Course Syllabus

Course Information

Credits: 3 credits (820)/4 credits (720)
Term: Fall 2025
Time and Room: Monday 9:10 am – 12:00 pm P128

Instructor Information

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- As posted outside my office
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Course Description

This is a project course that provides practical experience with database systems and technologies. Topics include data modeling, database design, system development and integration, database administration, and configuration and project management.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

- Understand what data models are and use them to design logical structures for databases
- Use Data Definition Language (DDL) to create, modify, and delete database objects
- Use Data Manipulation Language (DML) to perform operations on database objects
- Plan, execute, and present database projects
- Successfully pass system design questions involving database design

Text and Resources

Database Design – 2nd Edition, Adrienne Watt and Nelson Eng
- https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/textbooks/354

SQLite – Database Management System
- https://www.sqlite.org/index.html
- https://sqlitestudio.pl/

Grading

Final grades will be based on Quizzes, Homework, Project and Final Exam.

- Participation/Attendance – 20%
- Homework/Assessments – 40%

- Project – 20%
- Quizzes and Final Exam – 20%

Quizzes will be announced but you should always keep up with the material from week to week.

COURSE POLICIES REGARDING STUDENT BEHAVIOR

Attendance
Students are responsible for attending scheduled meetings and expected to abide by the University Policy on Attendance (as stated in the *UNH Student Rights, Rules, and Responsibilities*).

If you must miss a class, please let me know ***ahead of time***. Do not wait until 15 minutes before the class to inform me that you are going to be absent. If you are sick, please let me know ***at least one hour prior to class***.

Late submissions
Policy for late submissions is very strict and applies only in exceptional cases of student illness, accident, or emergencies that are properly documented. A late submission of a homework or project artifact may be granted only if the student:

- Emails prior to the deadline and
- Explains and provides evidence for the circumstances that have prevented the student from meeting class requirement.

Failing to comply with these rules may result in no credit for the course.

Homework assignments that are submitted late will be besubject to the following deductions:

- up to 1 weeks late: Deduct 5%
- 1 - 3 weeks late: Deduct 10%
- 3+ weeks late: Deduct 20%

STATEMENT ON ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Academic integrity is a core value at the University of New Hampshire. The members of its academic community both require and expect one another to conduct themselves with integrity. This means that each member will adhere to the principles and rules of the University and pursue academic work in a straightforward and truthful manner, free from deception or fraud. The policy can be found in the annual publication of the <u>Student Rights, Rules, and Responsibilities</u>.

Please see below the Academic Honesty policy for the Computing Program. Failing to comply with these rules is considered a violation of the academic honesty policy.

- Graded work in this class should be entirely yours and shall not include work done by others or obtained from external sources.
- Collaboration on work is allowed only upon explicit instruction from the course instructor and only within the constraints given for that specific work. If unclear, you must consult with me on what is allowable. It is your responsibility to get such clarification.
- Collaboration on all the work in this class is encouraged, unless explicitly stated that the assigned work must be individual work with no collaboration permitted.
- Sharing the products of your work or your direct participation in doing work for others is also an instance of academic misconduct. Refrain from doing work on behalf of somebody else or from sharing your work products with other students.
- If the preparation of your artifacts benefits from collaborations with peers, tutors, tech assistants, course instructor (that's me), or any other person (friend, relative, etc.), in cases in which collaboration is allowed, submitted artifacts must include clear attribution to the kind of beneficial collaboration.
- If the preparation of your artifacts benefits from online sources (forums, public GitHub repos, tutorials, MOOCs, etc.), in cases in which collaboration is allowed, submitted artifacts must include clear attribution to the source and source content you have used

There are very serious repercussions if you deviate from the academic honesty policy:

1. The penalty for the first occurrence of an instance of academic dishonesty and plagiarism in this course is no credit for the graded work in question. Program Coordinator and Department Chair will be notified of your misconduct, and a letter from the Program Coordinator will be sent to you, course instructor, and faculty advisor.
2. The second instance of academic dishonesty, OR two instances of academic dishonesty in this course is penalized with failing the course. Program Coordinator, Department Chair, and Associate Dean of UNH Manchester or Graduate School (depending on your enrollment) will be notified. A letter from the Program Coordinator will be sent to you, course instructor, and faculty advisor. The Dean may decide on dismissal from the University.
3. If the first instance of academic dishonesty in this course is your second one, the course action described at #2 above will be followed.

