



BUSA 526 Database Management 01-W SYLLABUS: Fall 2015

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COURSE INFORMATION

Textbook(s) Required

Database Processing: Fundamentals, Design, and Implementation, 13th edition, 2014, David M. Kroenke, Prentice Hall. ISBN-10: 0-13-305835-2 ISBN-13: 978-0-13-305835-2

Textbook Recommended

SQL: Visual QuickStart Guide, 3rd Edition. 2008, Fehily, C. ISBN-10: 0-321-58406-7 ISBN-13: 978-0-321-58406-8

Course Description

In this course, you will gain both an understanding of and the ability to work with databases. They are the fundamental tool of business in today's marketplace. You will also gain facility in using the tools provide in the SAP ERP platform to analyze data to provide answers to business questions.

University Catalogue Description

This course provides a foundation for the design, implementation, and management of database systems. Students will study both design and implementation issues, however, database management issues will be emphasized. Management issues will include transaction management and concurrency control, distributed database management systems, and database administration.

Additional Course Description

Large relational databases are required for all Big Data projects. A basic understanding of how databases are designed and how data is collected, stored, organized and retrieved in databases is necessary for any professional analyzing such data

Syllabus/schedule subject to change

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Understand the advantages, disadvantages and characteristics of file systems and different types of database systems, especially RDMS and its functions.
2. Understand the basic relational database and table components and concepts.
3. Understand how to interpret the symbols for E-R modeling tools and how ERD components affect database design and implementation.
4. Understands what normalization is, normalization techniques and what role normalization plays in the database design process.
5. Understands how SQL is used for data manipulation, querying and data administration and the basic commands and functions of SQL.
6. Understands how to conduct a database initial study and conceptual design and the steps involved in the Database Life Cycle.
7. Understands how database transactions are managed, including concurrency control and database recovery, so as to maintain database integrity.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Instructional / Methods / Activities Assessments

Required Software: You will need a database program to develop the required databases for this course. You may use Microsoft Access, Open Office Base, MySQL, or any of the others available to you. The book guides you through the use of Access 2013, but many of the methods will work with other systems.

ASSIGNMENTS

You will have eight (8) assignments (one for each chapter). You will need to complete the assignment in a word processing document and submit it in the proper drop box provided. Failure to follow the directions provided will result in a lowering of the grade. These are to be done independently. You may consult with one another, but each of you is to do their own work.

JOURNALING

In any information system work, you need to develop the habit of journaling. It is a method of documenting your progress in the project and the hurdles that confront you. It is very much similar to internal documentation, but with a twist. Not only do you state what you are doing and why it is necessary, but you identify the difficulties that you confronted in the process. In a sense, you will identify all of the false starts, as well as what you ended up doing.

In this course, you will use the Journaling app at the top of the eCollege page. You will include a copy of the work that you submit for each assignment, with annotations that identify what all you did and why you did it. Consider this your diary of the project that will include both the trials and blessings of your trek to a finished database. Most of your assignments will have to be cut and pasted into the window provided. You will not be able to include much in the form of graphics as the box is a text box. I

would encourage you to attempt different things to see how this works. The most important thing is to document your thoughts and efforts.

DISCUSSIONS:

In this course, you will be expected to participate in Discussions regularly. Professional communication is always expected. In order to achieve the maximum number of points for your Discussion grade, please answer each thread on three separate levels:

- 1) Answer the posted question (10 points);
- 2) Respond to other's posted answers (6 points);
- 3) Reply to any persons who have responded to you (4 points).

YOU ARE TO CONSIDER THE QUESTION OR TOPIC AND POST AN APPROPRIATE RESPONSE. YOU SHOULD SUPPORT YOUR RESPONSE WITH **EXTERNAL SOURCES (NOT TEXTBOOKS)** WHENEVER APPROPRIATE. I WILL GRADE YOUR RESPONSES BASED UPON THE QUALITY OF THE RESPONSE, INCLUDING WHETHER IT IS SUPPORTED FROM EXTERNAL SOURCES. ALL SUPPORT SHOULD INCLUDE ALL OF THE APPROPRIATE ELEMENTS AS IDENTIFIED IN THE APA STYLE MANUAL.

