



Course Weekly Outline

Course Name : Communications and Networks Fundamentals

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Title	3107:Communications and Networks Fundamentals – CS 3214:Computer Networks I - IS				
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Course Objective	<p>The students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Build an understanding of the fundamental concepts of computer networking. 2. Familiarize the student with the basic taxonomy and terminology of the computer networking area. 3. Introduce the student to advanced networking concepts, preparing the student for entry Advanced courses in computer networking. 4. Allow the student to gain expertise in some specific areas of networking such as the design and maintenance of individual networks. 				
Course Description	<p>This course is to provide students with an overview of the concepts and fundamentals of data communication and computer networks. Topics to be covered include: data communication concepts and techniques in a layered network architecture, communications switching and routing, types of communication, network congestion, network topologies, network configuration and Management, network model components, layered network models (OSI reference model, TCP/IP networking architecture) and their protocols, various types of networks (LAN, MAN, WAN and Wireless networks) and their protocols.</p>				
Textbook	Data Communications and Networking, 3, 4 /e, Behrouz A Forouzan				
References	Computer Networks, Fourth Edition, Andrew S. Tanenbaum.				
Course Assessments	Term Tests	Laboratory	Quizzes	Project	Final Exam
	25	15	10	-	50
General Notes	The course is supplemented by a practical component				



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Week	Date	Topics Covered	Lab. Experiment Assignments	Notes
1		PART 1: Overview: Chapter: 1 Introduction 1.1 DATA COMMUNICATIONS Components, Data Representation, Data Flow	Lab1: Comm. Sys.	
2-3		1.2 NETWORKS Distributed Processing , Network Criteria, Physical Structures, Network Components: NIC, Repeater HUB, Bridge, Router, BRouter, GATEWAY	Lab2: Simulator :Comm. Sys.	
4-5		1.2 NETWORKS Network Models, Categories of Networks, Network Classification, LAN, MAN and WAN Network topologies: Mesh, Star, Bus and Ring, the advantages and disadvantages of each topology. Interconnection of Networks: Internetwork	Lab2: Simulator :Comm. Sys	
6		1.3 THE INTERNET A Brief History, The Internet Today 1.4 PROTOCOLS AND STANDARDS Protocols , Standards, Standards Organizations, Internet Standards	Lab3:Network Components	
7-9		Chapter: 2 Network Models 2.1 LAYERED TASKS Sender, Receiver, and Carrier , Hierarchy 2.2 THE OSI MODEL Layered Architecture, Peer-to-Peer Processes, Encapsulation 2.2.1 LAYERS IN THE OSI MODEL Physical Layer, Data Link Layer, Network Layer, Transport Layer, Session Layer, Presentation Layer, Application Layer, Summary of Layers	Lab3:Network Components	
10-11		2.3 TCP/IP PROTOCOL SUITE Physical and Data Link Layers, Network Layer Transport Layer, Application Layer	Lab4:Network Topology	
12		2.4 ADDRESSING Physical Addresses, Logical Addresses, Port Addresses , Specific Addresses	Lab4:Network Topology	
13-14		PART 2: Physical Layer and Media Chapter : 3 Data and Signals 3.1 ANALOG AND DIGITAL Analog and Digital Data, Analog and Digital Signals, Periodic and Non-periodic Signals 3.2 PERIODIC ANALOG SIGNALS Sine Wave, Phase, Wavelength, Time and Frequency Domains, Composite Signals, Bandwidth 3.3 DIGITAL SIGNALS Bit Rate, Bit Length, Digital Signal as a Composite Analog Signal, Transmission of Digital Signals	Lab4:Network Topology	
15		3.4 TRANSMISSION IMPAIRMENT Attenuation , Distortion, Noise 3.4.1 DATA RATE LIMITS Noiseless Channel: Nyquist Bit Rate, Noisy Channel: Shannon Capacity, Using Both Limits	Lab5:Cabling	
16		Chapter: 4 Transmission Media 4.1 GUIDED MEDIA Twisted-Pair Cable, Coaxial Cable, Fiber-Optic Cable 4.2 UNGUIDED MEDIA: WIRELESS Radio Waves, Microwaves, Infrared	Lab5:Cabling	

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