Bottom line, do not plagiarize, do not share your work with others, and do not collaborate without giving proper attribution.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Unless otherwise specified, the use of Automated Writing Tools, including chatGPT and similar artificial intelligence (AI) tools, is strictly prohibited in this course, even when properly attributed. The use of automated writing tools is considered plagiarism (as defined by UNH's Academic Integrity Policy) and will be handled in accordance with existing policy.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

UNH Manchester is committed to providing students with disabilities with a learning experience which assures them of equal access to all programs and facilities of the University, which makes all reasonable academic aids and adjustments for their disabilities and provides them with maximum independence and the full range of participation in all areas of life at UNH Manchester. Students who need to document their disability and determine any accommodations, services, or referrals should schedule an appointment with the UNH Manchester Disability Services Coordinator by calling 641- 4170. For more information, please see http://manchester.unh.edu/student/disability.

Confidentiality and Mandatory Reporting of Sexual Violence or Harassment

The University of New Hampshire at Manchester and its community are committed to assuring a safe and productive educational environment for all students. Title IX makes it clear that violence, harassment, and discrimination based on sex and gender are Civil Rights offenses subject to the same kinds of accountability and the same kinds of support applied to offenses against other protected categories such as race, national origin, and ability.

If you or someone you know has experienced sexual or relationship violence, and/or stalking and harassment, you can find the appropriate resources below:

Reporting On Campus:

- Title IX Deputy Intake Coordinator: Lisa Enright 603-641-4336
- UNH Manchester Security: 603-641-4124 or located om the 2md floor foyer

Reporting Off Campus:

- Manchester Police Department - 603-668-8711, 405 Valley St. Manchester, NH
- or your local police

department *For emergencies dial*

911. Confidential Support Resources:

- YWCA, NH – 603-668-2299 (24hour), 72 Concord St. Manchester, NH
- Sexual Harassment and Rape Prevention Program (SHARPP): 603-862- 7233 (24hour)
- The Mental Health Center of Greater Manchester

- 24 Hour NH Sexual Violence Hotline: 1-800-277-5570
- 24 Hour NH Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-866-644-3574

Tentative Schedule

Week	Date	Topic	Notes
Week 1	Aug 25	Introductions Introduction to Databases/Models/SQL	
Week 2	Sept 1	No Class (Labor Day)	
Week 3	Sept 8	Data Modeling & Design Keys and Constraints	
Week 4	Sept 15	Entity Relationship Data Model Intermediate SQL	Quiz 1
Week 5	Sept 22	Many to Many relationships Advanced SQL	
Week 6	Sept 29	Anomalies and Functional Dependencies	
Week 7	Oct 6	Normalization	Quiz 2
Week 8	Oct 13	No Class (Indigenous Peoples Day)	
Week 9	Oct 20	Normalization Review Final Project Introduction	
Week 10	Oct 27	Strong & Weak Entities SQL Triggers/Indexes/Optimization	Quiz 3
Week 11	Nov 3	Database Users Other (NoSQL) databases - JSON, XML	Project Checkpoint: Narrative (due)
Week 12	Nov 10	MongoDB	Project Checkpoint: ERD (due)
Week 13	Nov 17	DynamoDB	Project Checkpoint: DDL (due)
Week 14	Nov 24	SQL Integrations with Python	
Week 15	Dec 1	Project Presentations	Project Due
Week 16	Dec 8	No in class lecture	
	Dec 10 ?	Final Exam	Class to agree on date