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**School of Computer Science and Information Systems**  
**44-460/660 Database Systems/Database Design and Implement (3 hours)**  
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**Textbook and supplementary materials:**

**Textbook:** Modern Database Management (12th Edition) by Jeffrey A. Hoffer, Ramesh Venkataraman, Heikki Topi. Published by Pearson Education, Inc. ISBN: 978-0-13-354461-9. For residential, undergraduate students this text is available from the campus textbook center. Graduate students enrolled in 44-660 will need to purchase this textbook.

**Software:** Students must have access to

- WinZip or some other software to unzip files downloaded from the course site and to zip files that you are uploading.
- Apache, PHP, MySQL, and MongoDB -- these are free downloads (instructions for installing will be provided)

**Course description:** An introduction to database systems, including design, organization, and implementation.

**Student learning outcomes:**

**Assessment methods:**

1. Define basic terms used in database management systems	Quizzes and exams.
2. Describe the advantages and disadvantages of using database management systems	Quizzes and exams.
3. Describe the database development process	Quizzes and exams.
4. Understand the basic concepts of logical database design	ER diagram assignments, quizzes, exams.
5. Describe the physical database design process	Quizzes and exams.
6. Incorporate business rules into a conceptual data model	ER diagram assignments, quizzes, exams.
7. Model sophisticated relationships among data, including strong and weak entity types, composite attributes, multivalued attributes, derived attributes, cardinality constraints, unary relationships, binary relationships, ternary relationships, supertypes, subtypes	ER diagram assignments, quizzes, exams.
8. Normalize a set of database tables to third normal form	Normalization problems/assignments, quizzes, exams.
9. Understand the basic concepts of physical database design, including volume estimates, designing fields, denormalization, indexing, and query optimization	Quizzes and exams.

10. Retrieve information from database files using SQL	SQL assignments, SQL exam.
11. Use a DBMS to implement database applications	PHP assignment/project.
12. Design a database to meet the requirements specified by a client	ER diagram assignments.
13. Get exposure/introduction to NoSQL databases using MongoDB	MongoDB assignment.

**Instructional methods:** Instructional methods include lectures, class discussions, individual work, individual/group study, learner participation, assigned reading/exercises, and help sessions.

**Graded course requirements:**

Grading Components	Points
Exam 1	60
Exam 2	60
Final Exam (comprehensive)	120
Quiz 1 and 2 @ 30 points each	60
Chapter Assignments (3 @ 30 pts each)	90
SQL Assignments (3 @ 30 pts each)	90
PHP Assignment	60
MongoDB Assignment	20
PHP/MongoDB Quiz	20
Research paper (660 only)	50
Miscellaneous Points	0-50
Total Points (460)	580-630
Total Points (660)	630-680

**Exams and Quizzes:** Exams and quizzes must be taken at the scheduled time. Exam dates and times can be found on the course website. If you have to miss an exam, it is your responsibility to notify the instructor in advance and to provide the instructor with written verification of the reason for your absence. Failure to follow these instructions will result in a deduction of points or possibly a grade of zero on the exam or quiz.

**Pop Quizzes:** Pop quizzes will sometimes be given at the beginning of class. These will be worth about 5-10 points each. If you arrive late to class and miss the quiz, you will receive a 0. You will not be allowed to make up points lost for quizzes unless an official written notice of your absence is provided (i.e. doctor's notification, etc.).

**Assignments:** All assignments are due at the designated time. Assignments are individual projects. You may talk freely with your classmates, instructor, and class/lab assistants regarding the assignments, but any help received must be fully credited. Failure to credit a source constitutes plagiarism and is subject to the university rules regarding cheating. It is never permissible to copy another person's work. Read the section in this syllabus on academic honesty for details.

**Due Dates:** Assignments must be turned in by the due date/time. Assignments turned in after the due date will

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receive no credit.

**Worksheets:** All worksheets, including solutions, will be available on the course website. Worksheets are not turned in or graded. However, doing the worksheets will help you to perform well on the exams. Use the keys to the worksheets wisely. By the time you take an exam, you should be able to complete all the worksheets without referring to the keys.

**Miscellaneous Points:** Miscellaneous points consist of any extra points that may be awarded for pop quizzes or other activities. These are not extra credit points. If used, they will be required for the entire class.

**Grading scale:**

Percentage	Letter Grade
90-100%	A
>= 80% and < 90%	B
>= 70% and < 80%	C
>= 60% and < 70%	D
Below 60%	F

**Grading policy:** Grades are posted in the online gradebook. You are responsible for checking the gradebook at least once a week to ensure that your grades are properly posted. If there is an error in grading, you must bring that to the attention of the class assistant or instructor *within two weeks of the time the grade is posted*.

