalty*: Friday, March 15, 2024
4. Last Class: Wednesday, April 3, 2024
5. Final Exam (Comprehensive): TBD
6. University closures: Louis Riel Day Monday, February 19, 2024
Good Friday Friday, March 29, 2024

*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

This course provides extensive coverage of major subjects in Cloud Computing. It gives an overview of Cloud Computing and explains its main service delivery models, deployment architectures, and key enabling technologies and mechanisms such as virtualization, parallel computing, and BigData analytics. Students will acquire considerable knowledge in Cloud data and resource management, architectural design patterns, security, and privacy challenges and solutions, as well as commercial and open-source Cloud systems. Other topics that are covered include application migration to the Cloud, interoperability issues, Quality of Service (QoS) and Service Level Agreement (SLA).

Evaluation Criteria

1. Presentation (30%)
 - **30 minute presentation** of research paper in cloud computing.
 - Topic picked by student and approved by lecturer.
 - Presentation of the paper's work and results during class-time to the rest of the class
 - Answering questions of peers and the lecturer
2. Essay (20%)
 - On the same research paper in cloud computing.
 - The essay describes the scope of the chosen paper, the state-of-the-art before publication of the paper, how the paper changed the state-of-the-art and what follow-up works has been done since the release of that paper in the given topic.
 - Format of the essay will be given in class.
3. Final Exam (50%)
 - Date by appointment. Schedule for final exam slots will be presented in the lecture. Every student must book an appointment for final exams.
 - Comprehensive oral exam. The final exam covers **all** material covered in the course.
 - Duration: **30-40 minutes per student**

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.

Topics to be covered (tentative)

Week one - Overview of Cloud Computing and Service Delivery Models

Week two - Service Oriented Architectures, Cloud Federation, and web service composition

Week three - System and Network Virtualization

Week four - Cloud Resource Allocation and Management

Week five - Cloud Data Management: Storage and Analytics (MapReduce/Hadoop)

Week six/seven - Cloud Architecture Design Patterns

Week eight/nine - Cloud Security and Privacy

Week ten/eleven - Mobile Computing, Fog, and Internet of Things (IoT)

Week twelve - Research Trends in Cloud Computing

Note that all topics listed may not be covered and may be offered in a slightly different time order.

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.

Required Textbook / Reading List

Relevant textbook chapters and sections will be given during lectures. Class notes (including references), supplementary scientific papers, and notices will be posted on the course website. Students are responsible for all material covered in class and posted on the website. Students are also responsible for announcements made in class and via email.

Prerequisite Information

(This information can be found in the UW General calendar)
Consent of Department Graduate Studies Committee Chair (or research supervisor)

Test / 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>

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%

Regulations, Policies, and Academic Integrity

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).

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

Detailed information can be found at the following:

- Academic Misconduct Policy and Procedures:
<https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/policies/docs/policies/academic-misconduct-policy.pdf> and
<https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/policies/docs/procedures/academic-misconduct-procedures.pdf>
- About Academic Integrity and Misconduct, Resources and FAQs:
<https://library.uwinnipeg.ca/use-the-library/help-with-research/academic-integrity.html>

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.

Academic Integrity and AI Text-generating Tools: Students must follow principles of academic integrity (e.g., honesty, respect, fairness, and responsibility) in their use of material obtained through AI text-generating tools (e.g., ChatGPT, Bing, Notion AI). If an instructor prohibits the use of AI tools in a course, students may face an allegation of academic misconduct if using them to do assignments. If AI tools are permitted, students must cite them. According to the MLA (<https://style.mla.org/citing-generative-ai/>), writers should

- cite a generative AI tool whenever you paraphrase, quote, or incorporate into your own work any content (whether text, image, data, or other) that was created by it
- acknowledge all functional uses of the tool (like editing your prose or translating words) in a note, your text, or another suitable location
- take care to vet the secondary sources it cites

If students are not sure whether or not they can use AI tools, they should ask their professors.

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/policies/docs/policies/acceptable-use-of-information-technology-policy.pdf>
- Non-Academic Misconduct Policy and Procedures: <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/policies/docs/policies/student-non-academic-misconduct-policy.pdf> and <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/policies/docs/procedures/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/basics/copyright-policy.html>

Privacy

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

- Student Privacy: <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/privacy/admissions-privacy-notice.html>
- Zoom Privacy: <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/privacy/zoom-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.