This is to be an attempt to create a seminar environment where you will be able to increase one another's knowledge of the subject. You should visit this area at least once a week to read the material and respond appropriately. You may add information at a later time as you would in a regular discussion.

SAP LUMIRA:

You will complete four (4) Lumira activities to demonstrate your ability to use the Lumira application in the SAP ERP system to develop informative reports related to business decision making. This is a demonstration of one way that databases serve the goals of business in their day to day operations. This is a functional part of business intelligence systems that assist managers in the analysis of current and past activities and to predict future events and their outcomes. While databases facilitate transaction processing systems by recording and processing orders, they are more powerful when they are used as the foundation for business intelligence to support management assessment, analysis, planning, control, and, ultimately, decision making.

Student Responsibilities

DEALING WITH TECHNICAL ISSUES

It is inevitable to have technical issues when dealing with technical subjects. In a perfect world, those would not happen and we could just do the work and everything would turn out fine. In an even more perfect world, systems would intuit what we wanted them to do and just do it. The fact is that we don't live in either of those worlds. Systems often do not work and we have to do our best to troubleshoot the problems and solve them. Sometimes we have good-to-great tech support to help us, but even that is more of

an illusion than a fact. In order to really learn, you must experience obstacles and spend enormous amounts of energy to overcome them. A certain amount of frustration is involved in dealing with obstacles to system performance. While I attempt to minimize it, it is not possible to eliminate it.

For some of you this course may provide a great many obstacles and much frustration. I am sorry for that, but it cannot be avoided with the tools and technology at our disposal today. However, in an attempt to help you learn from the experience, I would like to offer the following solution.

For every assignment that you were unable to complete for technical reasons, you would need to create a problem discussion document that would include the following elements:

1. A clear description of the problem that you encountered with a full description of your computer system, including your network and internet connection information. (This information will help us to identify possible local causes for the difficulty)
2. A discussion of the steps that you took leading up to the problem (with screen shots to support your actions). (This will help us to see what you did and how the system responded. With this information, we can begin to develop a repeat of the problem so that we can overcome it.)
3. Steps that you took to find solutions to the problem (with screen shots to support your actions).
4. Descriptions of online searches, books referenced, etc. to find a solution to your problem.
5. A discussion of what you see as the nature of the problem after all of your work.
6. A discussion of lessons that you learned from the activity.

This should be included in a single word processing document and placed in the appropriate drop box for the assignment.

Your grade for the assignment will be based upon the thoroughness of your effort to resolve the problem.

GRADING

Final grades in this course will be based on the following scale:

- A = 90%-100%
- B = 80%-89%
- C = 70%-79%
- D = 60%-69%
- F = 59% or Below

Assessments

Eight Assignments @ 200 points	1,600
Ten Discussions @ 20 points	200
Journal submissions for 200 points	200

Four SAP Lumira Activities @ 200 points	800
Total Points Possible	2,800
You will submit your work through eCollege.	

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

- To fully participate in online courses you will need to use a current Flash enabled browser. For PC users, the suggested browser is Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox. For Mac users, the most current update of Firefox is suggested.
- You will need regular access to a computer with a broadband Internet connection. The minimum computer requirements are:
 - 512 MB of RAM, 1 GB or more preferred
 - Broadband connection required courses are heavily video intensive
 - Video display capable of high-color 16-bit display 1024 x 768 or higher resolution
- You must have a:
 - Sound card, which is usually integrated into your desktop or laptop computer
 - Speakers or headphones.
 - *For courses utilizing video-conferencing tools and/or an online proctoring solution, a webcam and microphone are required.
- Both versions of Java (32 bit and 64 bit) must be installed and up to date on your machine. At a minimum Java 7, update 51, is required to support the learning management system. The most current version of Java can be downloaded at: [JAVA web site](http://www.java.com/en/download/manual.jsp)
<http://www.java.com/en/download/manual.jsp>
- Current anti-virus software must be installed and kept up to date.
- Run a browser check through the Pearson LearningStudio Technical Requirements website. [Browser Check](http://help.ecollege.com/LS_Tech_Req_WebHelp/en-us/#LS_Technical_Requirements.htm#Browset) http://help.ecollege.com/LS_Tech_Req_WebHelp/en-us/#LS_Technical_Requirements.htm#Browset

Running the browser check will ensure your internet browser is supported.

