

# INTRODUCTION TO THE MOODLE COURSE

## OBJECTIVES

This document aims at introducing the students to the course set up. Basically, it tells you how to follow the course sessions by checking the activities in the Moodle course.

## MOODLE WEBSITE

This course is fully scheduled in a Moodle course, available at: <https://learnsql.fib.upc.es/moodle>

- Relevant general information about the course can be found there:
  - Teaching guide,
  - Contact information: we strongly suggest to communicate with the course teachers should you happen to go through problems to follow the course,
  - Evaluation information,
  - Rules about plagiarism and how to avoid it,
  - and additional material such as recommended lectures.

Any activity to be undertaken during the course will be properly announced there. Note that recently added activities always sit at the top of the page. Thus, be sure to frequently check it. Three kinds of activities can be found there:

- Lectures, where a lecturer introduces new theoretical concepts to the students. In some of them, you may need to solve some collaborative activities during the lecture. Thus, an active role from your side is expected,
- Self-study activities, where the student goes through some materials on his own. These sessions have some evaluation activity related, such as on-line deliverables or brief evaluations in paper during lecture time.
- Lab sessions, where theoretical concepts introduced either during lecture or self-study time are put into practice. Each lab has two sessions (see the lab guidelines for more information).

Each activity will be properly described in a document stating the activity goal, its description, required knowledge to carry it out, constraints regarding the activity and the deliverables. **Be sure to check the deadlines!**

## LABORATORY SESSIONS

These sessions are intended to be conducted in group.

It is strongly recommended to carefully read the “information about the laboratory sessions” in Learn-SQL. Nevertheless, labs duly appear in Learn-SQL and these events contain detailed instructions to follow and additional materials to let you progress successfully (e.g., instructions about a new kind of database to be used). **Pay attention to deadlines**, we do not accept late submissions!

Whenever you have to produce some material to be delivered, **be sure you meet the plagiarism rules stated at the top of the Moodle course.**

## LECTURES

Before each lecture you will find the slides in the corresponding Learn-SQL activity. We strongly advise you bring them to the lecture and annotate them, since it might happen the lecturer goes deeper than it is explained in the slides. Thus, do not expect to find everything in the slides (even if we strive for offering the best materials facilitating your study). Listening and understanding the lecture is a must so do not forget to keep your additional notes and ask as much as you need. Questions are always very welcome! So please, do not be shy and ask as much as you need.

Finally, for each session you will also find the list of previous lectures you need to master before attending this lecture. Otherwise, you might fail to fully comprehend the content.

## SELF-STUDY ACTIVITIES

These activities are intended to be carried out individually.

In each self-study activity you will find the instructions to be followed, what materials you must prepare (read, understand, investigate, etc.), how and when this activity will be assessed and what the deliverables are. Be sure to follow the instructions of each self-study activity and **meet the deadline** specified in the activity. All deadlines are strict deadlines.

Whenever you have to produce some material (to be handed in later in a lecture or a lab session), **be sure you meet the plagiarism rules stated at the top of the Moodle course.**