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## CSC 423 – Project 1: Conceptual Design

Develop a conceptual data model reflecting the following requirements: (11/02/21)

- 1. Identify the main entity types.
- 2. Identify the main relationship types between the entity types identified in "a".
- 3. Determine the multiplicity constraints for each relationship identified in "b".
- 4. Identify attributes and associate them with entity or relationship types.
- 5. Determine candidate and primary key attributes for each (strong) entity type.
- 6. Generate the E-R diagram for the conceptual level (no FKs as attributes).

#### **Entities** / (attributes)

- **Department** (<u>deptNo</u>, deptName, chairName, faculty\_count)
  - deptName is a candidate key
- Student (<u>studentID</u>, studentName, student\_initials)
- Major (<u>majorCode</u>, majorName)
  - o majorName is a candidate key
- **Event** (**eventNo**, eventName, start\_date, end\_date)

### Primary keys are in bold and underlined

Entity 1	Relationship	Entity 2	Participation	Cardinality	Multiplicity	Type of Rel.
Department	Hosts	Event	0	*	* .*	Many-to-many
Event	IsHostedBy	Department	1	*		
Student	Attends	Event	1	*	*.*	Many-to-many
Event	Comprises	Student	1	*		
Student	Declares	Major	1	*	**	Many-to-many
Major	DeclaredBy	Student	1	*		
Major	References	Department	1	1	1*	One-to-many
Department	Offers	Major	1	*		

## Assumptions:

- majorName is a candidate key because usually we don't have majors with the same name
- deptName is a candidate key because usually we don't have departments with the same name
- Department **Hosts** Event has participation 0 because the department may or may not host an event ("Each department has the possibility...")
- Student Declares Major has participation 1 because it is <u>not</u> optional for a student to declare a major
- Major DeclaredBy Student has a 1 to \* relationship because a major is declared by at least one student but can be declared by multiple students as well
- Major References Department is 1 to 1 because a major must belong to one department
- Department Offers Major is 1 to \* because a department must offer at least one major but could offer many as well

# (E-R Diagram)

