

**University of North Texas at Dallas**  
**Fall 2016**  
**SYLLABUS**

<b>CSCE 3530.030: Introduction to Computer Networks</b>		<b>3Hrs</b>
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		Liberal Arts & Sciences
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<b>Classroom Location:</b>	Online	
<b>Class Meeting Days &amp; Times:</b>	This is an online course, except for the three times that you must be present on campus to take the three exams.	
<b>Course Catalog Description:</b>	Introduction to data communications; asynchronous, synchronous, networks and current technology.	
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	CSCE 3600 - Principles of Systems Programming	
<b>Co-requisites:</b>		
<b>Required Text:</b>	Comer, Douglas. <i>Computer Networks and Internets</i> . 6th Edition. Pearson. ISBN: 0-13-358793-2.	
<b>Recommended Text and References:</b>		
<b>Access to Learning Resources:</b>	UNT Dallas Library: phone: (972) 338-1616 web: <a href="http://www.untdallas.edu/library">http://www.untdallas.edu/library</a> email: <a href="mailto:library@untdallas.edu">library@untdallas.edu</a> UNT Dallas Bookstore: phone: (972) 780-3652 web: <a href="http://www.untdallas.edu/bookstore">http://www.untdallas.edu/bookstore</a> e-mail: <a href="mailto:untdallas@bkstr.com">untdallas@bkstr.com</a>	
<b>Course Goals or Overview:</b>	This course answers the basic question “how do computer networks and internets operate?” in the broadest sense. It provides a comprehensive tour through all of networking that describes low-level details such as data transmission and wiring, network technologies such as LANs and WANs, internetworking protocols, and applications. It shows how protocols use the underlying hardware and how applications use the protocol stack to provide functionality for users.	
<b>Student Learning Outcomes:</b>	Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:	
1	Demonstrate knowledge of a conceptual view of the role of computers in communications.	
2	Demonstrate knowledge of communication protocols in the Internet.	
3	Demonstrate knowledge of fundamental network programming.	
4	Demonstrate knowledge of different network architectures.	
5	Demonstrate knowledge of application protocols, and different routing and forwarding protocols.	

## Online/Hybrid Course Outline

This schedule is subject to change by the instructor. Any changes to this schedule will be communicated in class or via class email or Blackboard announcement. Additional readings and activities may be added, these will be noted in the Readings and Activities/Assignments sections.

<b>SCHEDULE</b>	<b>TOPICS</b>	<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>DUE DATES</b>
Week of 8/22/16	1. Introduction and Overview of Networks 2. Client-Server Interaction	Listen to the narrated PowerPoint presentation for Topic 1; Complete Assignment #1; Listen to the narrated PowerPoint presentation for Topic 2; Complete Assignment #2;	Assign #1: 8/25/16  Assign #2: 8/28/16
Week of 8/29/16	3. Internet Applications 4. Transmission Media	Listen to the narrated PowerPoint presentation for Topic 3; Complete Assignment #3; Listen to the narrated PowerPoint presentation for Topic 4; Complete Assignment #4;	Assign #3: 9/1/16  Assign #4: 9/4/16
Week of 9/5/16	5. Transmission Modes 6. Modulation and Modems	Listen to the narrated PowerPoint presentation for Topic 5; Complete Assignment #5; Listen to the narrated PowerPoint presentation for Topic 6; Complete Assignment #6;	Assign #5: 9/8/16  Assign #6: 9/11/16
Week of 9/12/16	7. Multiplexing and Demultiplexing	Listen to the narrated PowerPoint presentation for Topic 7; Complete Assignment #7;	Assign #7: 9/15/16
3:00 pm on 9/21/16 in Bld 2, Room 243 at UNT Dallas	Exam 1		
Week of 9/26/16	8. Access and Interconnection Technologies 9. Local Area Networks: Packets, Frames, Error Detection, and Topologies	Listen to the narrated PowerPoint presentation for Topic 8; Complete Assignment #8; Listen to the narrated PowerPoint presentation for Topic 9; Complete Assignment #9;	Assign #8: 9/29/16  Assign #9: 10/2/16
Week of 10/3/16	10. Wired LAN Technology 11. Wireless Networking Technologies	Listen to the narrated PowerPoint presentation for Topic 10; Complete Assignment #10; Listen to the narrated PowerPoint presentation for Topic 11; Complete Assignment #11;	Assign #10: 10/6/16  Assign #11: 10/9/16
Week of 10/10/16	12. Extending LANs 13. WAN Technologies and Dynamic Routing	Listen to the narrated PowerPoint presentation for Topic 12; Complete Assignment #12; Listen to the narrated PowerPoint presentation for Topic 13; Complete Assignment #13;	Assign #12: 10/13/16  Assign #13: 10/16/16
Week of 10/17/16	14. Internetworking: Concepts, Architecture and Protocols	Listen to the narrated PowerPoint presentation for Topic 14; Complete Assignment #14;	Assign #14: 10/20/16
3:00 pm on 10/26/16 in Bld 2, Room 243 at UNT Dallas	Exam 2		
Week of 10/31/16	15. Internet Protocol Addresses 16. Datagram Forwarding	Listen to the narrated PowerPoint presentation for Topic 15; Complete Assignment #15; Listen to the narrated PowerPoint presentation for Topic 16; Complete Assignment #16;	Assign #15: 11/3/16  Assign #16: 11/6/16

