COMP 3825 – Network and Information Assurance
(Fall 2021)

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Lectures:
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Instructor Office Hours: by appointment

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Course Website:
https://elearn.memphis.edu (slides, homework, project)
https://www.cs.memphis.edu/~kanyang/COMP3825-fall21.html (course schedule)

Course Description:
This course will introduce the principles of computer networks, including: Layers of Networking, Applications (World-Wide Web, Email, DNS), and Network Management, etc. It will also introduce the basic concepts of information assurance, including Threat Model, Basic Cryptography (Symmetric Cryptography, Public-key Cryptography, Message Authentication), Security Policies and Cyberethics. (The content and syllabus are subject to adjustment during the semester.)

Prerequisites: COMP2700 and COMP2150

Required Text

Evaluation:
Grading: Your final grade will come from the following sources:

• 10% Class participation
• 20% Homework
• 20% Term Project
• 25% Mid-term Exam
• 25% Final Exam
Grading Scale:

A+: 94, A: 90, A-: 87, B+: 84, B: 81, B-: 79, C+: 75, C: 72, C-: 68, D+: 64, D: 60, F: < 60.

Course Policies:

• **Late Policy:** Without prior request, no late work will be accepted. All late submission maybe accepted at a penalty of 15% per day for no more than THREE days.

• **Testing Policy:** The exam given is closed book/note/laptop/neighbor. But students are allowed to bring one cheat sheet (letter-sized 8.5-by-11) for quick reference. There will NOT be any makeup exams unless there is a documented emergency.

• **Homework Assignment and Project Report Policy:** It is recommended that students use a word processing software (e.g., Word or LaTeX) to type their homework solutions or project report, then submit well-formatted PDF files.

Plagiarism/Cheating Policy:

Plagiarism or cheating behavior in any form is unethical and detrimental to proper education and will not be tolerated. All work submitted by a student (projects, programming assignments, lab assignments, quizzes, tests, etc.) is expected to be a student's own work. The plagiarism is incurred when any part of anybody else's work is passed as your own (no proper credit is listed to the sources in your own work) so the reader is led to believe it is therefore your own effort. Students are allowed and encouraged to discuss with each other and look up resources in the literature (including the internet) on their assignments, but appropriate references must be included for the materials consulted, and appropriate citations made when the material is taken verbatim.

If plagiarism or cheating occurs, the student will receive a failing grade on the assignment and (at the instructor’s discretion) a failing grade in the course. The course instructor may also decide to forward the incident to the University Judicial Affairs Office for further disciplinary action. For further information on U of M code of student conduct and academic discipline procedures, please refer to: [http://www.people.memphis.edu/~jaffairs/](http://www.people.memphis.edu/~jaffairs/)

Your written work may be submitted to Turnitin.com, or a similar electronic detection method, for an evaluation of the originality of your ideas and proper use and attribution of sources. As part of this process, you may be required to submit electronic as well as hard copies of your written work, or be given other instructions to follow. By taking this course, you agree that all assignments may undergo this review process and that the assignment may be included as a source document in Turnitin.com's restricted access database solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism in such documents. Any assignment not submitted according to the procedures given by the instructor may be penalized or may not be accepted at all.
Topics:

**Introduction**
- Course Overview and Introduction

**Concepts of Computer Networks**
- Network Overview
  - Network Core
  - Protocol Layering
- Network Applications
  - Web
  - Email
  - DNS
  - Socket Programming
- Transport Layer
  - TCP
  - UDP
- Network Layer
  - IP
  - NAT and ICMP
  - Routing

**Concepts of Information Assurance**
- Symmetric Cryptography
  - One Time Pad
  - Stream Cipher
  - Block Cipher (DES, AES)
- Public Key Cryptography
  - Basic Key Exchange
  - Hard problems and RSA
- Message Authentication and Digital Signatures
- TLS/SSL
- CyberEthics

**COVID-19 Health and Safety Policy - Masks and Social Distancing**
All students, faculty and staff will wear masks in all public spaces, including our classroom (lab) per the COVID-19 policy. The first time a student enters a classroom without wearing a face covering, the student will be asked to leave the class until they return a covering. Further violations will be referred to the Office of Student Accountability. Students who repeatedly or flagrantly violate these community expectations may be referred for discipline under the Student Code and, if appropriate, immediately removed from campus by the Dean of Students.
**Student Health**
Students who are experiencing symptoms such as sneezing, coughing or a higher than normal temperature should inform me by email so they can be excused from class and should stay home. Students should contact their health care provider or the Student Health Center at [https://www.memphis.edu/health/](https://www.memphis.edu/health/). Students who have a positive COVID-19 test should contact the Dean of Students at deanofstudents@memphis.edu.

**Student Accommodations**
If and when we return to class, students seeking to remain remote for health or other serious reasons should discuss their options with me. Students with accessibility issues or with other learning accommodation needs due to a disability should contact Disability Resources for Students (DRS) to submit an official request for course accommodations. Contact DRS at 901.678.2880 or at drs@memphis.edu. ([https://www.memphis.edu/drs/index.php](https://www.memphis.edu/drs/index.php))

**Student Resources**
Students who need additional resources can contact the Dean of Students Office at [https://www.memphis.edu/deanofstudents/crisis/index.php](https://www.memphis.edu/deanofstudents/crisis/index.php).