Pop-ups are allowed.

JavaScript is enabled.

Cookies are enabled.

- You will need some additional free software (plug-ins) for enhanced web browsing. Ensure that you download the free versions of the following software:
 - [Adobe Reader](https://get.adobe.com/reader/) <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>
 - [Adobe Flash Player](https://get.adobe.com/flashplayer/) (version 17 or later) <https://get.adobe.com/flashplayer/>
 - [Adobe Shockwave Player](https://get.adobe.com/shockwave/) <https://get.adobe.com/shockwave/>
 - [Apple Quick Time](http://www.apple.com/quicktime/download/) <http://www.apple.com/quicktime/download/>
- At a minimum, you must have Microsoft Office 2013, 2010, 2007 or Open Office. Microsoft Office is the standard office productivity software utilized by faculty, students, and staff. Microsoft Word is the standard word processing software, Microsoft Excel is the standard spreadsheet software, and Microsoft PowerPoint is the standard presentation software.

Microsoft Access is the standard database management system software. Copying and pasting, along with attaching/uploading documents for assignment submission, will also be required. If you do not have Microsoft Office, you can check with the bookstore to see if they have any student copies.

- For additional information about system requirements, please see: [System Requirements for LearningStudio](https://secure.ecollege.com/tamuc/index.learn?action=technical) <https://secure.ecollege.com/tamuc/index.learn?action=technical>

ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

Pearson LearningStudio (eCollege) Access and Log in Information

This course will be facilitated using Pearson LearningStudio, the learning management system used by Texas A&M University-Commerce. To get started with the course, go to [myLeo](http://www.tamuc.edu/myleo.aspx). <http://www.tamuc.edu/myleo.aspx>

You will need your CWID and password to log in to the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact Technology Services at 903.468.6000 or helpdesk@tamuc.edu.

It is strongly recommended that you perform a “Browser Test” prior to the start of your course. To launch a browser test, login to Pearson LearningStudio, click on the “My Courses” tab, and then select the “Browser Test” link under Support Services.

Pearson Learning Studio Student Technical Support

Texas A&M University-Commerce provides students technical support in the use of Pearson LearningStudio.

Technical assistance is available 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week.

If at any time you experience technical problems (e.g., you can't log in to the course, you can't see certain material, etc.) please contact the Pearson LearningStudio Help Desk, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The student help desk may be reached by the following means 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

- **Chat Support:** Click on '*Live Support*' on the tool bar within your course to chat with a Pearson Learning Studio Representative.
- **Phone:** 1-866-656-5511 (Toll Free) to speak with Pearson Learning Studio Technical Support Representative.

Accessing Help from within Your Course: Click on the '*Tech Support*' icon on the upper left side of the screen inside the course. You then will be able to get assistance via online chat, email or by phone by calling the Help Desk number noted below.

Note: Personal computer problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, an Internet cafe, or a bookstore, such as Barnes & Noble, etc.

Policy for Reporting Problems with Pearson LearningStudio

Should students encounter Pearson LearningStudio based problems while submitting assignments/discussions/comments/exams, the following procedure **MUST** be followed:

1. Students must report the problem to the help desk. You may reach the helpdesk at helpdesk@online.tamuc.org or 1-866-656-5511
2. Students **MUST** file their problem with the helpdesk and obtain a helpdesk ticket number
3. Once a helpdesk ticket number is in your possession, students should email me to advise me of the problem and to provide me with the helpdesk ticket number
4. At that time, I will call the helpdesk to confirm your problem and follow up with you

PLEASE NOTE: Your personal computer/access problems are not a legitimate excuse for filing a ticket with the Pearson LearningStudio Help Desk. You are strongly encouraged to check for compatibility of your browser **BEFORE** the course begins and to take the Pearson LearningStudio tutorial offered for students who may require some extra assistance in navigating the Pearson LearningStudio platform. **ONLY** Pearson LearningStudio based problems are legitimate.