Week of 11/7/16	17. Support Protocols 18. IPv6	Listen to the narrated PowerPoint presentation for Topic 17; Complete Assignment #17; Listen to the narrated PowerPoint presentation for Topic 18; Complete Assignment #18;	Assign #17: 11/10/16 Assign #18: 11/13/16
Week of 11/14/16	19. UDP: Datagram Transport Service 20. TCP: Reliable Transport Service	Listen to the narrated PowerPoint presentation for Topic 19; Complete Assignment #19; Listen to the narrated PowerPoint presentation for Topic 20; Complete Assignment #20;	Assign #19: 11/17/16 Assign #20: 11/20/16
Weeks of 11/21/16 and 11/28/16	21. Internet Routing	Listen to the narrated PowerPoint presentation for Topic 21; Complete Assignment #21;	Assign #21: 12/1/16
3:00 pm on 12/5/16 in Bld 2, Room 243 at UNT Dallas	Exam 3		

## Course Evaluation Methods

This course will utilize the following instruments to determine student grades and proficiency of the learning outcomes for the course.

### Grading Matrix:

Instrument	Value (points or percentages)	Total
Assignments	Assignments on each topic with variable weights. There will be a total of 21 assignments. These assignments will involve short answer questions and solving problems to apply the concepts discussed in each topic.	25%
Exam 1 (on campus)	25%	25%
Exam 2 (on campus)	25%	25%
Exam 3 (on campus)	25%	25%
<b>Total:</b>		<b>100%</b>

### Grade Determination:

- A = 90% or better
- B = 80 – 89 %
- C = 70 – 79 %
- D = 60 – 69 %
- F = less than 60%

## University Policies and Procedures

### Students with Disabilities (ADA Compliance):

*Chapter 7(7.004) Disability Accommodations for Students*

*The University of North Texas at Dallas makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking accommodations must first register with the Disability Services Office (DSO) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the DSO will provide you with an accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding your specific needs in a course. You may request accommodations at any time, however, DSO notices of accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of accommodation for every semester and must meet/communicate with each faculty member*

prior to implementation in each class. Students are strongly encouraged to deliver letters of accommodation during faculty office hours or by appointment. Faculty members have the authority to ask students to discuss such letters during their designated office hours to protect the privacy of the student. For additional information see the Disability Services Office website at <http://www.untDallas.edu/disability>. You may also contact them by phone at 972-338-1777; by email at [UNTDDisability@untDallas.edu](mailto:UNTDDisability@untDallas.edu) or at Building 2, room 204.

**Blackboard Learn Accessibility Statement:**

University of North Texas at Dallas is committed to ensuring its online and hybrid courses are usable by all students and faculty including those with disabilities. If you encounter any difficulties with technologies, please contact our ITSS Department. To better assist them, you would want to have the operating system, web browser and information on any assistive technology being used. Blackboard Learn course management system's accessibility statement is also provided: <http://www.blackboard.com/Platforms/Learn/Resources/Accessibility.aspx>

**NOTE:** Additional instructional technology tools, such as Turnitin, Respondus, Panopto, and publisher cartridge content (i.e. MyLab, Pearson, etc.) may NOT be fully ADA compliant. Please contact our Disability Office should you require additional assistance utilizing any of these tools.

**Course Evaluation Policy:**

Student's evaluations of teaching effectiveness are a requirement for all organized classes at UNT Dallas. This short survey will be made available to you at the end of the semester, providing you a chance to comment on how this class is taught. I am very interested in the feedback I get from students, as I work to continually improve my teaching. I consider students' evaluations to be an important part of your participation in this class.

**Assignment Policy:**

All assignments are due in class on the due dates stated on the assignments. No late assignments will be accepted, except for documented emergencies. All assignments are to be done individually unless stated otherwise on the assignment.

