CSCI 4707: Practice of Database Systems

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  - Tuesdays and Thursdays: 1:45 – 2:30 PM  
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- **CS&E offers two sessions under the same course number**
  
  - This is the **002** session  
  - Differences in syllabus
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Grading Policy

- Four Homeworks: 20% (5% each) (Groups of 2 or less)

- Three Labs: 30% (Groups of 3 or less)
  - Lab # 1 (6%) → SQL
  - Lab # 2 (12%) → Inside the engine
  - Lab # 3 (12%) → Inside the engine

- Two Midterm Exams: 25% (12.5% each)

- Final Exam: 25%

- Late submissions will not be graded
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- **Text Book:**
  Raghu Ramakrishnan and Johannes Gehrke
  
  Book website:
  http://www.cs.wisc.edu/~dbbook/
  - Chapters: 1-5, 8, 9, 12-19

- **Two useful references:**
  - The complete book
  - Encyclopedia of Database Systems
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- Class web page:
  - https://www-users.cse.umn.edu/~cge/teaching/csci4707/
  - Course schedule, slides

- Other platforms we will use:
  - Canvas, for announcements
  - Piazza, for discussions, Q&A
  - Gradescope, for submitting HWs and labs
  - UNITE, for livestreaming lectures