BMI 544/644 Databases
Winter term 2019

An introduction to databases and modern database concepts. The primary topics covered in this course include data and data organization, database principles, relational databases, database design, the SQL query language, database optimization, data warehousing, big data and NoSQL.

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Required Textbook

Databases Illuminated, Third Edition
Catherine M. Ricardo, PhD
Susan D. Urban, PhD
Jones & Bartlett Learning 2017
SBN-13: 9781284056945
ISBN-10: 1284056945

Grading

There will be homework assignments based on lectures and reading assignments; late assignments will lose 10% or more depending on the number of days late unless prior permission is obtained.

There will be mid-term and final examinations. Weighting is
50% Homework assignments  
25% Mid-term examination  
25% Final examination  

Online Materials  

New class material will be posted each week on Wednesdays.  

Computing requirements  

Students will be required to install specified database systems during the quarter.  

One assignment will require basic programming in Java or Python to access a MySQL database.  

Weekly Topics and Assignments  

The schedule below is tentative.  

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<td>Introduction to SQL</td>
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<td>Normalization and denormalization</td>
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<td>Big data and NoSQL</td>
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<td>SQL programming and Internet considerations</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>Case study: heart failure quality measures</td>
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<td>Final examination</td>
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Course Grading Policy

Final grades are determined at the end of the quarter and usually are assigned as follows:

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Graduate Studies in the OHSU School of Medicine is committed to providing grades to students in a timely manner. Course instructors will provide students with information in writing at the beginning of each course that describes the grading policies and procedures including but not limited to evaluation criteria, expected time needed to grade individual student examinations and type of feedback they will provide.

Class grades are due to the Registrar by the Friday following the week of finals. However, on those occasions when a grade has not been submitted by the deadline, the following procedure shall be followed:

1) The Department\(^1\) /Program Coordinator\(^2\) will immediately contact the Instructor requesting the missing grade, with a copy to the Program Director and Registrar.
2) If the grade is still overdue by the end of next week, the Department\(^1\) /Program Coordinator\(^2\) will email the Department Chair directly, with a copy to the Instructor and Program Director requesting resolution of the missing grade.
3) If, after an additional week the grade is still outstanding, the student or Department\(^1\)/Program Coordinator\(^2\) may petition the Office of Graduate students for final resolution.

\(^1\) For courses that are run by a specific department.
\(^2\) For the conjoined courses (course number is preceded by CON_ that are run by Graduate Studies.

Academic Honesty

Academic honesty is required in order to pass this course. Students are encouraged to help each other; nevertheless, all quizzes, written assignments and presentations must be the work of the individual student. Literature and resources (including Internet resources) employed in fulfilling assignments must be cited.

Likewise, students are expected not to collaborate on the answers to homework problems, although discussion of the concepts involved and working of similar problems together is permitted.
See [http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/library/research-assistance/plagiarism.cfm?WT_rank=1](http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/library/research-assistance/plagiarism.cfm?WT_rank=1) for information on code of conduct for OHSU and [http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/teaching-and-learning-center/for-students/index.cfm](http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/teaching-and-learning-center/for-students/index.cfm) for more information on citing sources and recognizing plagiarism.

In an effort to uphold the principles and practice of academic honesty, faculty members at OHSU may use originality checking systems such as Turnitin to compare a student’s submitted work against multiple sources.

To protect student privacy in this process, it will be necessary to remove all personal information, i.e. student name, email address, student u-number, or any other personal information, from documents BEFORE submission.

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**Contact Information:**
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(Email) sakai@ohsu.edu

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Each school has an assigned Program Accommodation Liaison (PAL), who acts as an “in-house” resource for students and faculty concerning access issues for students with disabilities. The PAL works in collaboration with Student Access to implement recommended accommodations for students with disabilities. It is recommended that you contact Student Access to consult about possible accommodations if you a) received disability accommodations in the past, b) begin experiencing academic difficulties, and/or c) are given a new diagnosis from your healthcare provider.

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2. If the student does not receive a response from the instructor within 2 business days, s/he should contact the TA (if there is one). When contacting the TA s/he should cc the instructor and Diane Doctor at doctord@ohsu.edu.
3. If a student does not receive a response from the TA within 1 business day (not including weekends), s/he should contact Diane Doctor at doctord@ohsu.edu and cc the instructor and the TA.
4. If Diane does not reply within 1 business day (not including weekends), the student should contact Andrea Ilg at ilgan@ohsu.edu.
5. Students having difficulties with Sakai should contact the Sakai Help Desk at sakai@ohsu.edu or at (877) 972-5249. Sakai help is available M-F from 8am to 10-pm and weekends from Noon to 5pm. Do not contact the instructor.