

# CSE 428. Semantic Web Topics

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Professor Jeff Heflin

## Course Description:

In this course you will learn what the Semantic Web is, and what its proponents believe it will eventually be able to do. You will be introduced to many useful Semantic Web languages and tools. Finally, you will gain a broad understanding of the most challenging problems and what progress has been made towards solving these problems.

**Course Web Page:** <http://www.cse.lehigh.edu/~heflin/courses/semweb/>

## Prerequisites:

- familiarity with the World Wide Web
- Java programming skills
- although not required, some familiarity with artificial intelligence and databases may be useful

**Time and Location:** TTh 4:00-5:15pm, Packard Lab 208

## Textbook:

Antoniou, Grigoris and Frank van Harmelen. A Semantic Web Primer, Second Edition. MIT Press, Cambridge, MA, 2008. ISBN 978-0-262-01242-3.

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## Grading:

Homeworks (2)	20%
Projects (3)	60%
Paper critique	10%
Class participation	10%

Homework will consist of written assignments with multiple questions. Some of the projects will be done in teams. The paper evaluation will be a written summary and critique of a research paper. Class participation includes class attendance and active participation in the discussion of readings.

Your professor will use the following base scale for assigning letter grades. Note, for the purposes of this scale, all fractional grades are rounded down.

92-100: A	82-87: B	72-77: C	62-67: D
90-91: A-	80-81: B-	70-71: C-	60-61: D-
88-89: B+	78-79: C+	68-69: D+	0-59: F

The scale on the other side of the page gives the minimum grade you could receive for a given score. Depending on the performance of the entire class, your professor may adjust the scale so that you will receive a higher grade.

**Late Work Policy:**

Late work will be docked one letter grade (10% of its total value) for each day that it is late. No work will be accepted more than five days late. Exceptions will only be granted if an extenuating circumstance can be proven to your professor’s satisfaction.

**Academic Integrity:**

All graded work is expected to be your own, unless previous written approval has been given for cooperative efforts (such as the team projects). In particular, you are not allowed to ask anyone but your professor for help with individual assignments. Examples of violations include, but are not limited to, solving homework problems together, giving and/or receiving program code, and debugging someone else’s program. If you are unsure if a particular form of aid is allowed, then check with your professor first. Violation of this policy could result in failure of the course.

**University Policy on Disabilities:**

If you have a disability for which you are or may be requesting accommodations, please contact your professor and the Office of Academic Services, University Center C212 (610-758-4152) as early as possible in the semester. You must have documentation from the Academic Support Services office before accommodations can be granted.

**Schedule:**

This class schedule is only a rough guideline and may change depending on the pace at which we complete the material. All reading, homework and project assignments will be announced both in class and on the course web page.

<b>Week</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Reading</b>
8/25	Introduction, XML	Ch. 1,2
9/1	RDF	Ch. 3
9/8	OWL	Ch. 4
9/15	Description Logics	<i>papers</i>
9/22	Ontology Engineering	Ch. 7, <i>papers</i>
9/29	Reasoning	<i>papers</i>
10/6	Scalable Reasoning	<i>papers</i>
10/13	Scalable Reasoning ( <i>continued</i> ) <i>Pacing break Oct. 13-14</i>	<i>papers</i>
10/20	Information Integration	<i>papers</i>
10/27	Automated Ontology Alignment	<i>papers</i>
11/3	Knowledge Acquisition	<i>papers</i>
11/10	User Interface	<i>papers</i>
11/17	Applications	Ch. 6, <i>papers</i>
11/24	Applications ( <i>continued</i> ) <i>Thanksgiving break Nov. 26-28</i>	<i>papers</i>
12/1	Web Services	<i>papers</i>