**Exam Policy:**

Exams should be taken as scheduled. No makeup examinations will be allowed, except for documented emergencies (See Student Handbook). Note that all exams will be proctored on campus by the instructor.

**Academic Integrity:**

Academic integrity is a hallmark of higher education. You are expected to abide by the University's code of Academic Integrity policy. Any person suspected of academic dishonesty (i.e., cheating or plagiarism) will be handled in accordance with the University's policies and procedures. Refer to the Student Code of Academic Integrity at [http://www.untDallas.edu/sites/default/files/page\\_level2/pdf/policy/7.002%20Code%20of%20Academic\\_Integrity.pdf](http://www.untDallas.edu/sites/default/files/page_level2/pdf/policy/7.002%20Code%20of%20Academic_Integrity.pdf) for complete provisions of this code.

Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating, plagiarizing, fabrication of information or citations, facilitating acts of dishonesty by others, having unauthorized possession of examinations, submitting work of another person or work previously used without informing the instructor, or tampering with the academic work of other students.

**Web-based Plagiarism Detection:** Please be aware in some online or hybrid courses, students may be required to submit written assignments to Turnitin, a web-based plagiarism detection service, or another method. If submitting to Turnitin, please remove your title page and other personal information.

**Classroom Policies**

**Online Attendance and Participation:**

The University attendance policy is in effect for this course. Class attendance in the Blackboard classroom and participation is expected because the class is designed as a shared learning experience, and because essential information not in the textbook will be discussed in the discussion board. Online presence and participation in all class discussions is essential to the integration of course material and your ability to demonstrate proficiency. .

Attendance for this online or hybrid course is considered when you are logged in and active in Blackboard, i.e., posting assignments, taking quizzes, or completing Discussion Boards. To maintain financial aid award eligibility, activity must occur before the census date of the session or term of the course. Refer to <http://www.untDallas.edu/registrar> for specific dates. If you are absent/not active in the course shell, it is YOUR responsibility to let the instructor know immediately, upon your

return, the reason for your absence if it is to be excused. All instructors must follow university policy 7.005 covering excused absences; however, it is the instructor's discretion, as outlined in the course syllabus, of how unexcused absences may or may not count against successful completion of the course.

**Inclement Weather and Online Classes:**

Online classes may or may not be affected by campus closures due to inclement weather. Unless otherwise notified by your instructor via e-mail, online messaging, or online announcement, students should assume that assignments are due as scheduled.

**Online Netiquette:**

In any social interaction, certain rules of etiquette are expected and contribute to more enjoyable and productive communication. Emails, Discussion Board messages and/or any other forms of written communication in the online environment should use proper "netiquette" (i.e., no writing in all caps (usually denotes yelling), no curse words, and no "flaming" messages (angry, personal attacks).

Racial, ethnic, or gender slurs will not be tolerated, nor will pornography of any kind.

Any violation of online netiquette may result in a loss of points or removal from the course and referral to the Dean of Students, including warnings and other sanctions in accordance with the University's policies and procedures. Refer to the Student Code of Student Rights Responsibilities and Conduct at <http://www.untDallas.edu/osa/policies>. Respect is a given principle in all online communication. Therefore, please be sure to proofread all of your written communication prior to submission.

**Diversity/Tolerance Policy:**

Students are encouraged to contribute their perspectives and insights to class discussions in the online environment. However, offensive & inappropriate language (swearing) and remarks offensive to others of particular nationalities, ethnic groups, sexual preferences, religious groups, genders, or other ascribed statuses will not be tolerated. Disruptions which violate the Code of Student Conduct will be referred to the Dean of Students as the instructor deems appropriate.

**Technology Requirements:**

In order to successfully access the materials in an online or hybrid course, UNT Dallas advises that your computer be equipped with the minimum system requirements.

Blackboard Learn 9.1 is the platform software for this course. Blackboard Learn supports major web browsers such as Windows Internet Explorer, Apple Safari, Mozilla Firefox, and Google Chrome. However, since the latter two are updated continually, some recent versions may not be compatible. If you experience difficulty accessing or using components of the course, try using Internet Explorer. Also, no matter what browser you use, always enable pop-ups. For more information see:

- <http://www.untDallas.edu/dlit/ecampus/requirements>
- <https://blackboard.secure.force.com/publickbarticleview?id=kAB700000008Oom>
- [https://learn.unt.edu/bbcswebdav/institution/BrowserCheck/check\\_full.html](https://learn.unt.edu/bbcswebdav/institution/BrowserCheck/check_full.html)