

# **CSCI 434 – Introduction to Local Area Networks (Spring 2013)**

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## **Class Meeting:**

Location: JOUR 104

Time: M 12:30–3:10PM

## **Course Description:**

This course covers the basic principles and operations of Local Area Networks (LANs). Topics include basic data communications, the OSI model, protocols and topologies. In addition, students will have the opportunity to gain practical experience with the installation and administration of TCP/IP platforms.

Additionally, TCP/IP networking and protocols will be covered to understand the Internet core functions including routing, subnetting, and reliable data transfer. The Internet architecture and operations will also be reviewed with core services and applications.

## **Expected Student Learning Outcomes:**

- Define and understand basic terms associated with Data Communications.
- Understand networking topologies, to introduce the OSI Model and the IEEE 802 standards.
- Gain practical experience with subnetting, the use of IP addresses, and the fundamentals of IP routing.
- Integrate data communications, OSI model, IEEE standards, subnetting, and IP routing into an understanding of modern local area network technology.

## **Prerequisites:**

CSCI 152 – Programming Fundamentals II;

CSCI 241 – Machine Language and Computer Organization;

CSCI 270 – Data Structures, or instructor's permission.

## **Course Material:**

- **[K&R] Computer Networking: A Top-Down Approach**, 6<sup>th</sup> edition, James Kurose and Keith Ross, ISBN: 0132856204, Addison-Wesley, 2012.
- **[Z&A] Networks of Computer Scientists and Engineers**. Youlu Zheng and Shakil Akhtar, Oxford University Press, 2001. (reference)

**Course Schedule (tentative):**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Content</b>	<b>Reading</b>
<b>1</b> (1/14)	Course introduction	--
<b>2</b> (1/21)	<i>MLK holiday (no class)</i>	--
<b>3</b> (1/28)	Computer networks overview	[K&R] Ch1
<b>4</b> (2/4)	Data communication, physical layer	[K&R] Ch1
<b>5</b> (2/11)	Link layer	[K&R] Ch5
<b>6</b> (2/18)	LANs: Ethernet and token ring	[K&R] Ch5
<b>7</b> (2/25)	VLANs, MPLS	[K&R] Ch5
<b>8</b> (3/4)	Midterm Exam	--
<b>9</b> (3/11)	<i>Spring break (no class)</i>	--
<b>10</b> (3/18)	Wireless LANs	[K&R] Ch6
<b>11</b> (3/25)	Network layer and router basics	[K&R] Ch4
<b>12</b> (4/1)	IP routing and subnetting	[K&R] Ch4
<b>13</b> (4/8)	Transport layer, reliable data transfer	[K&R] Ch3
<b>14</b> (4/15)	TCP/UDP, congestion control	[K&R] Ch3
<b>15</b> (4/22)	Internet services and core applications	[K&R] Ch2
<b>16</b> (4/29)	LAN practice (date is variable and can be switched w/ another)	--
<b>17</b> (5/6)	Final Exam	--

**Grading Policy:**

<b>Items</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Weight</b>
<b>Quizzes</b>	8-10 quizzes (the lowest two quizzes will be discarded from the final grade)	20%
<b>Homework</b>	There will be 2+ written homework assignments. The written assignments must be done <b>individually</b> .	20%
<b>Midterm Exam</b>	In-class	20%
<b>Final Exam</b>	In-class, cumulative	35%
<b>Participation</b>	Class participation	5%

**Grading Scale:**

A: 100-90, B: 89-80, C: 79-70, D: 69-60, F: Below 60

**Late Policy:**

The deadline for any assignment can be extended with a 15% penalty per day. No deadline can be extended by more than two days. Assignments will NOT be accepted 48 hours after the due date.

**Collaboration Policy:**

Students are encouraged to talk to each other, to the instructor, or to anyone else about any of the assignments. Any assistance, though, must be limited to discussion of the problem and sketching general approaches to a solution. *Each student must write out his or her own solutions to the homework.* Consulting another student's or group's solution is prohibited, and submitted solutions may not be copied from any source. These and any other form of collaboration on assignments constitute cheating. If you have any question about whether some activity would constitute cheating, please feel free to ask.

**Academic Integrity:**

Your commitment as a student to learning is evidenced by your enrollment at Texas A & M University-Commerce. "All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment." (See Student's Guide Handbook, Policies and Procedure, Conduct). All phones, pagers, and other communication devices are to be turned off or place on silent mode during class. Instances of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Cheating on exams or plagiarism (presenting the work of another as your own, or the use of another person's ideas without giving proper credit) will result in a failing grade and sanctions by the University. For this class, all assignments are to be completed by the individual student unless otherwise specified.

*Anyone cheating will receive a zero on the work they are doing, and subsequent cheating will result in a failing grade.*

**Makeup Policy:**

There will be no makeup exams in general. Makeup exams may be given to students under extreme circumstances, such as hospitalization, serious injury, death in the family, etc, with valid documents.

**Students with Disabilities:**

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services  
Texas A&M University-Commerce

Gee Library, Room 132  
Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835  
Fax (903) 468-8148  
StudentDisabilityServices@tamuc.edu

**Basic Tenets of Common Decency:**

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