

College of Business Administration

COSC 4378-110, CRN 10424, Computer Networks
Monday/Wednesday 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm (FH 308)
Spring 2018

Texas A&M University-Central Texas

INSTRUCTOR AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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Office Hours:

Monday/Wednesday 11:00 am – 12:00 pm (On campus). I am also available for students on an appointment basis. Send me an email (aknag@tamuct.edu) to schedule an appointment to meet.

Mode of instruction and course access:

This course meets face-to-face, with some supplemental readings made available online using the TAMUCT Canvas Learning Management System: [<https://tamuct.instructure.com>]. All announcement regarding homework assignments, class tests, exams will be posted in Canvas. Students are expected to access Canvas course page regularly to get any update regarding this course.

Student-instructor interaction:

Students are encouraged to send all course-related correspondence to Canvas email message. Students can meet me at regular office hour (mentioned above) or by appointment to discuss any course related issues.

911 Cellular:

Emergency Warning System for Texas A&M University-Central Texas

911Cellular is an emergency notification service that gives Texas A&M University-Central Texas the ability to communicate health and safety emergency information quickly via email, text message, and social media. All students are automatically enrolled in 911 Cellular through their myCT email account.

Connect at [911Cellular](https://portal.publicsafetycloud.net/Texas-AM-Central/alert-management) [<https://portal.publicsafetycloud.net/Texas-AM-Central/alert-management>] to change where you receive your alerts or to opt out. By staying enrolled in 911Cellular, university officials can quickly pass on safety-related information, regardless of your location.

COURSE INFORMATION

Course Overview and description:

A comprehensive course requiring the student to plan, analyze, design, install, and configure a working computer network. Specifically, the course will focus on the networking technology, including telecommunication basics, Local Area Networking LAN , wide area networking (WAN), networking operating system configuration, and network analysis, maintenance and administration. Application exercises include the configuration of a network operating system, and network performance analysis and simulation. A modern network operating system will be used for extensive hands-on exercises to practice and demonstrate networking skills.

Prerequisite(s): CIS 3348 or (COSC 2436 and ITSE 1431 and MATH 2414).

Course Objective:

Student Learning Outcomes:

Students taking this course will be able to:

1. Illustrate network behavior and principles employed in an organization and the underlying operation of the networks.
2. Demonstrate proficiency in the basic networking tools to analyze the state of a network and the correct operation of a protocol.
3. Design, analyze and simulate a complex local area network.

Competency Goals Statements (certification or standards): None

Required Reading and Textbook(s):

Computer Networking: A Top-Down Approach (7th Edition)

Author: James Kurose and Keith Ross

ISBN: 978-0133594140

Note: A student of this institution is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from a university-affiliated bookstore. The same textbook may also be available from an independent retailer, including an online retailer.

Supplemental Material: The course textbook will be supplemented with other materials including handouts, oral presentations, software demonstration, PowerPoint presentations, etc.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Course Requirements:

Students are required to complete one midterm exam, one final exam, four class tests and five homework assignments/lab assignments. The topic of all exams will be declared in the class. Class attendance is required for this course.

Class Tests

There will be four class tests for this course. The class tests can be conducted in-class or online through Canvas course website. Each class test will be worth 60 points.

Exams

There will be one midterm and one final exam. The midterm exam will contain 200 points, and the final exam will contain 210 points. The final exam will not be comprehensive for this course. The midterm and the final exam will be conducted in class.

Assignments

Five assignments (homework and lab assignments) will be given to the students. The due dates of these assignments will be posted in canvas course portal. Each assignment will be worth 60 points. The lab assignments will be conducted in Networking Lab at FH 204.

Class participation

Attending the class lectures is mandatory for this course. Class attendance will be counted toward class participation marks. Total class participation is worth 50 points.

