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1. Course Number and Course Title:

CMP 320 - Database Systems

2. Credit Hours:

3 - 2 - 3

3. Prerequisites and/or Co-Requisites:

Prerequisites: CMP 305 (Data Structures and Algorithms)

4. Name and Contact Information of Instructor:

Name: Dr. Osameh Al-Kofahi

5. Course Description (Catalog Description):

Introduces the basic principles of database management systems; data models, including conceptual and logical models; translation between data models; query languages; normalization of relations; and database application development.

6. Textbook and other Supplemental Material:

Textbook:

• R. Elmasri, S. Navathe, Fundamentals of Database Systems, 7th edition. Pearson, 2017.

Other supplemental material:

• Lecture Notes.

7. Course Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to:

- 1. Describe the different components and benefits of a commercial-grade database system.
- 2. Model data requirements using entity-relationship (ER) and extended entity-relationship (EER) diagrams.
- 3. Map ER and EER diagrams into relational schema.
- 4. Express database queries using relational algebra and relational calculus.
- 5. Write SQL statements to create queries and modify database schemas.
- 6. Understand functional dependences and their use in defining normal forms up to 3rd and BCNF normal forms.
- 7. Understand some advanced concepts in database systems including indexing, transaction processing, and crash recovery algorithms.
- 8. Design, implement and run a database application using a commercial grade (Oracle for example) database management system platform.

8. Teaching and Learning Methodologies:

Methods include lectures, labs, homework, quizzes, exams and class discussions. Typically, 5 to 6 quizzes will be conducted throughout the semester with a prior notice of one week.

9. Course Topics and Schedule:

Topic	Weeks
Database Management Systems characteristics, components, advantages, and architecture.	1
Data modeling and Entity Relationship (ER) diagrams	1

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Enhanced Entity Relationship (EER) diagrams	1
Map ER diagrams to relational schema	1
Map Enhanced Entity Relationship (EER) diagrams to relational schema	1
The relational data model and relational algebra	1
The relational algebra - part 1	1
The relational algebra - part 2	1
Relational calculus	1
Data Definition SQL Language	1
Data Manipulation SQL Language	1
Advanced SQL queries	1
SQL stored procedures, triggers, and views	1
Functional dependencies and normalization	1
Introduction to advanced topics in database systems including indexing,	1
transaction processing, and crash recovery algorithms.	
Review and evaluation	1
Total:	16