



Course Syllabus * SPRING 2020

INST 327 – Database Design and Modeling

Sections 0201, 0202 and 0203 [Monday/Wednesday/Friday]

Course Description and Learning Outcomes

A broad introduction to relational database systems, this course will provide students with a combination of conceptual understanding and technical practice. Students will learn about the relational model, which provides the logical framework for designing and querying relational databases. Students will also learn important technical and conceptual approaches to database design, including user-oriented design, requirements analysis and specification, entity relationship modeling, and normalization. Students will put these fundamentals into action by learning and using the Structured Query Language (SQL) and a database management system (DBMS) to build, populate, and query a working database.

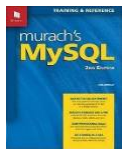
After successfully completing the course you will be able to:

- Create user-oriented database queries using the Structured Query Language (SQL);
- Described the relational model as a logical system for structuring data for retrieval;
- Translate user needs into functional database requirements by using entity-relationship models that conform to the relational model;
- Build a working relational database using a database management system (DBMS);
- Normalize and de-normalize a relational database to optimize performance;
- Identify security issues in databases and develop approaches to address them.

Required Resources

Course Website: <https://umd.instructure.com/courses/1277950>

Textbook:



Murach's MySQL
Murach, J.
Third edition (2019)
ISBN: 9781943872367

Physical copies are available via campus bookstore. For ebooks:

<https://www.murach.com/shop/murach-s-mysql-3rd-edition-detail>

Additional readings and resources may be assigned as needed. Extra material will be announced in class and via ELMS.

Software (install on your laptop): <http://dev.mysql.com/downloads/installer/>

- MySQL Community Server v8 (alternative XAMPP, see ELMS homepage)
- MySQL Workbench v8

We will often work through SQL examples during lecture. Please bring your laptop to class, with a sufficient charge. The number of outlets in the classroom may be minimal.

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Class Meets

Lecture:

MW 2:00-2:50pm, ESL 1202

Discussion/Lab:

0201: F 10:00-10:50am, ATL 2330

0202: F 11:00-11:50am, BPS 1232

0203: F 12:00-12:50pm, HBK 0123

Office Hours

To be posted on ELMS

Teaching Assistants

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Prerequisites

Pre-requisite: INST126,

CMSC122, or CMSC106

Pre- or co-requisite: INST201,
INST301

Course Communication

Slides, practice problems, assignments, quizzes, and other information will be posted on ELMS. Important information will be communicated via the Inbox and Announcements.

Customize your alerts to ensure that you receive notifications via your preferred email account.

Communicate via ELMS

Begin message subject headings with “INST327: “. Otherwise, they are likely to get lost in Junk Mail.

When corresponding about the team project, always include the team name or number in the email heading.

Campus Policies

It is our shared responsibility to know and abide by the University of Maryland's policies that relate to all courses, which include topics such as:

- Academic integrity
- Student and instructor conduct
- Accessibility and accommodations
- Attendance and excused absences
- Grades and appeals
- Copyright and intellectual property

Please visit www.ugst.umd.edu/courserelatedpolicies.html for the Office of Undergraduate Studies' full list of campus-wide policies and follow up with me if you have questions.

Course Policies

- Attend class and arrive on time
- Bring a charged laptop to class
- Participate in class
- Monitor ELMS daily; adjust settings as needed to ensure receipt of all notifications
- Follow course calendar activities:
 - Read chapters and execute examples before the lecture
 - Complete quizzes as assigned
 - Review practice problems before in-class labs
 - Complete labs in class and submit via ELMS
 - Submit all individual and team assignments via ELMS on time
- All team members must participate in the team project

Additional University Resources

You are expected to take personal responsibility for your own learning. This includes acknowledging when your performance does not match your goals and doing something about it. Everyone can benefit from some expert guidance on time management, note taking, and exam preparation, so I encourage you to consider visiting <http://ter.ps/learn> and schedule an appointment with an academic coach. Sharpen your communication skills by visiting <http://ter.ps/writing> and schedule an appointment with the campus Writing Center. Finally, if you just need someone to talk to, visit <http://www.counseling.umd.edu>.

Names/Pronouns and Self Identifications

The University of Maryland recognizes the importance of a diverse student body, and we are committed to fostering equitable classroom environments. I invite you, if you wish, to tell us how you want to be referred to both in terms of your name and your pronouns (he/him, she/her, they/them, etc.). The pronouns someone indicates are not necessarily indicative of their gender identity. Visit trans.umd.edu to learn more.