Grading Criteria Rubric and Conversion

The distribution of points in different activities and the grading scheme are mentioned below:

Student Activity	Quantity	Points	Total
Class Tests	4	60	240
Assignments	5	60	300
Midterm Exam	1	200	200
Final Exam	1	200	210
Class Participation	1	50	50
Total			1000

Point Range	Letter Grade
1000-900	A
899-800	B
799-700	C
699-600	D
599-0	F

Posting of Grades

All students' grade will be posted on the Canvas Grade book, and students can monitor their progress in this course using Canvas Portal. Students can expect to see their grades within two weeks of the closing of class tests, exams, and assignments. Students are expected to visit Canvas course webpage regularly to get any update regarding this course. All updates will be posted in "Announcement" tab in Canvas course portal.

COURSE OUTLINE AND CALENDAR

The tentative course outline is mentioned below.

Week	Date	Topic	Due
1	1-15	No class	
	1-17	Introduction to Course/ Syllabus	

Week	Date	Topic	Due
2	1-22	Computer Networks and Internet	
	1-24	Computer Networks and Internet	
3	1-29	Application Layer- Web and HTTP	
	1-31	Application Layer- Electronic Mail and DNS	Class Test 1
4	2-5	Lab Exercise (Assignment 1)	
	2-7	Transport Layer Protocols (TCP and UDP)	
5	2-12	Transport Layer Protocols (TCP and UDP)	
	2-14	Lab Exercise 2 (Assignment 2)	
6	2-19	Network Layer: Data Pane	
	2-21	Network Layer: Data Pane	Class Test 2
7	2-26	IP Subnet and CIDR	
	2-28	Network Layer: Control Pane	
8	3-5	Network Layer: Control Pane	
	3-7	Midterm Exam	
9	3-12	Spring Break	
	3-14		
10	3-19	Lab Exercise 3 (Assignment 3)	
	3-21	Link Layer and LANs, Error Detection and Correction	
11	3-26	Link Layer and LANs, Switched local area network	Class Test 3
	3-28	Lab Exercise 4 (Assignment 4)	
12	4-2	Overview of Networking Devices	
	4-4	Overview of Networking Devices	
13	4-9	Security in Computer Networks	
	4-11	Security in Computer Networks-Packet Sniffing	
14	4-16	Router and Switch Connections	
	4-18	Lab Exercise 5 (Assignment 5)	
15	4-23	Multimedia Networking	Class Test 4
	4-25	Multimedia Networking	
16	4/30	Internet of Things (IoT)	
	5/2	Course Review	
17	5/7	Final Exam Week	
	5/9		

INSTRUCTOR POLICIES

Policies related to grading

- All the assignments must be submitted before the posted deadline in Canvas Course website unless arrangements are made beforehand.
- Assignments more than 24 hours late are subject to 20% late penalty.

Instructor's Personal Statement

- The instructor reserves the right to modify the course syllabus during the semester for the benefit of the students.
- The instructor reserves the right to supplement materials presented in the text with

additional course material that may help the students to understand the topic better.

- The instructor reserves the right to modify grading policy rubrics. Any Change to grading rubrics will be applied to current and possible future assignments.
- The instructor will not accept any course assignment after **May 04, 2018** in Spring 2017 semester.

Important University Dates:

January 2018

January 2, (Tuesday) Winter Break Ends

January 2, (Tuesday) Priority Deadline for Admissions applications

January 5, (Friday) VA Certification Request Priority Deadline

January 11, (Thursday) Convocation

January 12, (Friday) Tuition and Fee payment deadline (16 week & 1st 8 week)

January 15, (Monday) Martin L. King Jr. Day

January 16, (Tuesday) ADD/DROP/LATE REGISTRATION BEGINS (\$25 fee assessed for late registrants) (16 week & 1st 8 week)

January 16, (Tuesday) Classes Begins

January 18, (Thursday) ADD/DROP/LATE REGISTRATION ENDS (16 week & 1st 8 week)

