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Class Hours: TR   8:00 am - MY 205

Course Description:
Study of hardware and software used in data communication systems, including communication media, data link protocols, packet switching networks, local and wide area networks, the internet, electronic mail, high speed networks and integrated applications.

Textbook (recommended):
Data Communications and Networking, by B. A. Forouzan.

Grading:
Tests and Final Exam: 20 % (each)
Assignments: 25 %
Project: 10 %
Class Participation: 5 %
Final grading letter:
90 to 100 pts = A, 80 to 89.99 pts = B, 70 to 79.99 pts = C, 60 to 69.99 pts = D, other = F

Additional and important information:
All students should refer to the current MSU Students Handbook and Activities Calendar for university policies related to class attendance, academic dishonesty, students responsibilities, rights and activities.
Disability needs: Inform the instructor if you are a student with a disability and need accommodations for this class.
Cell phones, etc.: Use of any electronic device is not allowed in the classroom. Exceptions must be approved by the instructor.
Attendance: Students are expected to attend all meetings of the classes in which they are enrolled. Attendance is rewarded by the participation points in the grading criteria. If a student is absent more than 3 classes without a documented excuse and is not performing well in class, a report will be submitted to the Dean of Students and the student may be dropped from the class. Classes will not be streamed for absent students, whether it is excused or not.
Assignments: Assignments will be made as scheduled and are expected to be completed by the specified due date. Grades will be given to the assignments handed in on time. Late assignments will be accepted until one class past the due date (except for online assignments), however will have their maximum grade reduced by twenty points. Any assignment turned in after that period or not done will be graded zero points. Students in this course must demonstrate their competency in fundamentals math skills through assignments and tests.
Student drops: If you wish to drop this course you must first contact your instructor. All students-initiated drops must be processed by **March 25, 2024.**
Assistance: Please contact your instructor for extra help during this course. This includes class material clarification, expected absences from class due to any personal problem, etc.

Testing Process: The Department of Computer Science has adopted the following policy related to testing:

- All bags, purses, electronics (turned off), books, etc. will be placed in the front of the room during exams, or in an area designated by the instructor.
- Unless otherwise announced by the instructor, nothing is allowed on the desk but pen/pencil/eraser and test papers.
- No student is allowed to leave the room during an exam and return

Midterm Progress Report: In order to help students keep track of their progress toward course objectives, the instructor for this class will provide a Midterm Progress Report through each student's WebWorld account. Midterm grades will not be reported on the students' transcript; nor will they be calculated in the cumulative GPA. They simply give students an idea of where they stand r. Students earning below a C at the midway point should schedule a meeting with their instructor.

Recording Of Class Lectures: Permission must be requested in writing & obtained from the instructor before recording of class lectures. If permission is granted, the recording may only be used by the student making the recording. Recordings may NOT be posted on any internet source without written permission of the instructor. Failure to adhere to the policy may result in removal from the course with a grade of F or other appropriate punishment.

Policy on Concealed Handguns on Campus: Senate Bill 11 passed by the 84th Texas Legislature allows licensed handgun holders to carry concealed handguns on campus, effective August 1, 2016. Areas excluded from concealed carry are appropriately marked, in accordance with state law. For more information regarding campus carry, please refer to the University's webpage on Campus Carry at https://msutexas.edu/police/policies-laws/index.php. If you have questions or concerns, please contact MSU Chief of Police at steven.callarman@msutexas.edu

Active Shooter: The safety and security of our campus is the responsibility of everyone in our community. Each of us has an obligation to be prepared to appropriately respond to threats to our campus, such as an active aggressor. Please review the information provided by MSU Police Department regarding the options and strategies we can all use to stay safe during difficult situations. For more information, visit Safety / Emergency Procedures. Students are encouraged to watch the video entitled "Run. Hide. Fight." which may be electronically accessed via the University police department's webpage.

Academic Misconduct Policy & Procedures:

Academic misconduct is cheating, collusion, and plagiarism: it is the act of using either published or unpublished source material of other students, persons, or generative AI (unless there are instructions that allow it), and must follow accepted techniques of crediting. The Department of Computer Science has adopted the following policy related to academic misconduct. The policy will be applied to all submission of work for credit as determined by the instructor of the course, e.g., assignments, quizzes and exams. (See below for link to MSU definitions.)

- 1st instance of cheating in the program: The student will be assigned a non-replaceable grade of zero for the assignment, project or exam. If the final grade in the course, does not result in a one letter grade reduction, the student will receive a one letter grade reduction in course.
- Further instances of cheating in any course within the program: The student will receive a grade of F in the course & be removed from the course.
- All instances of cheating will be reported to the Department Chair, the MCOSME Dean, the Dean of Graduate Students, if a graduate student, and the Office of Rights and Responsibilities, who may decide at their own discretion to impose a stiffer sanction based on knowledge of other instances of cheating at MSU Texas.

   Note: Letting a student look at your work is collusion and is academic misconduct!
   See Also: MSU Student Handbook: Appendix E: Academic Misconduct Policy & Procedures
   https://msutexas.edu/student-life/_assets/files/handbook.pdf.

The MCOSME website provides information on the process for grade appeals or appeals of academic honesty sanctions. The Grade Appeal Checklist provides the timeline for appealing from the instructor to the next in line (dean of the college). The Academic Honesty Checklist describes the timeline for appealing from the instructor to the next in line (chair of department).

Grading system will be discussed in class.

Tentative agenda:

Jan 16-	Introduction to networks - Protocols and Internet
Jan 18-	Network models - OSI - TCP/IP overview
Jan 23-	Process to Process Delivery
Jan 25-	TCP sliding window - SCTP
Jan 30-	Data and Signals- Phase, frequency, wavelength
Feb 1-	Frequency domain, bandwidth - Baseband
Feb 6-	Transmission issues - Data rate
Feb 8-	Data rate (noisy channels) - Performance
	Homework Assignment # 1
Feb 13-	Digital to digital conversion
Feb 15-	Block coding - Analog to digital conversion
Feb 20-	Delta modulation - Transmission modes
Feb 22-	Digital to analog conversion– constellation diagrams
	Homework Assignment # 2
Feb 27-	Analog to analog conversion - Multiplexing
Feb 29-	**Test # 1**
Mar 5-	Frequency Division Multiplexing - Spread spectrum
Mar 7-	Transmission media - Wireless - Switching
Mar 12-	**Spring Break**
Mar 14-	**Spring Break**
Mar 19-	Datagram networks – Virtual circuit
Mar 21-	Error detection - Block codes
Mar 26-	Cyclic codes - Checksum
	Homework Assignment # 3
Mar 28-	**Easter Break**
Apr 2-	Data link control - framing - protocols
Apr 4-	Flow control – noisy channels - Go back N
	Homework Assignment # 4
Apr 9-	Selective repeat ARQ algorithm
Apr 11-	HDLC - Point to point protocol
	Homework Assignment # 5
Apr 16-	Multiple access - CSMA/CD - Controlled access
Apr 18-	Walsh tables
Apr 23-	Standard Ethernet
Apr 25-	**Test # 2**
Apr 30-	Network layer– IPv4 - Internet protocol – Ipv6
May 2-	Routing protocols - Multicast - Switches
May 9-	**Finals (Thursday, 8:00 am)**