

CSCI 466 Spring 2012 Syllabus

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Course Description: The description of CSCI466 from the current Undergraduate Catalog is: 466. DATABASE/DATA COMMUNICATIONS SOFTWARE(4). Software development in a representative current database. Extensive laboratory work. PRQ: CSCI 241 or equivalent or consent of department.

Textbooks:

- **The Concepts of Database Management, 6th Edition** by Philip J. Pratt, Joseph J. Adamski *** (Note: the newest edition is 6th, if you have 5th it should work) ***

Requirements: There will be approximately ten programming and homework assignments of varying point values. Class participation, additional quizzes or homework assignments may also be included in the Program Average. Each instructor may handle these requirements differently, so you **must** attend class regularly. You are responsible for any changes your instructor makes in assignments, quizzes or exams.

There will also be one 100-point comprehensive unit exam and one 200-point comprehensive final exam. Exams must be taken at the scheduled time and place unless other arrangements have been made with the instructor BEFORE the exam time. If you are unable to make a program deadline or test due to illness, you **MUST** contact the instructor BEFORE the deadline or test. You should be prepared to verify the illness with a note from your doctor.

Grades: Final grades will be determined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{FINAL AVERAGE} &= (\text{PROGRAM AVERAGE} * .2) \\ &+ (\text{GROUP PROJECT AVERAGE} * .15) \\ &+ (\text{TEST AVERAGE} * .6) \\ &+ (\text{ATTENDANCE AVERAGE} * .05)\end{aligned}$$

You must achieve a passing grade of 68% in **BOTH** the PROGRAMMING AVERAGE and the TEST AVERAGE individually in order to pass this course.

Both individual grades and the final course grade are assigned on the following scale:

100% - 92% = A 91% - 84% = B 83% - 76% = C 75% - 68% = D 67% and under = F

Assignments: For an assignment to earn credit, it must be handed in by the date and time specified by the instructor. An assignment which fails to meet the deadline will earn ZERO points. If you do not turn in the assignment within a week of the due date, it will be considered missing which will lower your final grade by one letter.

On the front of each assignment you must include the following information: Your name, Class name and section number, Assignment number, due date and time.

You are responsible for keeping a backup copy of every assignment you turn in. Run an extra final copy of each program on or before the due date and time, or make a copy of every assignment you turn in. One copy will be graded and returned to you, and one is for your records. If the instructor is missing a grade for you, you can prove that it was done on time.

Attendance Policy: You are expected to attend **every** class meeting. Attendance will be worth 5% of your final grade. You are responsible for everything said or handed out in class. If you miss a lecture, do not expect the instructor to give you a private make up lecture. Be sure to get the class notes from one of your classmates. See Blackboard for any handouts that you may have missed.

Help: Teaching assistants and instructors are available during scheduled office hours to help you. ***NO debugging will be done unless you bring a CURRENT hard copy of your EXECUTED program.***

Program Grading Guidelines: NOTE: There are a lot of assignments and the programs are time consuming. ***START EARLY!!!*** Allow for the possibility of computer down time when scheduling your work.

To receive full credit for a programming assignment, it must be run and handed in by the stated due date and time. Program scores will be based on:

1. Program output: 50%
2. Coding techniques: 25%
3. Documentation: 25%

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PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY PROGRAMMING ASSIGNMENT HANDED IN WITH NO DOCUMENTATION OR WITH AN ASSEMBLY OR COMPILATION ERROR WILL RECEIVE A GRADE OF ZERO POINTS. ALSO, ANY PROGRAM THAT DOES NOT SHOW, IN THE INSTRUCTOR'S OPINION, A REASONABLE ATTEMPT AT COMPLETING THE ASSIGNMENT WILL EARN A GRADE OF ZERO POINTS.

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If you have any questions regarding a program or homework grade, see your TA first. The instructor will make the final decision on any grade disputes, note that the instructor's grade could be lower, higher or the same as the original grade. Any questions regarding assignment or test grades must be made within one week of the day that the assignments were returned in class or your protest will not be considered.

Cheating: DO NOT DO IT! Cheating in any form will not be tolerated. Any student caught cheating on a program, homework assignment or exam will receive a minimum punishment of a course grade of 'F' and the student will also be subject to University disciplinary action. Your instructor is required by the University to report all cheating to the Judicial Office.

Both 'loaning' material to and 'borrowing' material from a fellow student are considered cheating. Some discussion of assignments and mutual assistance is normally acceptable. However, the discussion or assistance should not become so detailed and extensive that it begins to resemble collaboration; it should be limited to isolated details and problems. If you feel that there is even the slightest possibility that what you are doing might be considered cheating **DO NOT DO IT!**

At this point in your career, you should not often require assistance from someone other than your TA or instructor. Monitor your need of assistance. If you find that you frequently need assistance, discuss this with your instructor. Perhaps she/he can help you in defining your problem.