

# Computer Science 2007

## Introduction to Information Management

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- note that I do **not** check email in Brightspace
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**Lectures:** Wednesdays 12-12:50pm, C2033

**Course Prerequisite:** COMP 2001, COMP 2002

**Course Co-requisite:** COMP 2004, COMP2006, COMP2008

**Course Content:**

We're going to learn about data modelling and databases.

*Topics include:*

Information Systems, System Concepts & Architecture, Entity-Relationship Model, Relational Databases, Normalization, SQLite.

**Evaluation Scheme:**

Type	%	Approximate Due Dates (these may change)
Assignments (3)	35	October 2nd (15%), November 6th (10%), November 20th (10%)
Midterm Exam	25	October 16th
Final Exam	40	not yet known

You must also obtain an average score of 50% on your midterm and final exams to pass this course.

**Texts:**

- No required course text
- Worth reading: Fundamentals of Database Systems (Elmasri & Navathe)

Classes and exams will be delivered on-campus. Class slides and other course materials will be made available in Brightspace on a weekly basis. In the event that on-campus activities are suspended, classes and assessments will be delivered online, as seamless as possible.

**Course Schedule (tentative):**

Week Beginning	Topics	Readings
September 2nd	Prologue, Introduction	Class Slides #0, #1
September 9th	System Concepts	Class Slides #2
September 16th	ER Modelling	Class Slides #3
September 23rd	ER Modelling	Class Slides #3
September 30th	None (Wednesday's class is for COMP2000)	
October 7th	Relational Model	Class Slides #4
October 14th	<b>Class Exam October 16th</b>	Review course notes
October 21st	Normal Forms	Class Slides #5
October 28th	Normal Forms	Class Slides #5
November 4th	SQLite: Queries	Class Slides #6
November 11th	SQLite: Creating and Manipulating Data	Class Slides #7
November 18th	SQLite: Integrity, Reliability & Security	Class Slides #8
November 25th	Review	Review course notes

**Assessment Schedule (tentative):**

Item	Due Date
Assignment 1	October 2nd
Class Exam	October 16th
Assignment 2	November 6th
Assignment 3	November 20th
Final Exam	not yet known

## Important Notes:

1. Memorial University of Newfoundland is committed to supporting inclusive education based on the principles of equity, accessibility and collaboration. Accommodations are provided within the scope of the University Policies for the Accommodations for Students with Disabilities ([www.mun.ca/policy/site/policy.php?id=239](http://www.mun.ca/policy/site/policy.php?id=239)). Students who may need an academic accommodation are asked to initiate the request with the Glenn Roy Blundon Centre at the earliest opportunity ([www.mun.ca/blundon](http://www.mun.ca/blundon)).
2. In the event of university closure on the day of an exam, the exam will be given in the next scheduled class.
3. Some assignments may require use of SQLite, which can be downloaded for free; see the course shell.
4. Assignments are due at **11:59 p.m.** on the specified date, in the specified manner. No late assignments will be accepted. **It is your responsibility to make sure that the correct files are actually uploaded or present, so check for the confirmation that your files have been uploaded.** Be aware that the files you submit for evaluation should be uploaded on or before the due date and as much before the cut off time. Even if you are late by a few seconds you will not be allowed to submit your work; hence you should try to upload the files at least 15 minutes before the cut off time since your system clock is not synchronized with the CITL's system clock and the cutoff time is based on CITL's system clock. Please note that if your files have been correctly uploaded, you will get a confirmation receipt from the Dropbox tool. If you do not receive this receipt, please contact the CITL Support team (<https://www.citl.mun.ca/support/>).
5. Note that, while the due times are at 11:59pm Newfoundland Time, help will not be available after 4:30pm on the due date, or on weekends. The last few hours from 4:30pm to 11:59pm should be used to finalize your work and submit it. Any questions you may have about the lab exercise, quiz or assignment should be asked well in advance of the due date to allow time for help to be given.
6. If for special circumstances (such as medical or bereavement) you are going to miss an assignment or exam then you must notify your instructor **as soon as possible**. Unless there is good justification this should happen before the assignment deadline, or before the start of the exam, and in any event no later than 48 hours after the deadline/exam start. You must subsequently provide any related documentation (if required). Failure to do this can result in a mark of 0% for that work. For more information, please see the University Calendar - University Regulations - General Academic Regulations (Undergraduate) 6.7.5 (**Exemptions from Parts of the Evaluation**) and 6.15 (**Appeal of Decisions**) or consult the Registrar's Office. If the reasons for missed work are acceptable to your instructor will provide details of any alternate evaluation scheme.
7. **This course does not have an option for writing deferred class exams. If, for any reason, you are going to miss the class exam, you should contact your instructor right away, before the exam begins, giving the reasons for missing the exam, and requesting that the weight of the missed exam be added to the weight of the final exam. If you first contact the instructor after the missed exam, you will have to provide documentation that proves why it was not possible to make contact beforehand. Any change will be subject to approval.**
8. Requests for any deferred **Final** exam should be made by filling in the Request for Deferred Exam form, along with any required documentary proof. See here for what is required and where to submit your form: [https://www.mun.ca/computerscience/ugrad/UGAdvising/registration\\_issues.php#deferring](https://www.mun.ca/computerscience/ugrad/UGAdvising/registration_issues.php#deferring)
9. Assignments and exams must be original and independent work. **The use of AI and other assistive technology such as Grammarly is forbidden.** Copying someone else's work or allowing your work to be copied is a serious breach of university regulations and ethics. Any and all copied material will receive the mark of 0%. **If your assignments are quite similar then it can be construed as copying.** (Even if you have done your own work but have consulted a friend as you are doing the assignment then the assignment will turn out to be quite similar.) Please see the University Calendar - General Academic Regulations (Undergraduate) - 6.12 (**Academic Misconduct**).

10. The final grade assigned for his course will be numerical. See: <https://www.mun.ca/regoff/calendar/sectionNo=REGS-0661>