

Course Administration

EE450: Computer Networks
University of Southern California
Professor: A. Zahid

Administrative Information I

- EE450: Introduction to Computer Networks
- Instructor: A. Zahid
- Office: PHE414, (213) 740-9058
- Office Hours: TTH, 9:30~11:30 AM, 2:00~3:00 PM,
5:00 ~ 5:45 PM
- Lecture Sessions:
 - TTH 7:30 ~ 9:20 AM, OHE-122 (Session 1)
 - TTH 12:00 ~ 1:50 PM, VPD-116 (Session 2)
 - TTH 6:00 ~ 7:50 PM, ZHS-352 (Session 3)
- E-Mail : azahid@usc.edu
- URL: (D2L) courses.uscdcn.net
- All Sessions will have access to website & Webcast

Administrative Information II

- **Discussion Sessions:**
 - W 4:00 ~ 4:50 PM, ZHS352
 - F 8:30 ~ 9:20 AM, OHE-136 (Webcasted session)
 - F 11:00 ~ 11:50 AM, KDC-240
 - Students can attend any of the above discussion sessions.
- Discussion sessions are used to discuss homework problems, projects, labs, material discussed in class that need further elaborations, etc... It is very important to attend those sessions and interact with your TAs

Administrative Information III

- **Course Prerequisites:**
 - Programming Skills (C/C++)
 - Passion and dedication to the course
- **Course Textbook:**
 - Computer Networking, 7th edition, Kurose and Ross (A pdf version of the 6th edition will be posted but don't tell anyone!!!)
 - A list of recommended books (Some pdfs!!) will be posted on the course site

EE450 Team : Teaching Assistants

- TA #1: Mr. Hanqing Zeng
 - Office/Hours/Telephone: EEB244/M: 4:00 ~ 6:00 PM/(213)-740-1521
 - e-mail: zengh@usc.edu
- TA #2: Ms. Kailin Zhang (Karen)
 - Office/Hours/Telephone: PHE320/F: Noon ~ 2:00 PM/(213) 821-4648
 - e-mail: kailinzh@usc.edu
- TA #3: Mr. Xiang Ji
 - Office/Hours/Telephone: PHE320/W: 5:00 ~ 7:00 PM/(213) 821-4648
 - e-mail: xiangji@usc.edu
- TA #4: Ms. Xijia Ding (Dia)
 - Office/Hours/Telephone: PHE320/M: 9:00 ~ 11:00 AM/(213) 821-4648
 - e-mail: xijiadin@usc.edu
- During office hours, all TAs are available to all students. However, you can only e-mail your designated TA with your inquiries.
Designated TA list will be posted September 13 (Last day to register)

Teaching Assistants Responsibilities

- Responsibilities include:
 - Conducting a weekly discussion session
 - Maintaining course web site/Piazza Discussion Board
 - Conducting office hours (open to all sessions)
 - Designing and grading the Socket Programming Project
 - Assisting students with their homeworks/labs/Project
 - Questions via e-mail MUST be addressed to your designated TA (to be announced shortly) and CC them to me. You can't e-mail any TA you like (ONLY your designated TA), but you can see any TA during their office hours

EE450 Team: Graders

- Ms. Gaoshu Zhao (Sue), gaoshuzh@usc.edu
- Ms. Ya Wu (Amanda), yawu@usc.edu
- Ms. Mai Li, maili@usc.edu
- Ms. Yuqing Li (Sunny), yuqingli@usc.edu
- Ms. Jiaying Zhong (Caroline), zhongjia@usc.edu
- Ms. Zhilin Liu (Sharon), zhilinli@usc.edu
- Ms. Jiazhao Xu (Nora), jiazhaox@usc.edu
- Graders Responsibilities: Grading Homeworks and Labs. No office hours. Each grader will put her initials on the graded material so you would know who graded your paper in case you have questions. When you e-mail the grader, make sure to CC it to me (NOT to the TA) so that I would have a record of it.

Course Workload

- Midterm: Friday, October 11, Final: Friday December 13
- Midterm/Final will be conducted in two consecutive sessions on Friday 4:30 ~ 6:30 PM and 7:00 ~ 9:00 PM. Room: TBD
- There is absolutely no make-up exams no matter what your reasons are.
- Roughly 5~6 Homeworks . Homeworks must be submitted during (or before your session in my office NOT after your session) the lecture of your session. No late Homeworks shall be accepted. No electronic Homeworks shall be accepted. For DEN students an on-line drop box will be created for the assignments
- Project: Client/Server Network Socket-Programming
- X-credit assignments (Network Simulations (OPNET/NS-3/Mininet) and Protocol Analysis (Wireshark)) to be added to midterm score

Grading Policy

- There is absolutely No curve in this course
- You will get the Maximum of the following two options
 - {35% M, 40% F, 10% H, 15% P} or
 - {30% M, 45% F, 10% H, 15% P}
- Grading Scales:
 - 85% ~ 100%, A- to A+
 - 70% ~ 84%, B- to B+
 - 50 ~ 69%, C- to C+
 - 35% ~ 49%, D- to D+

Reference Textbooks

- Computer Networks, Peterson and Davie
- Data and Computer Communications, W. Stallings
- Networks for Computer Scientists, Y. Zheng
- Communications Networks, L. Garcia
- Computer Networks, A. Tanenbaum
- Data Communications and Networking, B. Forouzan
- Internetworking with TCP/IP, D. Comer

Important Notes !

- Lecture charts, homework solutions and other announcements shall be posted on the Course Website. So please do check the site regularly and **do read the broadcast emails**. It is very important to bring your lecture charts with you during the class.
- Make sure that you have access to Course website. It is **NOT** Blackboard. It is called **Desire to Learn** (D2L). Please familiarize yourself quickly with the site. For any problem in that regard contact your designated TA and he/she will assist you. Discussion Board (Piazza) will also be used

Important Notes !

- All e-mails concerning lecture notes, text material or general questions should be addressed to the Professor ONLY
- All e-mails concerning HWs, Labs and Project should be addressed to your designated TA and CCed to the Professor as well.
- All e-mails concerning HW/Labs grading should be addressed to the grader who graded your paper and CCed to the Professor

Important Notes !

- Solutions to the Midterm will be posted and graded midterms will be returned.
- **Neither** the solutions **NOR** the graded finals shall be posted/returned (applies to both on-campus and DEN students). You are welcome to check both in my office.
- Solutions to Homeworks shall be posted. No solutions to Labs shall be posted.
- Graded homeworks must be picked up from my office within 2 weeks of the posting of the grades otherwise 50% penalty will be assessed. I do NOT want my office to change into a Pig Sty!!!!