**Course outline/major topics studied:**

The following is a tentative schedule and is subject to change. For exact information, including important dates, check the course website.

Week	Activity
Wk 1	Chapter 1 – The Database Environment and Development Process
Wk 2	Chapter 2 – Modeling Data in the Organization
Wk 3	Chapter 2 Chapter 2 assignment
Wk 4	Chapter 3 – The Enhanced ER Model Chapter 3 assignment
Wk 5	Quiz #1 Chapter 4 – Logical Database Design and the Relational Model
Wk 6	<b>Exam 1 (covers chapters 1, 2, and 3)</b> Chapter 4
Wk 7	Chapter 4 assignment Chapter 5 – Physical Database Design and Performance
Wk 8	Quiz #2 Chapter 6 – Introduction to SQL
Wk 9	<b>Exam 2 (covers chapters 4 and 5)</b>

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	Chapter 6 SQL Assignment #1
Wk 10	Chapter 7 – Advanced SQL SQL Assignment #2
Wk 11	Chapter 7 SQL Assignment #3
Wk 12	Chapter 8 – Database Application Development PHP
Wk 13	PHP PHP Assignment
Wk 14	660 only: Research Project NoSQL using MongoDB MongoDB Assignment PHP PHP Assignment (continued)
Wk 15	660 only: Research Project MongoDB Assignment PHP Assignment (continued) PHP Quiz
Final Exam Week	<b>Final Exam is cumulative.</b> See course website for more details.

**Note:** Course schedule is subject to change with instructor notification and students will be responsible for abiding by these changes.

**Attendance:** Students are expected to attend all classes as specified in the course syllabi for each course. Some in-class exercises may have points associated with them and may not be announced in advance. A student who misses such an exercise due to an unexcused absence will not be allowed to make it up and will receive a zero. Excused absences include attendance at a university sponsored event (documented with an excuse signed by the university sponsor prior to the event) or by circumstances considered adequately extenuating by the course instructor. It is the responsibility of the student to promptly notify his or her instructor when unable to attend class. Please refer to the university policy on attendance at <https://www.nwmissouri.edu/policies/academics/Attendance.pdf>

**Quizzes:** There may sometimes be short quizzes, usually worth five points or less. Quizzes will not always be announced in advance. They will usually be given at the beginning of the class. If you arrive late, after the quiz has started, you cannot take the quiz. If you miss a quiz due to an unexcused absence, you will receive a grade of zero on the quiz. If you have an excused absence, with the required written documentation, grades for missed quizzes will be replaced by the average of the grades of all the quizzes you take during the semester.

**Exam Policies:** The tentative weeks for exams are given in the course schedule. Exact dates and other details will appear on the course website. If you must miss an exam, it is your responsibility to notify the instructor prior to the exam. Make-ups for written exams will be given only for valid and verifiable reasons. Valid reasons include illness, family emergencies, and university-sponsored trips. Written documentation with suitable verification must be supplied before a make-up will be allowed. All exams are closed book, closed notes, unless explicitly noted in writing by the instructor. No calculators, cell phones, or

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other electronic devices can be used during exams unless explicitly allowed by the instructor. **If exams are scheduled online with Respondus Monitor, you are responsible for the registration fee.**

**Due Dates:** Each assigned, graded activity will have a due date posted. Late assignments will not be accepted except in cases of *documented* illness or family emergencies.

**Final exams:**

If an emergency occurs that prevents the administration of a course scheduled final examination, the final course grades will be calculated based on the work in the course completed to that point in time and the faculty member's considered judgment. Final exams will not be rescheduled, and a grade of "I" will not be given as a result of an institutional cancellation of a final examination. This final exam policy does not apply to online courses.

**Administrative drop:** An instructor may request the Office of the Registrar delete a student from a course roster if the student has not met the prerequisite for the course as stated in the catalog, or as a result of non-attendance in the course.

**Academic Administrative withdrawal:** When it is in the best interest of Northwest Missouri State University for a student to withdraw, a student will be given a W, put on administrative hold, and given notice that they are about to be withdrawn. This action will result in removal of all credits associated with courses that have yet to be completed in the semester in question and the student will be administratively withdrawn from the University. An Administrative Withdrawal does not affect the student's grade point average. Please refer to Northwest Missouri State University's Academic Administrative Withdrawal Policy at: <https://www.nwmissouri.edu/policies/academics/Adding-Dropping-Withdrawals.pdf>

**University communications:** Students are expected to use their Northwest student email account for any electronic correspondence within the university. Students are also strongly advised to check their email and CatPAWS accounts on a regular basis.