How you identify in terms of your gender, race, class, sexuality, religion, and dis/ability, among all aspects of your identity, is your choice whether to disclose (e.g., should it come up in classroom conversation about our experiences and perspectives) and should be self-identified, not presumed or imposed. I will do my best to address and refer to all students accordingly, and I ask you to do the same for all your fellow Terps.

Office Hours, Topic Clinics, Group Project Support

For extra clarification of a lecture topic, lab exercise, quiz, or assistance with a homework assignment, please come to office hours. NOTE: A schedule will be posted with timeslots for team project support. Support appointments will be scheduled via Google sheets and timeslots must be reserved in advance. At least two team members must attend support appointments.

Course Activities and Assessments

- *Lectures:* You are expected to complete the assigned reading prior to class time. Lectures will be interactive; please arrive in class on time and prepared to participate. You may have your laptops open during lecture but only for class activities such as note-taking, referencing an e-copy of the book, or running class exercises in MySQL Workbench.
- *Quizzes:* Quizzes will test your comprehension of class readings and lectures. Quizzes are individual work. They will cover the readings and will be due by 11:59 PM on the date indicated in ELMS. Some quizzes may have a 30-minute time limit from when you begin the quiz.
- *Lab Exercises:* There will be in-class lab exercises as noted in the schedule. You will receive these practice problems ahead of time and should preview them before discussion, but you must execute them in class with instructor assistance as needed. You will submit your work via ELMS and will receive a completion grade. Most lab exercises will be done with your project team but must be submitted individually.
- *Homework Assignments:* There will be several assignments, each of which will include multiple questions. The questions will be practical tasks, such as writing SQL queries, constructing a view, normalizing a table, or developing a stored procedure. The assignments are individual work. Although you may consult with your classmates and the instructional team to develop general approaches to solving questions, you must work individually while you build, type, test, and debug your answers. Assignment questions will be available on ELMS. Completed assignments will be submitted via ELMS. Timely submission of the completed assignments is essential. The due date of each assignment will be stated explicitly in ELMS. If an assignment due date is a religious holiday for you, please let the instructor know as soon as the assignment is announced so that an alternate due date can be set for you.
- *Team Project:* Students will work in ~ 5-person teams to design and build a non-trivial relational database. Project-related work is central to this course; the project accounts for 40% of graded work. The project will involve identifying an end-user need for a relational database, determining the requirements for the database, developing a deadline-oriented plan for building the database, designing the logical specifications, building and populating the database, and developing queries/views that will showcase the capabilities of the database for fulfilling the identified user needs. Students will be assigned to teams by the instructor. Teams will choose their topics from a list of possible project topics.
- *Mid-term Exam:* A mid-term exam will be administered to test students' understanding of data modeling and relational database concepts, as well as their SQL skills. The mid-term exam may include textual questions such as those that ask for definitions of and comparisons between data modeling and relational database concepts, as well as query challenges. Some of the questions may be related to students' work on the team project.
- *Final Exam:* A final exam will be administered to test students' understanding of data modeling and relational database concepts, as well as their SQL skills. The final exam may include textual questions such as those that ask for definitions of and comparisons between data modeling and relational database concepts, as well as query challenges. Some of the questions may be related to students' work on the team project.

Grades

Your course grade is determined by your performance on the learning assessments in the course. Assessment scores will be posted on ELMS. If you would like to discuss your grade or have questions about how something was scored, please schedule a time with the course TA. Grade disputes must be submitted in writing within one week of receiving the grade.

A few assignments will allow slightly late submission for a percent deduction on the score. In such cases, the cut-off times and associated penalties will be indicated in the assignment. Assignments submitted beyond the final due date will not be accepted, and you will receive a zero. Not all assignments will allow for late submission. Please read all submission instructions carefully!

This table illustrates the percentage weight of each assessment towards your final grade.

Component	Percentage
Lab Exercises	5%
Quizzes	5%
Assignments	20%
Team Project	40%
<i>Project Plan</i>	3%
<i>Project Proposal</i>	5%
<i>Proposal Peer Review</i>	2%
<i>Progress Report</i>	5%
<i>Final Project</i>	20%
<i>Team Member Peer Reviews</i>	5%
Mid-term Exam	15%
Final Exam	15%

Letter grades will be assigned using the following scale.

