

# CS 127 – Database Management Systems

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**Lectures** Monday, 3-5:20.

**Room** CIT 506

**Textbook** Required: Database System Concepts, Fifth Edition. Silberschatz, Korth, & Sudarshan. ISBN 0072958863.

**Lecture Slides** Available on the web at <http://www.cs.brown.edu/courses/cs127>

**Prerequisite** CS 31 or permission of the instructor. If you've only taken CS 15 or CS 17, you can ask to take the course, but you should e-mail [cs127tas@cs.brown.edu](mailto:cs127tas@cs.brown.edu) to discuss the course expectations.

**Assignments** There will be 9 homeworks, and 4 programming assignments. Additionally, we will be holding 4 Recitations, which act as lab assignments. They are not mandatory to attend, but you must complete the work we cover in the recitation and get it checked off by a TA.

The coding will be done in Java. In addition to the homeworks and programming assignments, there will be two in-class exams. These exams are closed-book and approximately 2 hours in length.

Programming	25 %
Homeworks	25 %
Recitations	10%
Midterm Exam	20%
Final Exam	20%

**Reading** Each of the lectures has an associated reading in the textbook. Be sure to look at the chapter before coming to lecture; you may then choose to read it again after lecture to reinforce the concepts.

**Incomplete Policy** Incompletes are granted only under **exceptional** circumstances (e.g. severe illness, death in the family, kidnapping, etc.; *too heavy of a course load is not sufficient reason for an incomplete*). Getting a dean to certify your reason for requesting an incomplete helps, but is not sufficient.

**Late Policy** Everyone is allowed a total of 3 days lateness on assignments free of charge. You can only use late days on programming assignments. Beyond that, you are penalized 25% of the assignment's value for each day it is late (but you will not be penalized for more than the assignment's value).