



A POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTIONmic Studies  
Program: Computer Systems Technology  
Option: Bachelor of Technology, Computer Systems

**COMP 7005**  
**Data Communications Principles**

**Start Date:** September 15, 2009

**End Date:** December 1, 2009

**Total Hours:**

**Total Weeks:**

**Term/Level:**

**Course Credits:**

**Hours/Week:** 3.75

**Lecture:**

1.25

**Lab:**

2.5

**Prerequisites**

COMP 7005 is a Prerequisite for:

**Course No. Course Name**

Comp 8005 Data Communication Applications

Diploma of Technology in Computer Systems (or equivalent) or permission of instructor and program head.

■ **Course Description**

This course will cover the advanced elements of Data Communication and Network Architecture. The TCP/IP protocol suite and its application within the Internet architecture will be examined in depth, and in a practical manner. Also covered will be advanced topics such as ATM networks, Wireless Data Communication, and Security Protocols. Students will be introduced to the Berkeley socket API, and the basics of Client/Server programming will be introduced.

■ **Evaluation**

Final Examination

Midterm

Assignments

Final Project

30%

20%

20%

30%

TOTAL

100%

Comments:

■ **Course Learning Outcomes/Competencies**

Upon successful completion, the student will:

1. Have an in-depth understanding of Data Communication protocols with an emphasis on practical applications.
2. Understand and analyze Peer-to-Peer protocols, Routing algorithms, and Network congestion issues.
3. Have a detailed understanding of the TCP/IP protocol suite and analyze the various components of the protocol suite in a practical manner.
4. Use the TCP/IP socket API to design and implement basic Client/Server applications.
5. Have a detailed understanding of Wireless and Mobile networks.
6. Understand the basics of Network Security be able to analyze and evaluate security protocols for potential use within an organization.
7. Acquire a solid foundation for pursuing more advanced courses such as COMP 8005 and COMP 8505.

■ **Verification**

I verify that the content of this course outline is current.

Aman Abdulla

Authoring Instructor

September 3, 2009

Date

I verify that this course outline has been reviewed.

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Program Head/Chief Instructor

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Date

I verify that this course outline complies with BCIT policy.

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Dean/Associate Dean

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Date

Note: Should changes be required to the content of this course outline, students will be given reasonable notice.

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## ■ Instructor(s)

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## ■ Learning Resources

### Required:

*Computer Networking* –5th Edition  
*A Top-Down Approach*  
Kurose & Ross  
Addison-Wesley

### Recommended:

*Data and Computer Communications* – 7<sup>th</sup> Edition  
William Stallings  
Prentice-Hall

## ■ The Information for Students

**Assignments:** Late assignments, lab reports or projects will **not** be accepted for marking. Assignments must be done on an individual basis unless otherwise specified by the instructor.

**Makeup Tests, Exams or Quizzes:** There will be **no** makeup tests, exams or quizzes. If you miss a test, exam or quiz, you will receive zero marks. Exceptions may be made for **documented** medical reasons or extenuating circumstances. In such a case, it is the responsibility of the student to inform the instructor **immediately**.

**Ethics:** BCIT assumes that all students attending the Institute will follow a high standard of ethics. Incidents of cheating or plagiarism may, therefore, result in a grade of zero for the assignment, quiz, test, exam, or project for all parties involved and/or expulsion from the course.

**Attendance:** The attendance policy as outlined in the current BCIT Calendar will be enforced.

The following statements are in accordance with the BCIT Policies 5101, 5102, 5103, and 5104, and their accompanying procedures. To review these policies and procedures, please refer to: [www.bcit.ca/about/administration/policies.shtml](http://www.bcit.ca/about/administration/policies.shtml)

### Attendance/Illness:

In case of illness or other unavoidable cause of absence, the student must communicate as soon as possible with his/her instructor or Program Head or Chief Instructor, indicating the reason for the absence. Prolonged illness of three or more consecutive days must have a BCIT medical certificate sent to the department. Excessive absence may result in failure or immediate withdrawal from the course or program. Please see Policy 5101 — Student Regulations, and accompanying procedures: <http://www.bcit.ca/files/pdf/policies/5101.pdf>

