



CS w186 Fall 2018

Basic Information

Textbook

[Database Management Systems](#) **3rd Edition** by Ramakrishnan and Gehrke.
Optional recommended alternative: [Database Systems Concepts](#) **6th Edition** by Silberschatz, Korth and Sudarshan.

Discussion Forum

Please ask questions and make comments on [Piazza](#).

Grading Policy

- [Homework/Project Assignments](#): 35% of semester grade. See assignment info below.
- Quizzes (a.k.a. Vitamins): 10% of the semester grade.
- *We will drop your two lowest vitamin scores!*
- Lecture Exercises: Required to be 100% complete to take the corresponding vitamin.
- Two Mid-terms: 30% of the semester grade total.
- *18% will come from your higher-scored exam, 12% from your lower-scored exam.*
- Final Exam: 25% of the semester grade.
Discussion worksheets are not required and do not count toward your grade.

Notes on grading (please read):

- The percentages are subject to change as circumstances dictate.
- Active participation in piazza and/or section can positively affect your final grade.
- Work that you submit must be your own. We will run the latest software duplication checkers on submitted assignments.
- We will be following the [EECS departmental policy on Academic Honesty](#), so be sure you are familiar with it. And hey -- don't cheat. Not cool.

Assignments

See the [Homework Assignments](#) page for pointers to the assignments.

Late Policy on Assignments:

To Be Determined. It is our goal to offer a "slip day" policy for assignments as in previous semesters, but we are still investigating how to make the edX bookkeeping work for this.