COSC 5360 Database Design – Spring 2007

General Information
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Prerequisites       COSC 2315 (Computer Organization)
                    COSC 2336 (Data Structures and Algorithms)


Description         Database systems theory and design including relational model, E-R model, normalization, transaction management, concurrency control, recovery, indexing, and hashing

Exams:              There will be two midterm exams and one final exam given for this class. All exams will be held in the class lecture room. The midterm exams will be given during the regular class time. The final exam will be given during the standard final exam time set by the university. The tentative dates of the exams are:
                    Midterm I  March 8, 2007
                    Midterm II April 19, 2007
                    Final Exam  May 10, 2007 (3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.)

You will be notified in advance of any change in the above dates.

Grading:            There are five (5) components to the course grade totaling 1000 points. They are as follows:
                    Midterm I  150 points
                    Midterm II 150 points
                    Assignments 250 points
                    Project    150 points
                    Final Examination 300 points

Course grades will be assigned based on the following scale.
                    900-1000    A
                    800-899     B
                    700-799     C
                     600-699     D
                      599 and below F
**Late Policies:** All homework assignments are due at the beginning of class on the date specified in the assignment. Assignments will not be accepted after that time. In order to accommodate problems that may arise during the semester, you may turn in one (1) assignment late. That assignment must be turned in within 48 hours of the assignment’s due date. It will not be accepted after that time. Note that this policy does not apply to the class project. The project will not be accepted late.

**Plagiarism:** Unless otherwise specified, all work submitted for a grade must be completed by yourself - no group effort. Plagiarism will result in disciplinary actions. To spare yourself accusations of plagiarism:

1. Do not show another student a copy of your work before it has been graded. The penalties for permitting your work to be copied are the same as the penalties for copying someone else’s work.
2. Do not leave printouts of your work where other students may pick them up.

**Accommodation of disabilities:** If you have a disability, including a learning disability, for which you request disability support services/accommodation, please contact Ida MacDonald in the Disability Support Services office so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting disability support services/accommodation must provide documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Support Services counselor. For more information, call or visit the Student Services Office located in the University Center, Room 282. The telephone number is 566-7079 (TDD 565-5579).

**Writing Center:** Located in BUS 202, the UT-Tyler Writing Center provides professional writing tutoring for all students. If you wish to use the Writing Center, you should plan in advance for a minimum of two hour-long tutorials per assignment: the first to assess your needs, and the second to follow up. Be prepared to take an active role in your learning, as you will be asked to discuss your work. While Writing Center tutors are happy to give constructive criticism and teach effective writing techniques, they will under no circumstances write your paper for you. Appointments are strongly encouraged: call 903-565-5995. Visit www.uttyler.edu/writingcenter.

**Grade Replacement:** If you are repeating this course for a grade replacement, you must file an intent to receive grade forgiveness with the registrar by the 12th day of class. Failure to file an intent to use grade forgiveness will result in both the original and repeated grade being used to calculate your overall grade point average. A student will receive grade forgiveness (grade replacement) for only three (undergraduate student) or two (graduate student) course repeats during his/her career at UT Tyler. (2006-08 Catalog, p. 35)