CS 656-101: Internet and Higher Layer Protocols

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Fall 2020 CS 656 Internet and Protocols

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Description (From 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 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.

Pre-requisites
For non-tech background students CS 506/bridge OR instructor permission is required. This section requires programming in C or Java.

Grading
50% 3-6 group projects
50% Exams, which may be 25-25 Mid-Final OR 10-20-20 Quiz-Mid-Final

(In Fall 2020 your exam may be proctored by ProctorU or Respondus or equivalent.)

Schedule:
Note: schedule may be fine-tuned with additional topics of interest

Week 1,2: Introduction and HTTP
Week 3,4: Internet Protocols SMTP, IMAP, DNS etc.
Week 5,6: Project, Reliable Data Transport
Week 7: Midterm
Week 8,9: Routing, Load balancing, IP level issues
Week 10,11: Special topics (Wireless / Multimedia / Facebook)
Week 12,13: Project 2, Link layer
Week 14,15: Link / Physical layer, project presentations, full stack overview.

Text and Software
Computer Networking, 7th Ed, by Kurose and Ross, ISBN 9780133594140
Slides: http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/kurose_ross/ppt.htm
AFS ID and Wireshark / TCP tools are required. Details provided in class.

Honor Code
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