**ECE 465 – Computer Networking Protocols**  
Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering  
George Mason University  
Spring 2016

**Class meetings:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:30 – 2:45 pm  
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**Course Description:** This course covers the basic principles of computer network protocols and architectures from the application layer down to the network layer, with a focus on Internet protocols. Students will gain an understanding of the inner workings of the Internet. Topics in multimedia networking and network security will be covered.

**Course website:** http://blackboard.gmu.edu
- Log into Blackboard using your GMU email account credentials.
- Assignments, solutions, announcements, and other course materials will be posted on Blackboard.

**Required textbook:**
  - One copy of the text is on reserve at Gateway Library inside the Johnson Center Library. It may be borrowed for 2 hours at a time. To borrow the book, students will need this call number: TK5105.875.157 K88 2013.

**Prerequisites:** C or higher in (STAT 346 or STAT 344) and (CS 222 or CS 211).
- The course includes programming projects, which will be done in groups of two, that require basic knowledge of the Python and C programming languages.

**Grading:**
- Quizzes = 5%, Homework= 5%, Labs = 10%, Programming Assignments = 20%  
- Midterm Exam = 25%, Final Exam = 35%.
Course topics:

- Computer Networks and the Internet (2 weeks)
  - Overview of networking concepts
- Application Layer (3 weeks)
  - Principles of network applications
  - The Web and HTTP
  - Domain Name Service
  - File transfer and FTP, Electronic Mail
  - Peer-to-peer applications
  - Socket programming
- Transport Layer (3 weeks)
  - Transport layer services
  - Connectionless transport: UDP; Connection-oriented transport: TCP
  - Reliable data transfer
  - Congestion and flow control
- Network Layer (2 weeks)
  - Internet Protocol (IP)
  - Routing Protocols
- Multimedia Networking (2 weeks)
  - Multimedia networking applications
  - Streaming stored video
  - Voice-over-IP
- Security in Computer Networks (2 weeks)
  - Principles of cryptography
  - Message integrity; Digital signatures
  - Securing E-mail; Securing TCP connections: SSL
  - Network-layer security: IPsec and virtual private networks

Quizzes and Homework Assignments

- Pop quizzes will be given and graded.
- Homework problems will be assigned weekly.
- Sample solutions to quizzes and homework assignments will be posted on Blackboard.

WireShark Labs and Programming Projects:

- WireShark Lab exercises will be assigned and should be done in groups of two students.
- Programming Projects will be assigned and should be done in groups of two students.

Midterm Exam: Thursday, Mar. 3, 2016 (in-class).

Final Exam: Tuesday, May 10, 2016: 1:30 - 4:15 pm.
**Student disability:** If you are a student with a disability and you need academic accommodations, please see me and contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS) at 703.993.2474. All academic accommodations must be arranged through that office. Students must inform the instructor at the beginning of the semester, and the specific accommodation will be arranged through ODS.

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**Course Schedule:**

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WAVES promotes wellness within the Mason community through health education, alcohol/drug assessment and education, and violence awareness, prevention and sexual assault response. We help students make healthy, safe choices and encourage lifelong, thoughtful healthy decision-making through individualized support, creative programming, and evidence-based education and outreach.

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24-Hour Sexual and Intimate Partner Violence Crisis Line 703-380-1434
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- 703-360-7273 (Fairfax County Office for Women and Domestic and Sexual Violence Services 25 hotline)
- 703-228-4848 (Arlington County Domestic Violence Services Hotline)
- 703-368-4141 (Prince William County Sexual Assault Victims Advocacy Services (SAVAS) hotline)
- 1-800-838-8238 (Virginia Family Violence and Sexual Assault Hotline)
- 1-800-656-HOPE (Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network)
  https://ohl.rainn.org/online/

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- For consultation or emergency assistance during office hours call 703-993-2380.
- For assistance during non-office hours, call University Police at 703-993-4357.
- 703-527-4077 (CrisisLink)
- 1-800-273-8255 (National Suicide Prevention Lifeline)
- 1-877-838-2838 (Veterans’ Crisis Hotline)

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