January 23, (Tuesday) Last day to drop 1st 8-week classes with no record

January 31, (Wednesday) Last day to drop 16 week classes with no record

February 2018

February 2, (Friday) Priority Deadline to Submit Graduation Application

February 9, (Friday) Last day to drop a 1st 8-week class with a Q or withdraw with a W

February 15, (Thursday) Last day to apply for Clinical Teaching

February 23, (Friday) Student End of Course Survey Opens (1st 8-Week Classes)

March 2018

March 1, (Thursday) Deadline to submit application to Teacher Education Program

March 2, (Thursday) Deadline to Submit Graduation Application for Ceremony Participation

March 9, (Friday) 1st 8 week classes end

March 9, (Friday) Deadline for Admissions applications

March 11, (Sunday) Student End of Course Survey Closes (1st 8-Week Classes)

March 12, (Monday) Spring Break Begins

March 12, (Monday) 1st 8-week grades from faculty due by 3pm

March 15, (Thursday) Tuition and Fee Payment Deadline (2nd 8-week classes)

March 16, (Friday) Spring Break Ends

March 19, (Monday) 2nd 8 week begins

March 19, (Monday) Summer Advising Starts

March 19, (Monday) Class Schedule Published

March 19, (Monday) ADD/DROP/LATE REGISTRATION BEGINS (\$25 fee assessed for late registrants) (2nd 8-week classes)

March 21, (Wednesday) ADD/DROP/LATE REGISTRATION ENDS (2nd 8-week classes)

March 27, (Tuesday) Last day to drop 2nd 8-week classes with no record

March 30, (Friday) Last day to drop a 16-week course with a Q or withdraw with a W

April 2018

April 1, (Sunday) GRE/GMAT scores due to Office of Graduate Studies

April 2, (Monday) Scholarship Deadline

April 2, (Monday) Registration begins

April 5, (Thursday) Priority Deadline for International Student Admission Applications

April 13, (Friday) Last day to drop a 2nd 8-week class with a Q or withdraw with a W*

April 13, (Friday) Deadline for submission of final committee-edited theses with committee approval signatures to Office of Graduate Studies

April 27, (Friday) Student End of Course Survey Opens (16 Week and 2nd 8-Week Classes)

May 2018

May 7-11, Finals Week

May 11, (Friday) Last day to file for Degree Conferral (Registrar's Office)(\$20 Late Application Fee applies)

May 11, (Friday) Spring Term Ends

May 11, (Friday) Last day to withdraw from the university (16 week and 2nd 8 week classes)

May 11, (Friday) Last day to apply for \$1000 Tuition Rebate for Spring graduation (5pm)

May 12, (Saturday) Commencement Ceremony Bell County Expo Center 7:00 p.m.

May 13, (Sunday) Student End of Course Survey Closes (16 Week and 2nd 8-Week Classes)

May 14, (Monday) Minimester begins

May 15, (Tuesday) Last Day to clear Thesis Office

May 5, (Tuesday) Final grades due from faculty by 3pm (16 week & 2nd 8 week)

May 21, (Monday) Priority Deadline for Admissions applications

May 25, (Friday) VA Certification Request Priority Deadline

May 28, (Monday) Memorial Day

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS AND SUPPORT

Technology Requirements

This course will use the A&M-Central Texas Instructure Canvas learning management system. Logon to A&M-Central Texas Canvas [<https://tamuct.instructure.com>].

Username: Your MyCT username (xx123 or everything before the "@" in your MyCT e-mail address)

Password: Your MyCT password

Canvas Support

Use the Canvas Help link, located at the bottom of the left-hand menu, for issues with Canvas. You can select "Chat with Canvas Support," submit a support request through "Report a Problem," or call the Canvas support line: 1-844-757-0953.

For issues related to course content and requirements, contact your instructor.

Other Technology Support

For log-in problems, students should contact Help Desk Central.

