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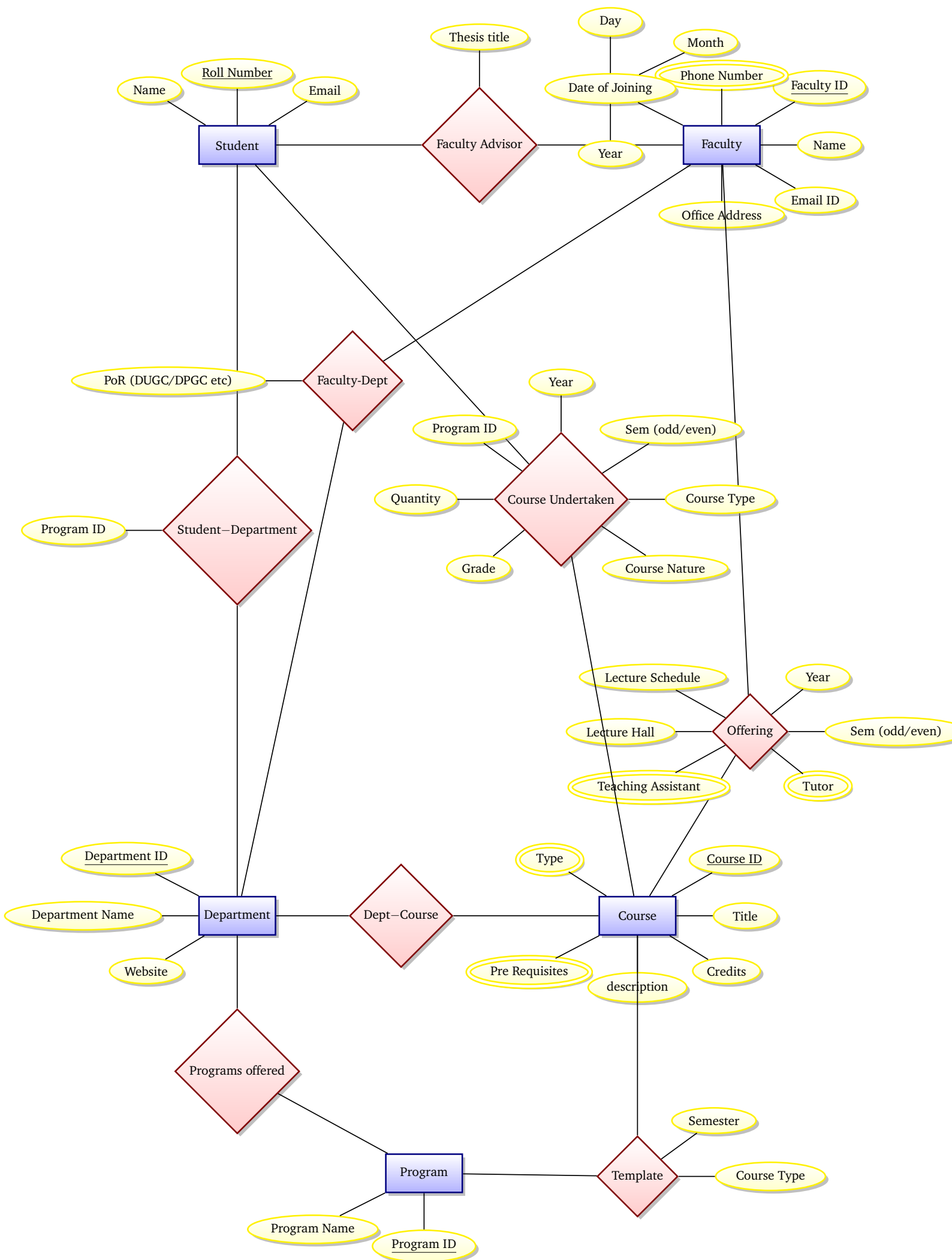
CS315

Principles Of Database Systems

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Student (entity): Name, Roll Number (key), Email

Faculty Advisor (relationship): Thesis title

Faculty (entity): Day, Month, Date of Joining, Phone Number, Faculty ID (key), Year, Name, Email ID, Office Address

Faculty-Dept (relationship): PoR (DUGC/DPGC etc)

Student−Department (relationship): Program ID

Course Undertaken (relationship): Year, Program ID, Sem (odd/even), Quantity, Course Type, Grade, Course Nature

Offering (relationship): Lecture Schedule, Year, Lecture Hall, Sem (odd/even), Teaching Assistant, Tutor

Department (entity): Department ID (key), Department Name, Website

Dept−Course (relationship)

Course (entity): Type, Course ID (key), Title, Pre Requisites, description, Credits

Programs offered (relationship)

Program (entity): Program Name, Program ID

Template (relationship): Semester, Course Type

Entity Relation Model for Academic system of IITK

Above ER Model descibes the academic system of IIT Kanpur, lets discuss non trivial part of the attributes and relationships in more detail.

Entities

- **Student:** The student entity has a unique Roll Number, with other attributes being name, emailID. We can derive other things like the batch of student, year of joining from the roll number.

- **Faculty:** Faculty has a unique code (faculty ID) which acts as the primary key. Faculty entity also has office address, phone number/s etc.

- **Department:** Department entity has a unique department ID, website and the name. We can store other things like department addess etc, but that won't be relevant for academic prespective.

