



# THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG

## APPLIED COMPUTER SCIENCE

Course Number: ACS-3902-050  
Course Name: Database Systems  
Course Webpage: <https://nexus.uwinnipeg.ca/d2l/home/64188>

### Instructor Information

**Instructor:** Jesse Harder  
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**Class meeting time:** Mondays 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm 3D01

### Important Dates

1. First Class: Monday, September 09, 2024
2. Reading Week (no classes): October 14 – 18, 2024
3. Midterm Test: Monday, October 28, 2024
4. Final Withdrawal Date w/o academic penalty\*: Wednesday, November 13, 2024
5. Last Class: Wednesday, December 04, 2024
6. Final Exam (Comprehensive): TBD
7. University Closures (no classes or labs):
  - a. Truth and Reconciliation Day: Monday, September 30, 2024
  - b. Thanksgiving: Monday, October 14, 2024
  - c. Remembrance Day: Monday, November 11, 2024
8. Make-up classes for holiday closures:  
Tuesday, December 3, 2024  
Wednesday, December 4, 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**

- Introduce Relational and NoSQL models with emphasis on Relational.
- 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.
- EERDs, database languages, functional dependencies, normalization, physical data storage.

## **Evaluation Criteria**

1. Assignments (24%)
  - Four assignments worth 6% each
  - No late submissions will be accepted
  - Submission instructions will be included for each assignment
2. Midterm Test (26%)
  - During the regular class time (see Important Dates)
3. Final Exam (50%)
  - Cumulative
  - Date and location to be announced

*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.

## **Course Delivery**

The lectures and tests will be delivered in person on campus. All course material including lecture notes, slides and assignment details will be available on Nexus.

All assignments are to be submitted electronically via Nexus, no other submission methods will be accepted. Assignments may include programming questions, as well as design or theory. Further details and submission procedures will be stated in each assignment. Students are responsible for backing up and protecting their assignment work.

## **Test / Exam Requirements**

- Photo ID is required for tests and exams.
- The use of computers, calculators, phones, or other electronic devices is not permitted during exams.
- Midterm and final exams are closed-book.

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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](mailto: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 2024-25 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%

## **Required Text Book / Reading List**

- Elmasri/Navathe, Fundamentals of Database Systems, 7th edition, Addison-Wesley,
  - ISBN# 978-0-133970777
- Class notes will be available on Nexus

## **Prerequisite Information**

- Requisite courses: ACS-2814 (or the former ACS-2914) with a minimum grade of C must be completed prior to taking this course

## **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). Use of AI Tools is prohibited in this course: students may face an allegation of academic misconduct if using them to do assignments.

**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.

## **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 File Structures: Hashing (linear hashing)
- Ch 17 Indexing (B+ tree)
- Ch 24 NOSQL Databases

*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.*