CMPT 354 - D200 Database Systems I

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Calendar Objective/Description:
Logical representations of data records. Data models. Studies of some popular file and database systems. Document retrieval. Other related issues such as database administration, data dictionary and security.

Instructor's Objectives:
Almost all organizations maintain their data using a database management system (DBMS). This course provides an introduction to DBMS. We focus on the most widely used model: the relational data model. Students will become familiar with the design of database applications and use of databases. We study design tools, database modeling and query languages, including the Structured Query Language (SQL).

Prerequisites:
CMPT 225, and (MACM 101 or (ENSC 251 and ENSC 252)).

Topics:
- Entity-Relationship model
- Relational data model
- Relational algebra and calculus
- Introduction to SQL
- Constraints and triggers
- Database Applications Development
- Normalization
- Introduction to NoSQL
- Introduction to OLAP (time permitting)

Grading:
To be determined in the first week of classes.
Students must attain an overall passing grade on the weighted average of exams in the course in order to obtain a clear pass (C- or better).

Recommended Books:

Academic Honesty Statement:
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