CS 357-101: Fundamentals of Network Security

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Course No. CS 357

Section 101

Title Fundamentals of Network Security

Course Website Course related materials will be posted on NJIT’s Canvas system

Prerequisite(s) CS 356 or IT 420

Meeting Schedule

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Instructor Office Hours

Description This course offers an in depth study of network security issues, types of computer and network attacks, and effective defenses. It provides both a theoretical foundation in the area of security and hands-on experience with various attack tools, firewalls, and intrusion detection systems. Topics include: network scanning, TCP/IP stack fingerprinting, system vulnerability analysis,
buffer overflows, password cracking, session hijacking, denial of service attacks, and intrusion detection.

**Learning Outcome:**

During the course, students will be able to determine the appropriate security primitives that should be used to consider specific security goals for communication systems.

- Analyze the security of the network protocols.
- Describe common attacks against wired and wireless network protocols using standard terminology, allowing them to communicate effectively with other security professionals.
- Assess whether a given communication protocol achieves the desired security goals.
- Gain an understanding of attacks against web applications and of design principles for effective defenses.

**Topics**

- Introduction
  - Fundamental Concepts
  - Access Control Models
  - Cryptographic Concepts
  - Efficiency and Usability
- Network Security
  - Concepts
  - The Link Layer
  - The Network Layer
  - The Transport Layer
  - Denial-of-Service Attacks
  - The Application Layer and DNS
  - Firewalls
- Tunneling
- Intrusion Detection
- Wireless Networking
- Tools for reconnaissance, defense and attacks

Topics are subject to change or omission, depending on time.

**Text Book(s)** Due to the dynamic and evolving nature of the network security field,

the course will feature a mixture of material based on the optional recommended textbook, on instructor notes and on scientific articles in order to reflect recent developments in this area.


2) **WEB MATERIAL AND HANDOUTS**: Additional material will be posted on the course’s associated Canvas page.

**Grading**  Two quizzes: 30%  Midterm exam: 25%  Project: 15%  Final exam: 30%

There will also be several opportunities to earn extra credit.

The midterm and final exam will be administered via Canvas using Respondus Monitor and LockDown Browser. Please plan accordingly.

Scale: A (superior): 90-100  B+ (excellent):
85-89 B (very good):
80-84 C+ (good): 75-79 C
(acceptable) 70-74 D
(minimum): 60-69 F:
(inadequate): < 60

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**Modifications to Syllabus**

May be modified at the discretion of the instructor in the event of extenuating circumstances. Students will be notified in class of any changes to the