### Academic Misconduct:

Violations of academic integrity, including dishonesty in assignments, examinations, or other academic performances are prohibited and will be handled in accordance with Policy 5104 — Academic Integrity and Appeals, and accompanying procedures: <http://www.bcit.ca/files/pdf/policies/5104.pdf>

### Attempts:

Students must successfully complete a course within a maximum of three attempts at the course. Students with two attempts in a single course will be allowed to repeat the course only upon special written permission from the Associate Dean. Students who have not successfully completed a course within three attempts will not be eligible to graduate from their respective program.

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**Accommodation:**

Any student who may require accommodation from BCIT because of a physical or mental disability should refer to BCIT's Policy on Accommodation for Students with Disabilities (Policy #4501), and contact BCIT's Disability Resource Centre (SW1-2300, 604-451-6963) at the earliest possible time. Requests for accommodation must be made to the Disability Resource Centre, and should not be made to a course instructor or Program area.

Any student who needs special assistance in the event of a medical emergency or building evacuation (either because of a disability or for any other reason) should also promptly inform their course instructor(s) and the Disability Resource Centre of their personal circumstances.

**■ Assignment Details**

Will be provided in class.

## Schedule

Topic Number	Outcome/Material Covered
1	<b>Computer Networks and the Internet:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Components of a computer network</li> <li>• Network core</li> <li>• Access Networks and Physical Media</li> <li>• ISPs and Internet backbones</li> <li>• Delay and Loss in Packet-Switched networks</li> <li>• Layered Architectures and Service Models</li> </ul>
2	<b>Application Layer:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Principles of Network Applications</li> <li>• Web and HTTP</li> <li>• SMTP (E-mail)</li> <li>• DNS</li> <li>• P2P File Sharing</li> <li>• Socket Programming API (TCP &amp; UDP)</li> </ul>
3	<b>Transport Layer:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to Transport Layer Services</li> <li>• Multiplexing and Demultiplexing</li> <li>• Connectionless Transport: UDP</li> <li>• Principles of Reliable Data Transfer</li> <li>• Connection-Oriented Transport: TCP</li> <li>• Principles of Congestion Control</li> <li>• TCP Congestion Control</li> </ul>
4	<b>Network Layer:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forwarding and Routing</li> <li>• Virtual Circuit and Datagram Networks</li> <li>• Router Architecture</li> <li>• IP: Forwarding and Addressing in the Internet</li> <li>• Routing Algorithms</li> <li>• Routing in the Internet</li> <li>• Broadcast and Multicast Routing</li> </ul>
5	<b>Link Layer and LANs:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Link Layer Services</li> <li>• Error Handling Techniques</li> <li>• Multiple Access Protocols</li> <li>• Link-Layer Addressing</li> <li>• Ethernet</li> <li>• Hubs and Switches</li> <li>• PPP LCP and network control protocols</li> <li>• Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM) Networks</li> </ul>
6	<b>Wireless and Mobile Networks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RF wave propagation RF Propagation Models</li> <li>• Link Budget Calculations</li> <li>• Wi-Fi: 802.11 wireless LANs</li> <li>• Cellular internet access</li> <li>• Mobility management</li> <li>• Mobile IP</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Managing mobility in cellular networks</li> </ul>
*7	<b>Security and Cryptography:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Security Protocols</li> <li>Cryptographic Algorithms</li> <li>Authentication &amp; Integrity</li> <li>Key Distribution and Certificates</li> <li>Access Control: Firewalls</li> <li>Attacks and Countermeasures</li> <li>Defence In-Depth (Layered Security)</li> </ul>

\* Time Permitting

- Notes will be posted on my Web server which you may access using the following URL:

<http://milliways.bcit.ca/c7005/>

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