24 hours a day, 7 days a week:

Email: helpdesk@tamu.edu

Phone: (254) 519-5466

[Web Chat](http://hdc.tamu.edu): [<http://hdc.tamu.edu>]

Please let the support technician know you are an A&M-Central Texas student.

UNIVERSITY RESOURCES, PROCEDURES, AND GUIDELINES

Drop Policy.

If you discover that you need to drop this class, you must complete a [Drop Request Form](https://www.tamuct.edu/registrar/docs/Drop_Request_Form.pdf) [https://www.tamuct.edu/registrar/docs/Drop_Request_Form.pdf].

Professors cannot drop students; this is always the responsibility of the student. The Registrar's Office will provide a deadline on the Academic Calendar for which the form must be completed, signed and returned. Once you return the signed form to the Registrar's Office, you must go into Warrior Web and confirm that you are no longer enrolled. If you still show as enrolled, FOLLOW-UP with the Registrar's Office immediately. You are to attend class until the procedure is complete to avoid penalty for absence. Should you miss the drop deadline or fail to follow the procedure, you will receive an F in the course, which may affect your financial aid and/or VA educational benefits.

Academic Integrity.

Texas A&M University -Central Texas values the integrity of the academic enterprise and strives for the highest standards of academic conduct. A&M-Central Texas expects its students, faculty, and staff to support the adherence to high standards of personal and scholarly conduct to preserve the honor and integrity of the creative community. Academic integrity is defined as a commitment to honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility. Any deviation by students from this expectation may result in a failing grade for the assignment and potentially a failing grade for the course. Academic misconduct is any act that improperly affects a true and honest evaluation of a student's academic performance and includes, but is not limited to, cheating on an examination or other academic work, plagiarism and improper citation of sources, using another student's work, collusion, and the abuse of resource materials. All academic misconduct concerns will be reported to the university's Office of Student Conduct. Ignorance of the university's standards and expectations is never an excuse to act with a lack of integrity. When in doubt on collaboration, citation, or any issue, please contact your instructor before taking a course of action.

Academic Accommodations.

At Texas A&M University-Central Texas, we value an inclusive learning environment where every student has an equal chance to succeed and has the right to a barrier free education. The Department of Access and Inclusion is responsible for ensuring that students with a disability receive equal access to the University's programs, services and activities. If you believe you have a disability requiring reasonable accommodations please contact the Department of Access and Inclusion at (254) 501-5831. Any information you provide is private and confidential and will be treated as such.

For more information please visit our [Access & Inclusion](https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/access-inclusion.html) webpage [https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/access-inclusion.html].

Texas A&M University-Central Texas supports students who are pregnant and/or parenting. In accordance with requirements of Title IX and guidance from US Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights, the Dean of Student Affairs' Office can assist students who are pregnant and/or parenting in seeking accommodations related to pregnancy and/or parenting. For more information, please visit <https://www.tamuct.departments/index.php>. Students may also contact the institution's Title IX Coordinator. If you would like to read more about these [requirements and guidelines online](#), please visit the website [<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/pregnancy.pdf>].

Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex and gender – including pregnancy, parenting, and all related conditions. A&M-Central Texas is able to provide flexible and individualized reasonable accommodation to pregnant and parenting students. All pregnant and parenting students should contact the Division of Student Affairs at 254-501-5909 to seek out assistance. Students may also contact the University's Title IX Coordinator.

Tutoring.

Tutoring is available to all A&M-Central Texas students, both on-campus and online. On-campus subjects tutored include Accounting, Advanced Math, Biology, Finance, Statistics, Mathematics, and Study Skills. Tutors are available at the Tutoring Center in Warrior Hall, Suite 111.

If you have a question regarding tutor schedules, need to schedule a tutoring session, are interested in becoming a tutor, or any other question, contact Academic Support Programs at 254-519-5796, or by emailing Dr. DeEadra Albert-Green at deeadra.albertgreen@tamuct.edu.

