

Course Syllabus
CS 356 Course Plan
Spring 2025

Description (from NJIT Catalog)

The course introduces the protocols and standards of the TCP/IP suite that govern the functioning of the Internet. The material covered in class is a top-down approach on the introduction, discussion, and analysis of protocols from the data-link layer to the application layer. Alternative protocols to the TCP/IP suite and new protocols adopted by this suite are discussed. Numerical examples related to network planning and protocol functioning are analyzed.

Meeting Times

Please see the Registrar's schedule for your section meeting times and locations.

Pre-requisites

CS Department pre-requisites are assumed. Knowledge of programming languages like C and/or Java is preferable.

Text and materials

Text: J F Kurose and K W Ross, Computer Networking 8th Edition. New York, NY; Pearson, 2020.

ISBN-13: 9780136681557

Slides: link here: [Kurose and RossLinks to an external site.](#)

Schedule

Note: this may be fine-tuned as we go along

- Week 1, Ch 1, Networks, Internet, Edge/Core
- Week 2, Ch 2, Application Layer
- Assignment
- Week 3, Ch 2, App Layer, Web, HTTP/SMTP, FTP
- Week 4, Ch 3: Reliable Data Transfer: Multiplex/Demultiplex
- Assignment
- Week 5, Ch 3: RDT, TCP, UDP
- Week 6, Ch 3: TCP Congestion, Flow, transport layer performance
- Week 7, Ch 4: Data Plane: Router internals, IPv4 addressing
- Midterm
- Week 8, Ch 4: Forwarding and SDN
- Week 9, Ch 5: Control Plane: Routing algorithms LS, DV, Network Management
- Assignment
- Week 10, Ch 5: Control Plane: SDN and OpenFlow
- Week 11, Ch 6: Link Layer, Multiple Access Protocols
- Assignment
- Week 12, Ch 7: Wireless
- Week 13, Ch 8: Security
- Week 14, Special Topics: Multimedia, Cloud or Streaming

Programming Projects

There will be 3-4 substantial Assignments in this course. Some Assignments may require tools like Wireshark or tcpdump which will be described in class. Instructions will be provided in class.

Assignments will be done in groups. All group members will receive the same score on the Assignments.

Academic Integrity

We take a very serious view of cheating. Aids including others' code, GPT, other Internet resources, etc. are strictly prohibited. We will aggressively prosecute all violations of Academic Integrity at the highest university penalty level.

Grading

50 % - Assignments

10 % - In-class exercises

20 % - Midterm

20 % - Final Exam

In-class exercises are individual projects or quizzes.

Course Policy

- No late work. No makeups or retakes. This applies to everything.
- We may ask your group (collectively or with specific group members) to run, modify or explain your programming project, including dry runs on unfamiliar input. Failure to do so will result in your score becoming 0 even if your actual submitted project ran perfectly and got a full score.
- Academic Integrity is a serious matter and we follow the NJIT University Academic Integrity Policy. All sanctions and penalties are applied aggressively as defined by the Dean of Students. Cheating on exams in any form results in a grade of F or XF. Please see the details posted in Canvas.
- Please see the specifics about programming, exams, assignments, etc. posted in Canvas.

Student Wellness

We would like the course to be smooth and enjoyable. We are happy to help. See us or send us an email.

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