**Academic integrity policy:** The students, faculty, and staff at Northwest endeavor to sustain an environment that values honesty in academic work, that acknowledges the authorized aid provided by and intellectual contributions of others, and that enables equitable student evaluation. Please refer to Northwest Missouri State University's Academic Integrity Policy at <http://www.nwmissouri.edu/policies/academics/Academic-Integrity.pdf>. In addition, the document entitled *Academic Integrity in CSIS Classes*, posted on the course website, clearly explains those types of behavior that would be considered academic dishonesty. You are responsible for reading both documents, and abiding by the guidelines described therein.

Note that plagiarism includes, but is not limited to, failure to give credit for help received on a homework assignment. Also note that all assignments are to be done individually, unless specified otherwise. You may talk to classmates and other students about an assignment, but you must do all the work yourself from beginning to end. Two or more students may sit down together and discuss an assignment as they are working on it, but each student must do his/her own work in completing the assignment. You cannot copy another person's code or written work. You cannot copy database objects or any portion of a database from another student's files.

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Failure to follow these guidelines and the remaining guidelines described in the *CSIS Academic Integrity Policy* will be subject to the penalties described in the catalog.

**Professionalism:** Students are expected to behave in a professional manner in their dealings with each other, the class assistant, and the instructor. E-mails and other electronic communications should be politely written, use proper grammar, and follow the rules of capitalization. Emails **must** include the course number (44-460 or 660) and section # in the subject line. For security reasons, I never open emails that do not include an appropriate entry for the subject.

**Learning or Living Accommodations Request Process:** Northwest Missouri State University complies with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 [ADA] and the ADA Amendments Act of 2008 [ADAAA]. If a student has a documented disability that qualifies under the ADA/ADAAA and requests accommodations, they should review the Accessibility and Accommodations webpage at <https://www.nwmissouri.edu/titleixequity/accessibility/index.htm> for guidance, including the accommodations application and supporting documentation requirements. Contact [ada@nwmissouri.edu](mailto:ada@nwmissouri.edu) or 660.562.1873 for further assistance. For the university policy on disability accommodation refer to <http://www.nwmissouri.edu/policies/student/Disability-Accommodation.pdf>

**Non-discrimination and anti-harassment policy:** Northwest Missouri State University is committed to maintaining an environment for all faculty, staff, students, and third parties that is free of illegal discrimination and harassment. Please refer to the Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy at <http://www.nwmissouri.edu/diversity/titlevi.htm>

**Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) policy:** Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (commonly known as the Buckley Amendment), is a federal law which provides that colleges and universities will maintain the confidentiality of student education records. Please refer to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Policy at <http://www.nwmissouri.edu/policies/academics/Family-Educational-Rights-and-Privacy-Act.pdf>

**COVID-19 Classroom Mitigation:** Northwest is committed to the health and safety of the University community and has therefore adopted COVID-19 mitigation policies. Every student must wear a face covering (such as a cloth facemask, bandana, scarf, neck gaiter, or medical mask) over their nose and mouth at all times in all academic building spaces, including classrooms (unless directed not to by the instructor), offices, hallways, and restrooms. Face shields may be worn in addition to, but not in place of, a face covering. Students without face coverings will not be allowed in the classroom until they comply with expectations. Students must also follow directions regarding entries, exits and furniture, and maintain at least 6 feet of social distancing whenever possible. Northwest further asks all students to practice good hygiene and not enter academic buildings or attend face-to-face classes when they feel sick or have been instructed to quarantine/isolate; students who miss class should communicate with their instructors. Students who do not comply with these requirements will be subject to standard disciplinary procedures according to the Northwest Student Code of Conduct (i.e. verbal and written warnings followed by a hearing, if necessary). We thank you for doing your part to maintain our learning environment and to protect the health of fellow Bearcats.

**Change in Course Delivery:**

It is our goal as a University to continue all courses as planned on campus. However, due to unforeseeable impacts of COVID-19, faculty and students must be prepared to move all courses to a remote/online learning format anytime during the semester, either permanently or for a short term. The type of format (synchronous

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or asynchronous) will be at the discretion of each faculty member. The University and faculty will communicate with students in the event such action is deemed necessary to preserve the health and safety of students and employees.

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