- **Course:** This entity represent the courses available in IITK, with couse ID being the primary key. Courses have a mutli valued attribute type, which represent the different caregories in which this course can be taken, for eg DE, OE, HSS etc. Note that pre requisites is also a multi valued attribute, since there can be more than one pre-reqs.

- **Program:** This entity represent the different programs offered in a particular department. This can be BTech, MTech, PhD or minor in Algorithms etc. This entity is uniquely identified by the program ID.

Relationships

- **Faculty Advisor:** This relationship is useful for MTech/PhD students, it represents the faculty advisor for that student. Attribute thesis title is needed for research title. Note that we can also store the UGP supervisors for the UG students here.

- **Student-Department:** This relationship define how a student is related to a particular department. It has attribute program ID to represent this relation. For example student A is doing minors in Algorithms, then he is related to CSE with program ID = program_ID(algorithms).

- **Faculty-Dept:** It represents the department which a facult belongs to. It has a attribute PoR to represent if he is holding some position in the academic committee of department, eg Prof. Anil Seth is DUGC of CSE, so this attribute will be DUGC for him.

- **Course Undertaken:** This relationship is to define the courses a student has done in past or doing currently. It has attribute grade, which can be used in SPI/CPI calculation.
  Course Nature is fresh/repeat etc. Course type is used to represent how this student is doing this course, as student A might do CS315 as DE, while other might do it as an OE.
  Program ID is maintained to know this student is doing this course in order to complete which program. For example student A might be doing ESO207 in order to complete his BTech in CSE, while B might do ESO207 to complete a minor in algorithms.
  Quantity attribute is used to encorporate thesis course. for normal course this value is 1. But for MTech/PhD this can be > 1. Lets say that student A is taking 4 thesis credits, this would mean that he is taking course CS699 (or other equivalant) 4 times, for which he would get diffent grades.
  Also note that grade is a mutli valued attribute for the above reason, as an MTech might get 3 diffent grades in the 3 thesis credits.

- **Offering:** This relationship between course and faculty reprents the offering of this course by this particular faculty. This offering has year, semester as attribute as a instructor might offer same course multiple times. This relationship also contain some other relevant informations like lecture hall, tutors, TA, and course timings.

- **Dept-Course:** This relationship is necessary since a course is offered by faculty members of a particular department only. For example MTH101, would only be offered by faculty members of mathematics department only.

- **Programs offered** This relationship incorporates which all programs are offered by a particular department. For example CSE offers minors in 5-6 fields, major, BTech, Dual etc.

- **Template** Relationship between program and course is needed to store which all course one needs to complete in order to get this program's recognition. This relationship has an attribute semester, which would signify, in which semester one should do this course, for example, CSE BTechs need to do LIF101 in 2nd semester. Course type is similar to what we discussed in course entity. ie how one should take this course in order to complete the template. For eg LIF101 should be done as IC by UGs.

Note: Grade is a single valued attribute, but to incorporates the for mutliple thesis credits, we can keep the grade as comma seperated. Also note that this would work fine since the grades are only S/X are not required in CPI/SPI calculations.

Problem 2: Conversion to Relation Model

Using the scheme discussed in lecture, converted ER model is given by (dashed underline: Foreign key, solid underline: Primary key):

- **Student** (<u>Roll Number</u>, Name, Email ID)

- **Faculty** (<u>Faculty ID</u>, Name, Email ID, Office Address)

- **Faculty_Contact** (<u>Faculty ID</u>, Phone Number) *// Faculty ID is a foriegn key in Faculty*

- **Department** (<u>Department ID</u>, Department Name, Website)

- **Course** (<u>Course ID</u>, Title, Credits, Description)

- **Pre_Requisites** (<u>Course ID</u>, Pre Req Course ID) *// Second course ID represent ID for pre req.*

- **Course_Type** (<u>Course ID</u>, type) *// Type can be DC, IC, OE etc.*

- **Program** (<u>Program ID</u>, Program Name) *// can be BTech in CS, MTech in CS, minor in algo. etc.*

- **Template** (<u>Program ID</u>, <u>Course ID</u>, Semester, Course Type)

- **Programs_Offered** (<u>Department ID</u>, Program ID)

- **Dept_Course** (<u>Course ID</u>, Department ID)

- **Offering** (<u>Course ID</u>, <u>Faculty ID</u>, <u>Year</u>, <u>Sem</u>, Lecture Hall, Lecture Schedule)

- **Tutors** (<u>Course ID</u>, <u>Faculty ID</u>, <u>Year</u>, <u>Sem</u>, Tutor ID) *// Since a tutor can be either a student or a faculty, this tutor ID is either roll number or faculty ID*

- **Teaching_Assistants** (<u>Course ID</u>, <u>Faculty ID</u>, <u>Year</u>, <u>Sem</u>, Roll Number) *// Since TA are always student*

- **Course_Undertaken** (<u>Roll Number</u>, <u>Course ID</u>, <u>Year</u>, <u>Sem</u>, Course Type, Course Nature, Grade, Quantity, Program ID)

- **Student_Department** (<u>Roll Number</u>, <u>Department ID</u>, Program ID)

- **Facutly Advisor** (<u>Roll Number</u>, Faculty ID, Thesis title)

- **Faculty_Department** (<u>Faculty ID</u>, Department ID, PoR)