Chat live with a tutor 24/7 for almost any subject on your computer! Tutor.com is an online tutoring platform that enables A&M-Central Texas students to log-in and receive FREE online tutoring and writing support. This tool provides tutoring in over forty subject areas. Access Tutor.com through Canvas.

University Writing Center: Located in 416 Warrior Hall, the University Writing Center (UWC) at Texas A&M University-Central Texas is a free workspace open to all TAMUCT students from 10am-5pm Monday-Thursday with satellite hours in the University Library Monday-Thursday from 6:00-9:00pm. Students may arrange a one-on-one session with a trained and experienced writing tutor by visiting the UWC during normal operating hours (both half-hour and hour sessions are available) or by making an appointment via [WCOOnline](#) at [<https://tamuct.mywconline.com/>]. In addition, you can email Dr. Bruce Bowles Jr. at bruce.bowles@tamuct.edu to schedule an online tutoring session. Tutors are prepared to help writers of all levels and abilities at any stage of the writing process.

While tutors will not write, edit, or grade papers, they will assist students in developing more effective composing practices. By providing a practice audience for students' ideas and writing, our tutors highlight the ways in which they read and interpret students' texts, offering guidance

and support throughout the various stages of the writing process. In addition, students may work independently in the UWC by checking out a laptop that runs the Microsoft Office suite and connects to WIFI, or by consulting our resources on writing, including all of the relevant style guides. Whether you need help brainstorming ideas, organizing an essay, proofreading, understanding proper citation practices, or just want a quiet place to work, the University Writing Center is here to help!

If you have any questions about the University Writing Center, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Bruce Bowles Jr. at bruce.bowles@tamuct.edu.

University Library.

The University Library provides many services in support of research across campus and at a distance. We offer over 200 electronic databases containing approximately 250,000 eBooks and 82,000 journals, in addition to the 72,000 items in our print collection, which can be mailed to students who live more than 50 miles from campus. Research guides for each subject taught at A&M-Central Texas are available through our website to help students navigate these resources. On-campus, the library offers technology including cameras, laptops, microphones, webcams, and digital sound recorders.

Research assistance from a librarian is also available twenty-four hours a day through our online chat service, and at the reference desk when the library is open. Research sessions can be scheduled for more comprehensive assistance, and may take place on Skype or in-person at the library. Assistance may cover many topics, including how to find articles in peer-reviewed journals, how to cite resources, and how to piece together research for written assignments.

Our 27,000-square-foot facility on the A&M-Central Texas main campus includes student lounges, private study rooms, group work spaces, computer labs, family areas suitable for all ages, and many other features. Services such as interlibrary loan, TexShare, binding, and laminating are available. The library frequently offers workshops, tours, readings, and other events. For more information, please visit our [Library website](https://tamuct.libguides.com/) [https://tamuct.libguides.com/].

OPTIONAL POLICY STATEMENTS:

A Note about Sexual Violence at A&M-Central Texas

Sexual violence is a serious safety, social justice, and public health issue. The university offers support for anyone struggling with these issues. University faculty are mandated reporters, so if someone discloses that they were sexually assaulted (or a victim of Domestic/Dating Violence or Stalking) while a student at TAMUCT, faculty members are required to inform the Title IX Office. If you want to discuss any of these issues confidentially, you can do so through Student Counseling (254-501-5955) located on the second floor of Warrior Hall (207L).

Sexual violence can occur on our campus because predators often feel emboldened, and victims often feel silenced or shamed. It is incumbent on ALL of us to find ways to actively create environments that tell predators we don't agree with their behaviors and tell survivors

we will support them. Your actions matter. Don't be a bystander; be an agent of change. For additional information on campus policy and resources visit the [Title IX webpage](https://www.tamuct.edu/departments/compliance/titleix.php) [https://www.tamuct.edu/departments/compliance/titleix.php].