

ELEC 8002 Advanced Topics in Networking

Second Semester 2019

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Lectures: Thursdays 14:30 - 17:20, K 113

Prerequisite: Elementary course on computer networks

Reference Text: *Computer Networking: A Top-Down Approach*, J. F. Kurose and K. W. Ross, Sixth Edition, Pearson, 2013.

Required Readings: Please refer to the “References” section

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Course Description

Summary: The course aims to focus on gaining knowledge of advanced, cutting-edge research and development in the protocol design for networking, learning to write critical reviews of research papers, and exploring a research project in some depth. Topics include general background about networking, design principles for the Internet, transport layer protocols, queue management, and network architecture.

Grading Scheme:	Reading Reports	30%
	Research Paper and Presentation	70%

It is highly advised that you acquire a copy of the required readings for the class. Class notes are generally available from the class web site 1-2 days before the scheduled session of each lecture. Supplementary reading materials will also be posted to the class web site.

You are expected to attend every lecture session. If you do happen to miss a session, you are responsible for finding out what material was covered and if any administrative announcements were made.

Under normal circumstances, all coursework is submitted by the respective due schedules. Under normal circumstances, *no* extension will be granted. *No late coursework will be accepted for credit.*

All of your work submitted for credit *must* be done on your own. Work or ideas developed by someone else *must* be properly cited in your coursework, or it is considered plagiarism. When scholastic dishonesty is suspected, the case will be reported to the University Disciplinary Committee. *Strict adherence to this Academic Integrity Policy is expected.*

Tentative Schedule:¹

Date	Topics/Events	Assigned Readings
17 January 2019	Design Principles I	[1], [2], [3], [4]
24 January 2019	Design Principles II	[5], [6]
31 January 2019	Transport Layer Protocols I	[7], [8]
14 February 2019	Transport Layer Protocols II	[9]
21 February 2019	Transport Layer Protocols III	[10], [11]
28 February 2019	Transport Layer Protocols IV	[12], [13]
14 March 2019	Reading Report 1 Due	N/A
14 March 2019	Research Paper Proposal Due	N/A
14 March 2019	Queue Management I	[14]
21 March 2019	Queue Management II	[15]
28 March 2019	Queue Management III	[16]
4 April 2019	Network Architecture I	[17]
11 April 2019	Network Architecture II	[18], [19]
18 April 2019	Network Architecture III	[20], [21]
25 April 2019	Reading Report 2 Due	N/A
25 April 2019	Research Paper Presentation	N/A
3 May 2019	Research Paper Due	N/A

¹This schedule will be adjusted as the semester progresses. It is the students' responsibility to keep apprised of any changes.

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