Instructor:  
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Lectures:  Thursday: 11:35-2:25 Room SA 408

Office Hours:  Thursday: 2:35-3:35 or by appointment

Course Description:  
The database field has experienced a rapid and incessant growth since the development of relational databases. The progress in database systems and applications has produced a diverse landscape of specialized technology areas that have often become the exclusive domain of research specialists. This course provides a systematic introduction to and an in-depth study on several important developments in database systems, especially
  1. Nested relational databases
  2. Object-oriented database
  3. Object-relational databases
  4. XML databases
  5. INM databases
  6. NoSQL databases
It examines their data structures and query languages.

Prerequisites:  
An introductory course on database systems

Course Information  
All important information, such as announcements, assignments, solutions, etc. will be available on culearn. It is the student's responsibility to check for new information.

Textbooks: (not required)
  1. Complex Value Databases:  
  2. Object-Oriented Databases:  
3. **XML databases:**
   *An Introduction to XML and Web Technologies*
   *XQuery*
   Priscilla Walmsley, O'Reilly, 2007.

4. **NoSQL databases:**
   *Next Generation Databases: NoSQL, NewSQL, and Big Data*
   Guy Harrison, Apress, 2015

**Marking Scheme:**

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**Notes:**

1. Assignments must be submitted to culearn in order to be marked. Assignments are allowed to be submitted one day late with 10% penalty. After one day, no submission will be accepted. Never email any assignment to the instructor or TAs!
2. Students **must pass** the midterm exam in order to pass the course.

**University Policy on Cheating and Plagiarism**

*Plagiarism* - As defined by Senate, "plagiarism is presenting, whether intentional or not, the ideas or work of others as one's own".

*Unauthorized Co-operation or Collaboration* - Senate policy states that "to ensure fairness and equity in assessment of term work, students shall not co-operate or collaborate in the completion of an academic assignment, in whole or in part, when the instructor has indicated that the assignment is to be completed on an individual basis". Please refer to the course outline statement or the instructor concerning this issue.

*Student Academic Integrity Policy*

The information on this policy may be found in the Undergraduate Calendar.

The following are some examples of things you can or cannot do:

- You are not allowed to copy or edit any portion of another student's work such as code, diagram etc, nor from any websites, but you may use those from the course notes.
- You are not allowed to give your solution (or portions of it) to another student.
- You are not allowed to work on your assignment with other students, with friends, with parents, with relatives, etc.
- You are not allowed to post full or partial assignment solutions on discussion boards or websites such as facebook, etc.
You must work on every assignment on your own without collaboration with other students. If you need help, see a TA or the instructor. Your assignment will be compared with others in the course and if you are believed to be involved in a plagiarism case in any way, the offence will be sent to the office of the Dean. The minimum penalties for plagiarism have become very serious. If this is your first time in any course so far, you automatically receive an F in the course! If it is your second time, you receive a one-year suspension from the program. If it is your third time, you get expulsion from the University.

**Undergraduate Academic Advisor**

The Undergraduate Advisor for the School of Computer Science is available in Room 5302C HP, by telephone at 520-2600, ext. 4364 or by email at undergraduate_advisor@scs.carleton.ca. The undergraduate advisor can assist with information about prerequisites and preclusions, course substitutions or equivalencies, understanding your academic audit and the remaining requirements for graduation. The undergraduate advisor will also refer students to appropriate resources such as the Science Student Success Centre, Learning Support Services and the Writing Tutorial Services.

**Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities.**

The Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (PMC) provides services to students with Learning Disabilities (LD), psychiatric/mental health disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), chronic medical conditions, and impairments in mobility, hearing, and vision. If you have a disability requiring academic accommodations in this course, please contact PMC at 613-520-6608 or pmc@carleton.ca for a formal evaluation. If you are already registered with the PMC, contact your PMC coordinator to send me your Letter of Accommodation at the beginning of the term, and no later than two weeks before the first in-class scheduled test or exam requiring accommodation (if applicable). After requesting accommodation from PMC, meet with me to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. Please consult the PMC website for the deadline to request accommodations for the formally-scheduled exam (if applicable) at [http://www2.carleton.ca/pmc/new-and-current-students/dates-and-deadlines](http://www2.carleton.ca/pmc/new-and-current-students/dates-and-deadlines)

**Religious Obligation.**

Write to me with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details visit the Equity Services website: [http://www2.carleton.ca/equity/](http://www2.carleton.ca/equity/)
Pregnancy Obligation.
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Medical Certificate.
The following is a link to the official medical certificate accepted by Carleton University for the deferral of final examinations or assignments in undergraduate courses. To access the form, please go to http://www.carleton.ca/registrar/form