Internet Access

An Internet connection is necessary to participate in discussions and assignments, access readings, transfer course work, and receive feedback from your professor. View the requirements as outlined in Technology Requirements above for more information.

myLeo Support

Your myLeo email address is required to send and receive all student correspondence. Please email helpdesk@tamuc.edu or call us at 903-468-6000 with any questions about setting up your myLeo email account. You may also access information at [myLeo](https://leo.tamuc.edu). <https://leo.tamuc.edu>

Learner Support


Go to the following link [One Stop Shop](#)- created to serve you by attempting to provide as many resources as possible in one location.
<http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/onestopshop/>

Go to the following link [Academic Success Center](#)- focused on providing academic resources to help you achieve academic success.
<http://www.tamuc.edu/campusLife/campusServices/academicSuccessCenter/>

FREE MOBILE APPS

The Courses apps for phones have been adapted to support the tasks students can easily complete on a smaller device. Due to the smaller screen size course content is not presented.

The Courses app is free of charge. The mobile Courses Apps are designed and adapted for different devices.

	App Title:	iPhone – Pearson LearningStudio Courses for iPhone Android – LearningStudio Courses - Phone
	Operating System:	iPhone - OS 6 and above Android – Jelly Bean, Kitkat, and Lollipop OS
	iPhone App URL:	https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/pearson-learningstudio-courses/id977280011?mt=8
	Android App URL:	https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.pearson.lsphone

Once downloaded, search for Texas A&M University-Commerce, and it should appear on the list. Then you will need to sign into the myLeo Mobile portal.

The Courses App for Android and iPhone contain the following feature set:

- View titles/code/Instructor of all Courses enrolled in online
- View and respond to all discussions in individual Courses
- View Instructor Announcements in individual Courses
- View Graded items, Grades and comments in individual Courses
- Grade to Date
- View Events (assignments) and Calendar in individual Courses
- View Activity Feed for all courses
- View course filters on activities
- View link to Privacy Policy
- Ability to Sign out
- Send Feedback

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

Interaction with Instructor Statement

You are welcome to discuss any topic with the Instructor. You may come by during office hours or arrange for a more suitable time with the Instructor. I operate with an open door policy and welcome students to come to visit. I am even willing to help resolve technical issues with your computer system, I just need to have access to it or clear explanation of the problems presented.

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Course Specific Procedures

⁺ **Assignments are due 2400 hours (midnight) of the date that they are assigned.**

Syllabus Change Policy

The syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress, may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance.

University Specific Procedures

Student Conduct

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. (See current Student Guidebook).

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum: [Netiquette](http://www.albion.com/netiquette/corerules.html)
<http://www.albion.com/netiquette/corerules.html>

ADA Statement

Students with Disabilities

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services

Texas A&M University-Commerce

Gee Library- Room 132

Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835

Fax (903) 468-8148

Email: Rebecca.Tuerk@tamuc.edu

Website: [Office of Student Disability Resources and Services](http://www.tamuc.edu/campusLife/campusServices/studentDisabilityResourcesAndServices/)

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Nondiscrimination Notice

Texas A&M University-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

COURSE OUTLINE / CALENDAR

Unit	Date	Reading Assignment	Assignment
1	September 7	Chapter 1 in Kroenke	
	September 14	Chapter 2 in Kroenke	Assignment 1: Marcia's Dry Cleaning Case Questions pgs. 101-105
2	September 21	Chapter 3 in Kroenke	Assignment 2: The Queen Anne Curiosity Shop pgs. 157-159
	September 28	Chapter 4 in Kroenke	Assignment 3: Morgan Importing p. 178
	October 5	Chapter 5 in Kroenke	Assignment 4: Morgan Importing p. 229
	October 12	Chapter 6 in Kroenke	Assignment 5: San Juan Sailboat Charters Case Questions pgs. 273-275
3	October 19	Chapter 7 in Kroenke	SAP Lumira Activity 1
	October 26	Chapter 8 in Kroenke	Assignment 6: Morgan Importing p. 427
4	November 2	Chapter 9 in Kroenke	SAP Lumira Activity 2
	November 16	Chapter 10 in Kroenke	Assignment 7: Morgan Importing in either 10a, 10b, or 10c (online chapters) p. 433
5	November 30	Chapter 11 in Kroenke	SAP Lumira Activity 3
	December 8	Chapter 12 in Kroenke	Assignment 8: Marcia's Dry Cleaning Case Questions pgs. 576-577
	December 14		SAP Lumira Activity 4 No work accepted after this date!!!!