

ER Diagram on the project.

Normalization on the project

Normalization is the process of organizing data in a database to reduce redundancy and improve data integrity. For the Tiny College database, normalization up to **Third Normal Form (3NF)** was applied.

First Normal Form (1NF)

- Rule: All attributes must be atomic, and each record must be unique.
- Fix:
 - o Instead of having a single attribute like StudentName, we split it into FirstName and LastName.
 - Courses are stored once per row on the Course table, instead of listing multiple courses in a single column.

Second Normal Form (2NF)

- **Rule:** Must be in 1NF and have **no partial dependency** i.e., non-key attributes must depend on the whole primary key.
- Fix:
 - o In the Enrollment table, the composite key is (StudentID, CourseID, Semester).
 - o Grade depends on the full composite key, not on just StudentID or CourseID.

Third Normal Form (3NF)

- **Rule:** Must be in 2NF and have **no transitive dependencies** non-key attributes must depend only on the primary key, not on other non-key attributes.
- Fix:
 - o Suppose we stored Department Location inside the Student or Instructor table.
 - o That would create a transitive dependency, since Department Location depends on DeptID, which is not the primary key of Student/Instructor.
- Eliminates redundancy: Department location is stored only once in the Department table.
- **Prevents updating anomalies:** If a department changes its location, we update it in one place, not across multiple tables.
- **Ensures data consistency:** All relationships (Student–Department, Instructor–Department, Course–Department) remain accurate.
- Supports scalability: Adding new students, instructors, or courses doesn't require restructuring existing tables

SQL Code

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-- CREATE TABLES
CREATE TABLE Department (
  DeptID INT PRIMARY KEY,
  DeptName VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL,
  Location VARCHAR(100)
);
CREATE TABLE Student (
  StudentID INT PRIMARY KEY,
  FirstName VARCHAR(50),
  LastName VARCHAR(50),
  DOB DATE,
  Major VARCHAR(50),
  DeptID INT,
  FOREIGN KEY (DeptID) REFERENCES Department(DeptID)
);
CREATE TABLE Instructor (
  InstructorID INT PRIMARY KEY,
  FirstName VARCHAR(50),
  LastName VARCHAR(50),
  Title VARCHAR(50),
  DeptID INT,
  FOREIGN KEY (DeptID) REFERENCES Department(DeptID)
);
CREATE TABLE Course (
  CourseID INT PRIMARY KEY,
  CourseName VARCHAR(100),
  Credits INT,
  DeptID INT,
  FOREIGN KEY (DeptID) REFERENCES Department(DeptID)
CREATE TABLE Enrollment (
  StudentID INT,
  CourseID INT,
  Semester VARCHAR(20),
  Grade CHAR(2),
  PRIMARY KEY (StudentID, CourseID, Semester),
  FOREIGN KEY (StudentID) REFERENCES Student(StudentID),
  FOREIGN KEY (CourseID) REFERENCES Course(CourseID)
);
-- INSERT SAMPLE DATA
INSERT INTO Department VALUES (1, 'Computer Science', 'Building A');
INSERT INTO Department VALUES (2, 'Mathematics', 'Building B');
INSERT INTO Student VALUES (101, 'Alice', 'Johnson', '2001-04-15', 'CS', 1);
INSERT INTO Student VALUES (102, 'Bob', 'Smith', '2000-08-21', 'Math', 2);
INSERT INTO Instructor VALUES (201, 'Dr. John', 'Doe', 'Professor', 1);
INSERT INTO Instructor VALUES (202, 'Dr. Mary', 'Lee', 'Associate Prof', 2);
INSERT INTO Course VALUES (301, 'Database Systems', 3, 1);
INSERT INTO Course VALUES (302, 'Calculus I', 4, 2);
INSERT INTO Enrollment VALUES (101, 301, 'Fall 2025', 'A');
INSERT INTO Enrollment VALUES (102, 302, 'Fall 2025', 'B');
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Output or Screenshot

