Course Information

Instructor Information:

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Course Description:

The purpose of this course is to provide a comprehensive introduction to the use of management systems for applications. Some of the topics covered are the following: data models (relational and XML), query languages (SQL, datalog, XQuery), transactions, parallel data processing, and database as a service. In addition, students will understand the principles behind building data management systems.

Course Pre/Co-requisites:

Prerequisite(s): CS 446 with a “C” or better.

Required texts, course materials:

- Recommended: Database Management Systems (3rd edition), by Raghu Ramakrishnan and Johannes Gehrke

Unique class procedures /structures:

None

Student Learning Outcomes:

- Students will be able to apply knowledge of computing, mathematics, science, and engineering.
- Students will be able to analyze a problem, and identify, formulate and use the appropriate computing and engineering requirements for obtaining its solution.
- Students will be able to use current techniques, skills, and tools necessary for computing and engineering practice.
- Graduate students will be able to design and conduct experiments as well as to analyze, interpret, apply, and disseminate the data.

Course Requirements:

Homework, midterm exam, final exam, and project/presentation.
Grading Criteria, Scale, and Standards:

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Late work or make-up exams will be granted by the instructor case-by-case.

Course Calendar or Topics Outline:

- Introduction, data models, SQL: Week 1-2
- Relational algebra, query evaluation, conceptual design: Week 3-4
- Architecture, storage, execution: Week 5-6
- Operator implementation, cost estimation, optimization: Week 7-8
- Transactions: Week 9-10
- Parallel databases, MapReduce, Spark: Week 11-12
- 2-phase locking, replication, NoSQL, NewSQL: Week 13-14

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