

Computer Communications

EEL4598 Section#: (On Campus)7B65

EEL5718 Sections: (On Campus)7B71 and EDGE Online

Class Periods: Tuesday, Period 4, Thursday, Periods 4-5

Location: NEB 201

Academic Term: Summer 2018

Instructor

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Course Description

This course introduces the principles and practice of computer networking, emphasizing data communication and the lower layers of the OSI and TCP/IP protocol architectures. (3 credits)

Course Pre-Requisites / Co-Requisites

EEL5718: Communication Systems and Components or equivalent and graduate level standing.

EEL4598: Programming - EEL 3834, COP 2271 or other programming equivalent, junior or senior level standing

Course Objectives

A computer communication network is a set of equipment, facilities, architectures and protocols that enable the transfer of information between two or more chips, devices, machines and/or users. In this course, students will learn about the basic operation and design of a computer communications system. The students will apply their knowledge of advanced mathematics, basic science and computer engineering to understand and evaluate the performance issues of modern and next generation computer communication networks.

Materials and Supply Fees

None

Required Textbooks and Software

- Title: Communication Networks
- Author: A. Leon-Garcia and I. Widjaja
- Publication date, edition, and publisher: 2003, 2nd edition, McGraw-Hill
- ISBN number: *ISBN-10:* 007246352X, *ISBN-13:* 978-007246352

Recommended Materials

- Title: Data and Computer Communications
- Author: W. Stallings
- Publication date, edition, and publisher: (Can use any edition) 2003 through 2011, Prentice Hall or 2013, Pearson
- ISBN number: *ISBN-10:* 0131292050 *ISBN-13:* 9780131392052

Course Schedule

Week 1: Introduction and Overview; Chapters 1 and 2, 3.8
Week 2: Digital Transmission Fundamentals; Chapter 3.1-3.5
Week 3: Bits and Errors: Encoding and Modulation; Chapter 3.6-3.7
Week 4: Frames and Errors: Coding for Error Detection and Correction; Chapter 3.9, Chapter 5
Week 5: Evolving Ethernet: Medium Access Control Protocols and LANs Chapter 6
Week 6: Review / Exam 1
Week 7: ***Summer Break***
Week 8: Networks: Packet Switching and Routing; Chapter 7
Week 9: Internet Protocol (IP); Chapter 8
Week 10: Transport Control Protocol; (TCP); Chapter 8
Week 11: Review / Exam 2
Week 12: Other Network Protocols
Week 13: Project Presentations and Demonstrations

It is expected that project groups will give two group presentations during the summer. Schedule to be determined.

Course Policies

- **Assignment Submission.**
 - Electronic submission of homework and project assignments are required.
 - Upload to the course e-learning site in one of the following formats: PDF (preferred), MS Word, or Text
- **Access to a computer programming or simulation tool is required.**
 - Homework, quizzes and assignments may be done in e-learning.
 - Open source software will be used for simulator/emulator assignments.
- **Regular Participation is Expected:**
 - Perfect class attendance is not required, but regular participation is expected.
 - It is the student's responsibility to independently obtain missed material from lectures. Check e-learning.
 - Excused absences are consistent with university policies in the undergraduate catalog (<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>) and require documentation.
- **Deadlines:**
 - There will be no make-ups for homework or in-class assignments. Late homework may be accepted before solutions are posted, but a 10% penalty per day may be applied.
 - There will be no make-up exams except for excused absences (as determined by the undergraduate catalog (<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>) and require documentation.
- **Individual Effort**
 - All assignments are assumed to be an individual effort unless otherwise specified by the instructor.
- **Announcements and updates**
 - Set e-learning to send announcements to your gatorlink email. You will need to check it regularly.
- **Class participation**
 - The class participation grade is assigned to each student to reflect attending group presentations, as well as discussion participation, disruptive behavior, tardiness, etc.

