

## Course Syllabus

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### ESI 4357 – Web-Based Decision Support Systems for Industrial and Systems Engineers

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## THE COURSE

### Catalog Description

Introduction to the Internet and e-commerce; Internet tools and technologies necessary for the development of Web-based decision support systems; Designing and implementing Web-based decision support systems arising in the practice of industrial and systems engineering using popular software packages.

### Prerequisites

**Pre-requisite: COP 2271 (Computer Programming for Engineers) or equivalent and co-requisite: ESI 4312 (Operations Research 1) or equivalent, with minimum grades of C.**

### Course Objectives

The objectives of the course are to:

- demonstrate to students the usefulness of decision support systems arising in the practice of industrial and systems engineering;
- illustrate the essential concepts in database design;
- teach popular database management systems; and
- enable students to design, develop, and implement integrated decision support systems for industrial and systems engineering applications using latest available IT tools.

### Contribution of Course to Meeting the Professional Component

This is a course with design content. Throughout the semester, students will complete a team project expected to meet specific design criteria.

## Textbook and Software Requirements

**Textbook:** "Developing Web-Enabled Decision Support Systems" by Abhijit A. Pol and Ravindra K. Ahuja.

**Software:** MS Office (including MS Access) and Microsoft Visual Studio .NET 2013, downloadable from the MSDNAA website.

**Suggested reading:** Mallach, E. G., *Decision Support and Data Warehouse Systems*, Irwin McGraw-Hill, 2000

## Class Material and Announcements

Lecture notes, assignments, practice exercises, review sheets, and extra information are all going to be available to you on the class website at CANVAS.

The assignment submission system can be reached at the tab Assignments.

## SEMESTER PLAN

### Class Hours and Location

Monday & Friday, periods 4-5 i.e. 10:40am÷12:35pm **FLG (Florida Gym) 0285.**

### Office Hours

Office hours tentatively scheduled for: Friday 2 - 4pm. All office hours will be taking place at **Weil 202.**

### Homework Assignment Plan

No.	Homework Assignment Topic
1	Visual Studio Web Project
2	Database Schema
3	MS Access Database
4	ASP.NET Web Application with Data Controls
5	ASP.NET Secure Web Application

### Course Outline

The course outline is offered as a guide. This means that it is subject to change, depending on the pace of the class. The instructor might choose to cover parts of the curriculum more extensively, or give extensions to deadlines.

**The dates of the exams, homework assignments and the project might be subject to change depending on the progress of the class.**

<b>Week No.</b>	<b>From:</b>	<b>To:</b>	<b>General Calendar</b>	<b>Lesson</b>
1.	24-Aug-15	28-Aug-15		Intro to web applications
2.	31-Aug-15	4-Sep-15		Introduction to databases - Entity-Relationship Modeling
3.	7-Sep-15	11-Sep-15	<b>Labor Day: 9/7</b>	Relational Data Modeling & Normalization
4.	14-Sep-15	18-Sep-15		MS Access & Queries
5.	21-Sep-15	25-Sep-15		SQL & Review
6.	28-Sep-15	2-Oct-15		Review & Exam-1
7.	5-Oct-15	9-Oct-15		Simple ASP.NET applications
8.	12-Oct-15	16-Oct-15		ASP.NET data controls
9.	19-Oct-15	23-Oct-15		ASP.NET programming
10.	26-Oct-15	30-Oct-15		Web-app security Authentication and authorization
11.	2-Nov-15	6-Nov-15	<b>Homecoming: 11/6-7</b>	Web-applications
12.	9-Nov-15	13-Nov-15		Review & Exam-2
13.	16-Nov-15	20-Nov-15	<b>Veteran's Day: 11/11</b>	Project Assignment
14.	23-Nov-15	27-Nov-15	<b>Last Day to Drop: 11/23 25 &amp; 26 Thanksgiving</b>	Project Discussion & Case Studies
15.	30-Nov-15	4-Dec-15		Project Discussion & <b>Submission</b>
16.	7-Dec-15	11-Dec-15	<b>Classes End December 9</b>	Acceptance Testing & in-class presentations
17.	14-Dec-15	18-Dec-15		<b>Final Project Submission: Dec. 15, 2015</b>