Grading Scale								
A+	≥ 97%	B+	≥ 87.00%	C+	≥ 77.00%	D+	≥ 67.00%	
A	≥ 93.00%	B	≥ 83.00%	C	≥ 73.00%	D	≥ 63.00%	F <60.0%
A-	≥ 90.00%	B-	≥ 80.00%	C-	≥ 70.00%	D-	≥ 60.00%	

Note: There is no automatic rounding: for example, an A- is at least 90.00, not 89.5 or 89.9. However, I may choose to round up, taking class participation, and group contributions into account. There will be no rounding up if you have missing or late assignments.

Course Schedule (This schedule is for planning purposes and may change. See ELMS for current information and deadlines.)

Wk	Session	Date	Topics	Reading	Non-Project Work	Project Work	
1	1	1/27, M	Introduction, Class structure & Tests				
	2	1/29, W	Team Project Process & Overview	Project Files			
	3	1/31, F	Software Setup		MySQL server & MySQL Workbench		
2	4	2/3, M	Relational Database Concepts	Chapter 1	Q1		
	5	2/5, W	SELECT from a single table	Chapter 3	Q2		
	6	2/7, F	LAB: SELECT & MySQL Workbench	Chapter 2	L1, Software setup/tested		
3	7	2/10, M	Relationship types / Joins	Chapter 4			
	8	2/12, W	Joins / UNION	Chapter 4	Q3	Form teams. Students without a team will be assigned to a team.	
	9	2/14, F	LAB: Multiple table SELECTs		L2		
4	10	2/17, M	INSERT / UPDATE / DELETE	Chapter 5		Team Contracts	
	11	2/19, W	Team Project Work: Project Plan & Schedule		Q4		
	12	2/21, F	LAB: INSERT / UPDATE / DELETE		L3		
5	13	2/24, M	Aggregate functions & Summary queries	Chapter 6	A1		
	14	2/26, W	Subqueries / Common Table Expressions	Chapter 7	Q5	Project Plan [Preliminary project plan & schedule]	
	15	2/28, F	LAB: Summary / Subqueries		L4	Project Standup #1 & Team Evaluation #1	
6	16	3/2, M	Data Types	Chapter 8	A2		
	17	3/4, W	Functions	Chapter 9	Q6		
	18	3/6, F	LAB: Data Types & Functions		L5		
7	19	3/9, M	Midterm Review				
	20	3/11, W	MIDTERM EXAM - in class				
	21	3/13, F	Team Project Work: Project Proposal			Project Proposal [Detailed Project Proposal]	
8		3/16-20	SPRING BREAK				

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9	22	3/23, M	Normalization, Dependencies, Relationships	Chapter 10		Project Standup #2 & Team Evaluation #2
	23	3/25, W	Normalization: Discussion & Class Exercise	Chapter 10	Q7	
	24	3/27, F	LAB: Normalization; DB Evaluation		L6	
10	25	3/30, M	Entity-Relationship Diagrams	Chapter 10		
	26	4/1, W	Database Creation	Chapter 11	Q8	Peer Review of Proposal [Access Peer Team Proposal]
	27	4/3, F	LAB: ERD & Forward Engineering		L7 & A3	Project Standup #3 & Team Evaluation #3
11	28	4/6, M	Views; Indexes	Chapter 12		
	29	4/8, W	Stored Procedure Development	Chapter 13	Q9	
	30	4/10, F	Team Project Work: ERD Creation & Forward Engineering		L8	
12	31	4/13, M	Transactions, Concurrency, & Locking	Chapter 14		Project Progress Report [Report project progress]
	32	4/15, W	Stored Procedures	Chapter 15	Q10	Project Standup #4 & Team Evaluation #4
	33	4/17, F	LAB: Views & Stored Programs		L9	
13	34	4/20, M	Functions, Triggers, & Events in depth	Chapters 16		
	35	4/22, W	ETL / Sample Data Strategies / Workbench Data Import		Q11	
	36	4/24, F	LAB: Data Import	Chapter 19	L10 & A4	
14	37	4/27, M	Database Backup, & Restore	Chapter 18		Project Reflection, extra credit
	38	4/29, W	Database Administration & Security	Chapter 17	Q12	
	39	5/1, F	LAB: Backup/Restore & Reverse Engineer		L11	

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15	40	5/4, M	Team Project Work: Data Strategies, & Data Import			
	41	5/6, W	Team Project Work: Database Backup & Restore			
	42	5/8, F	Team Project Work: Final Delivery & Report			Project DB & Final Report
16	43	5/11, M	Review for final exam & Course Wrap-up		A5 (optional)	Project Standup #5 & Team Evaluation #5
FINAL EXAM (For date and time check https://app.testudo.umd.edu/soc/exam after mid-semester						