

Database Concepts.

Assessment

Introduction

To pass Database Concepts, there are two hurdles. One is the Assignment Hurdle and the other is the Exam Hurdle. You must pass both hurdles to pass the subject. A failure to pass either one of the hurdles means a Fail for the subject.

Unless granted by Special Consideration, there is no option to re-sit the exam or to re-submit assignment work.

Assignment Hurdle

There are two assignments that make up the Assignment Hurdle. Your total score from both assignments must average 50% or more.

This means you may score 60% on the first assignment and 40% on the second assignment and still pass the Assignment Hurdle.

You should note the following important point; If you do not submit anything for the first assignment, you will have to get 100% on the second assignment to average 50% across both. This is very hard to do. As a result, you are **strongly advised** to **submit any work** you have done for the first assignment **even if it is incomplete** or sub-standard. Any marks you get for this assignment will reduce the pressure to perform well on the second assignment.

You should also note that there is no negative judgement attached to poor or late assignment submissions. The Instructor and markers do not track such things. It is assumed that in general, students will always do the best they can given the circumstances they are currently in. A poor submission usually means some issue has arisen in their family or at work or with life in general that must take priority over studies for a time. Please see Special Consideration in "How this subject runs". A poor submission can also mean a student is having trouble with the material in which case you should contact the Instructor.

There are penalties associated with late submissions. They are 10% of the total marks for the assignment per day late or part thereof. An important part of considering making a late submission is that the extra work you do in the extra time should be more than the value of the penalty. It is possible to delay a submission so a question can be completed but the additional marks gained from completing the question are outweighed by the penalty. In other words,

you would have got a higher mark if you'd simply submitted on time with the incomplete question.

Exam Hurdle

For the exam hurdle, you must score 50% or more to pass.

I will not go into exam preparation here but instead I want to highlight un-expected issues that have caused students to fail the exam hurdle despite being technically competent in the subject material.

- Underestimating the time required to travel to the exam location.
- Not knowing exactly how to get to the exam (the route).
- Getting lost on the way to the exam.
- Not being able to find a car park at the exam location.
- Not being able to find the address (ie the number in the street).
- Finding the right address but not being able to find the entrance.
- Finding the right address and the entrance but on the wrong day.

All of these have happened in the past. I hope mentioning these here will prevent you from falling victim to them later on.

Regards

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