



**NYU – TANDON SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING**  
**CS-GY 6083 - B, FALL 2020**

**Principles of Database Systems.**

**Course Prerequisites:** Good programming skills, familiarity with basics of operating systems (incl. file systems, caching, locking, and concurrency), and knowledge of basic algorithms and data structures (incl. sorting, heaps, search trees, and hashing). Formally, you need to have taken a course on data structures or algorithms, and a course on operating systems, at the graduate or undergraduate level, or have permission from the instructor.

**Instructor:** Prof. Amit Patel (asp13@nyu.edu).

The course TAs and their contact details will be announced during the first week of the course.

**Instruction Mode:** Blended (In-Person and Remote)

**Class location:** NYU – Rogers Hall, Rm 116 Loc: 6 Metrotech, Brooklyn

**Class Schedule:** 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2020 to 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 (Saturdays), Time: 10:00AM to 12:30PM  
NO class on November 28<sup>th</sup> , Thanksgiving! Recess.

**Course Textbook:** Database System Concepts, A. Silberschatz, H. Korth, S. Sudarshan, McGraw-Hill, 2010.  
ISBN-10:0073523321  
ISBN-13: 9780073523323  
(You may also use the 4th or 5th edition if those are cheaper or easier to get.)

**Grading Policy:** Four Problem sets (each 5%): 20%. Project: 20%. Midterm exam: 20%. Final exam: 40%.

**General Information:** The course aims to give a broad introduction to relational database systems, including the relational data model, query languages, index and file structures, query processing and optimization, concurrency and recovery, transaction management, and database design, plus optional material if time permits. The workload of the course is expected to be above average, and class attendance is strongly recommended.

**Policy on Academic Dishonesty:** Please see the schools policy on academic dishonesty on our schools website at,

<https://engineering.nyu.edu/sites/default/files/2018-06/code-conduct2-2-16.pdf>

Common examples of misconduct include cheating, fabrication, plagiarism, and/ or unauthorized collaboration.  
Students are expected to work on their own, with the possible exception of group projects if allowed by the Professor.  
Students may discuss work with other individuals either in the class or outside the class, but they may not reuse code, results, or text received or retrieved from any source unless clearly disclosed in their submissions.  
Any student who is found to be violating this policy will be given a failing grade for the work and will be reported to the authorities, including the CSE department's student records, as described in the University's Student Code.

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**Programming Assignments:** In addition to written problems, there will also be one or two programming assignments as part of the homework, plus a two-part project using a database system of your choice:

1. **Programming Assignments:** How to use a DBMS, create schemas, pose queries, and program in PHP.
2. **Project Part I:** Designing a complex schema and queries for a given application scenario.
3. **Project Part II:** implementing a web-based application based upon the schema and scenario from Part1 using relational database systems such as MySQL, Oracle, or any other relational database systems, typically with PHP (recommended, but student can use any other web-based application that can be interfaced with relational database systems).

**Assignment guidelines:** All assignments (whether or not graded) are mandatory. Students are required to participate in discussion forums for collaborative and peer-to-peer learning. All assignments must be submitted to NYU Classes as instructed, on or before assignment deadlines. NO assignment submission will be accepted by email. For each day in assignment submission delay beyond the deadline, there will be 10% of score deduction penalty.

## **Course Outline (tentative)**

### **1. Introduction and Basics (Chapters 1 to 2 and 6) (weeks 1-2)**

- (a) Overview**
- (b) Rationale for Database Systems**
- (b) Relational Model**
- (c) Relational Algebra**
- (d) Relational Calculus**

### **2. Database and Application Design (Chapters 7 to 9) (weeks 3-4-5)**

- (a) Intro to the ER Model**
- (b) Relational Design and Normal Forms**
- (c) Application Development**

### **3. Relational Queries (Chapters 3 to 5) (weeks 6-7-8)**

- (a) Basic SQL**
- (b) Advanced SQL**
- (c) Integrity Constraints**

**Midterm Exam:** (Oct 24<sup>th</sup> 10AM EST, covering material up to Chapter 7 or 8). **Online/Remote**

**4. Storage and Indexing (Chapters 10 and 11) (weeks 9-10)**

- (a) Disk Models**
- (b) External Sorting**
- (c) Disk and File Organization**
- (d) Indexing**

**5. Query Processing (Chapters 12 and 13) (week 11-12)**

- (a) Query Evaluation**
- (b) Query Optimization**

**6. Transaction Management (Chapters 14 to 16) (weeks 13-14)**

- (a) Transactions**
- (b) Concurrency Control**
- (c) Recovery**

**Group Project Presentation: Week 14**

**Final Exam: Cumulative (from Ch1 through 16) On December 19<sup>th</sup>, 10AM EST**

**Online/Remote**