# COURSE POLICIES

## Grades

Your grade will be based on two in-class exams, four & a 'bonus' homework assignments (meaning that the lowest grade homework assignment will not count towards your final grade) and a term project. Homework assignments and exams may be weighted unequally. Your grade will be calculated as follows:

Exams	50%
Homework & exercises	25%
Term project	25%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Grading Scale

<b>A</b>	$\geq 93$
<b>A-</b>	[90, 93)
<b>B+</b>	[87, 90)
<b>B</b>	[83, 87)
<b>B-</b>	[80, 83)
<b>C+</b>	[77, 80)
<b>C</b>	[73, 77)
<b>C-</b>	[70, 73)
<b>D+</b>	[67, 70)
<b>D</b>	[63, 67)
<b>D-</b>	[60, 63)
<b>E(F)</b>	$< 60$

A C- will not be a qualifying grade for critical tracking courses. In order to graduate, students must have an overall GPA and an upper-division GPA of 2.0 or better (C or better).

**Note:** a C- average is equivalent to a GPA of 1.67, and therefore, it does not satisfy this graduation requirement. For more information on grades and grading policies, please visit: <http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/catalog/policies/regulationgrades.html> and <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx>.

## Grade Adjustments/Curving

Curving/grade adjustments may be made depending jointly on two factors: max score and score median being less than A- and C- respectively.

## Re-grading Policy

A request from students to have their exams, assignments or projects regarded, *may* result in loss of points.

## Attendance

Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies that can be found at: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>.

Attendance is **not mandatory**. However, it is your responsibility to keep up with the class updates (material to be taught, homework, exams, etc.). You will be responsible for everything covered in class even if it is not in the textbook. Attending students will be asked to participate in class exercises. Attendance may be taken in class, but only for statistical reasons. Attendance records will not affect your class grade.

Lectures are there to facilitate efficient learning. Students that behave inappropriately will be asked to leave. If you feel like you cannot follow the lecture anymore, you can leave the classroom quietly; I will not be offended. **Please remember to turn off your cell phones as soon as you enter the classroom.**

## Exam Policy

Under no circumstances students should expect an arrangement that will not require their physical presence to an examination.

Students needing a makeup exam, or special accommodation have to inform the instructor at least one week before the date of the exam. **Please do not ask for a make-up exam to attend a job interview. Exceptions will be made for medical emergencies or other extraordinary occasions.**

## Homework Assignments

All homework assignments must be submitted via the Course's website in the specified system unless specified otherwise. Submission of links to outside or cloud files does not constitute submission.

Assignment deadlines are rigid. If you do not submit before the deadline or submit the wrong file, you may receive a zero. **Only the instructor has the authority to grant late submissions.**

## Project Guidelines

Each student will work a project individually. Students are expected to be present and participate in project meetings. Failure to attend most of these meetings *may* reflect in project grades. Project development will take place in stages.

## Course Evaluation

Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing online evaluations at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu>. Evaluations are typically open during the last two or three weeks of the semester, but students will be given specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results/>.

# GENERAL STUDENT MATTERS

## Honesty Policy

All students admitted to the University of Florida have signed a statement of academic honesty committing themselves to be honest in all academic work and understanding that failure to comply with this commitment will result in disciplinary action. This statement is a reminder to uphold your obligation as a UF student and to be honest in all work submitted and exams taken in this course and all others.

UF students are bound by *The Honor Pledge* which states, "We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code."

On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment."

The **Honor Code** (<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/>) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class.

## Accommodation for Students with Disabilities

Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the Disability Resource Center (tel. 352-392-8565, [www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/](http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/)) by providing appropriate documentation. Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter which must be presented to the instructor when requesting accommodation. Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester.

## UF Counseling Services

Resources are available on-campus for students having personal problems or lacking clear career and academic goals. The resources include:

- University Counseling Center, 301 Peabody Hall, 392-1575, Personal and Career Counseling: <http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/Default.aspx>.
- SHCC Mental Health, Student Health Care Center, 392-1171, Personal and Counseling.
- Center for Sexual Assault/Abuse Recovery and Education (CARE), Student Health Care Center, 392-1161, sexual assault counseling.
- Career Resource Center, Reitz Union, 392-1601, career development assistance and counseling.
- University Police Department: 392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies

## Software Use

All faculty, staff and student of the University are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against University policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate. We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to uphold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.

Let's all have a great semester!

-Konstantinos Gakis