Distance-learning/EDGE Students (must be registered as online-only for this set of instructions)

- **EDGE Deadline Extensions.** Online students will have a one-week automatic extension for all deadlines, except for those that go past the end date of the summer semester. Extensions for more than one week require prior approval by instructor.
- **EDGE Exams.** Online-only students must take exams through **Proctor U**.
 - Register with Proctor U at the start of the summer and verify your equipment
 - Work Computers and Proctor U: Contact your IT department about having administrative permissions to share your desktop with Proctor U during exams. If you cannot do this, you will need to be able to use your own computer.
 - For a detailed description of how ProctorU works, see: ``How to Take an Exam with Proctor U'' from the BioStatics Department:
<http://biostat.ufl.edu/resources/e-learning-resources/how-to/how-to-take-an-exam-with-proctoru/>

Evaluation of Grades:

Assignment	Percentage of Final Grade
Homework Sets (5)	10%
Midterm Exam 1	25%
Midterm Exam 2	25%
Course Project	35%
Class Participation Grade	5%
TOTAL	100%

Note: This course is co-listed with the undergraduate class EEL458: Computer Communications. The homework portion of the graduate 5718 section will involve additional, more advanced work in homework, exams and course project compared to the undergraduate section. Graduate students will complete a semester-long simulation or hardware project, while undergraduates will have 2 to 3 smaller hands-on projects to complete during the semester.

Grading Policy:

Percent	Grade	Grade Points
93 - 100	A	4.00
90 - 92	A-	3.67
87 - 89	B+	3.33
83 - 86	B	3.00
80 - 82	B-	2.67
77 - 79	C+	2.33
73 - 76	C	2.00
70 - 72	C-	1.67
67 - 69	D+	1.33
63 - 66	D	1.00
60 - 62	D-	0.67
0 - 59	E	0.00

Note that A “C-” will not be a qualifying grade for critical tracking courses. In order to graduate, students must have an overall GPA and an upper-division GPA of 2.0 or better (C or better). Note: A “C-” average is equivalent to a GPA of 1.67, and therefore, it does not satisfy this graduation requirement.

More information on UF grading policy may be found at:
<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx>

Students Requiring Accommodations

Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the Disability Resource Center (352-392-8565, <https://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc>) by providing appropriate documentation. Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter which must be presented to the instructor when requesting accommodation. Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester.

Course Evaluation

Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing online evaluations at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu/evals>. Evaluations are typically open during the last two or three weeks of the semester, but students will be given specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results/>.

University Honesty Policy

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, “We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: “On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.” The Honor Code (<https://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/>) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class.

Software Use

All faculty, staff and student of the University are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against University policies and rules, disciplinary action

will be taken as appropriate. We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to uphold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.

Campus Resources:

Health and Wellness

U Matter, We Care:

If you or a friend is in distress, please contact umatter@ufl.edu or 352-392-1575 so that a team member can reach out to the student.

Counseling and Wellness Center: <http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc>, and 392-1575; and the University Police Department: 392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies.

Sexual Assault Recovery Services (SARS)

Student Health Care Center, 392-1161.

University Police Department at 392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies), or <http://www.police.ufl.edu/>.

Academic Resources

E-learning technical support, 352-392-4357 (select option 2) or e-mail to Learning-support@ufl.edu.

<https://lss.at.ufl.edu/help.shtml>.

Career Resource Center, Reitz Union, 392-1601. Career assistance and counseling. <https://www.crc.ufl.edu/>.

Library Support, <http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/ask>. Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.

Teaching Center, Broward Hall, 392-2010 or 392-6420. General study skills and tutoring.

<https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/>.

Writing Studio, 302 Tigert Hall, 846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers.

<https://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/>.

Student Complaints Campus: https://www.dso.ufl.edu/documents/UF_Complaints_policy.pdf.

On-Line Students Complaints: <http://www.distance.ufl.edu/student-complaint-process>.