CSC 520 - DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

CREDIT HOURS: 3
PREREQUISITES: CSC 241; CSC 321 or 331; three additional advanced hours of computer science excluding CSC 340, 350, 351, 353, 355, 385, 411, 412, 452 and 455.
GRADE REMINDER: Must have a grade of C or better in each prerequisite course.
CROSS LISTING: CSC 425

CATALOG DESCRIPTION

Study of database management systems. Design and implementation of applications using database management systems.

PURPOSE OF COURSE

The purpose of this course is to provide a broad knowledge of the fundamental concepts of database processing. This knowledge should enable the student to know enough of the current technology to evaluate the applications of database management systems (DBMS) in given situations, to participate in the design of databases, to understand how application programs interface with processing, recovery, and security. Students should acquire a knowledge of relational database models and the usage of relational languages.

NOTE: Students taking CSC 520 will be expected to complete additional requirements, including but not limited to special projects, class presentations, relevant research including literature review and current research topics from professional journals, and supplemental evaluation (i.e., additional questions, quizzes, tests). Students taking CSC 520 are expected to perform at a higher level than undergraduates taking CSC 425. Students should contact the course instructor early in the semester (i.e., before the end of the add/drop period) to determine the specific additional requirements.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

Upon successful completion of the course, students should be able to:

1. Demonstrate a broad knowledge of the fundamental concepts of database technology.
2. Evaluate the applications of database management systems, and to participate in the design of databases.
3. Describe the main issues of database administration and control.
4. Identify current trends of database management systems.
5. Design and implement a functional limited-aspect database management system.
6. Demonstrate an understanding of database systems and database system management issues through programs and projects.
7. Develop skills in research literature reviews and research presentations.

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   Distributed databases
   Client-server databases
   Data warehouses
   Object-oriented databases

Exams (plus final) .....................................................................................................................................3

TOTAL 45

REFERENCES


ACM SIGMOD *Management of Data*. 