

**CSC 4402 Introduction to Database Systems**  
**Fall 2020 - Fully Web-based course**  
**Time: T, TH 12noon to 1:20pm**

Access Zoom link for online lectures and other course materials on your "mysu" Moodle site

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**Other times: by appointment**

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Text Book (required): Database System Concepts Silberschatz, Korth and Sudarshan, 7th Ed., McGraw-Hill

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Web link for renting a digital copy of the text book:

<https://www.vitalsource.com/referral?term=9781260049268>

Examinations and grading Scheme:

Exams/Proj/Homework	Date	Percentage	comment
Mid-term	Thursday Oct. 15, 2020	25	In-class-time exam
Final	Wed. Dec. 9, 2020	40	Cumulative (10am - 12 Noon)
Homework		10	Totally about 6-7 assignments
Group Project Report	Friday Dec. 4, 2020 (by 5pm)	10	Project grades depend on the project (and the report) and the oral presentation
Project Presentation	Tuesday Dec. 1, 2020	15	
Project topic + abstract	Tuesday Oct. 20, 2020(by 5pm)		

Grading Scale:

For graduate students:

A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
98-100	93-97	90-92	87-89	83-86	80-82	77-79	73-76	70-72	67-69	63-66	60-62	0-59

For undergraduate students:

A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
96-100	90-95	85-89	82-84	78-81	75-77	72-74	68-71	65-67	62-64	58-61	55-57	0-59

Homework submission and grading would be done online using Gradescope. So students would need to enroll in Gradescope and sign the privacy consent form on the course Moodle site.

The due dates for all homeworks (each graded as 100 points) are considered firm - however, late submissions are accepted at the cost of 10 points per day up to 3 days (holiday and weekend counts). All submissions would be done online using Gradescope. So you would need to enroll in Gradescope and sign the privacy consent for the Gradescope Website. No make-ups will be given for exams. The exams are all **close-book, close-notes** online exams. If a student missed the mid-term exam for a justified reason (illness, family emergency, etc.), then the student's final exam grade will account for 65 percent of the student's grade for the entire course. Students are responsible for knowing all information presented in class and materials assigned for self-reading. The students are strongly encouraged to ask questions in and out of class. It is recommended that students keep copies of all the submitted materials.

It is important that students observe the student conduct code in doing works in this course. Each homework assignment and exam must be done by each individual student **independently**, "team work" for the exams, assignments is **NOT** allowed. For the project, each group (consisting of at least 7 students) has to complete the project **independently**. Self study through reading the material BEFORE (and after) class

and completing all the homeworks and project is very important for learning in this course.

Wish everyone success!