Course Administration

EE450: Computer Networks

University of Southern California

Professor: A. Zahid

Administrative Information I

- EE450: Introduction to Computer Networks
- Instructor: A. Zahid
- Office Hours: TTH, 9:30 ~ 1:00 PM, both in-person and concurrently on-line.
- Zoom link

  https://usc.zoom.us/j/98525204267?pwd=7XyHn4HU840wNWEwOa5bE7HfZ5OO3g.1

  Meeting ID: 985 2520 4267

  Passcode: zahid

- Lecture : TTH 7:30 ~ 9:20 AM (OHE122), in-person and webcasted, TTH 2:00 ~ 3:50 PM (WPH-B28), in-person ONLY
- Both Sessions have access to Lectures Webcasts
- E-Mail : azahid@usc.edu
- URL: (D2L) courses.uscden.net

Administrative Information II

- Discussion Sessions**:**
  - Friday, 1:00 ~ 1:50 PM, in-person (OHE122) & webcasted
  - Wednesday, 5:00 ~ 5:50 PM (SGM601)
- Discussion sessions are used to discuss homework problems, projects, labs, material discussed in class that need further elaborations, etc… You will be responsible for any material presented in these discussion sessions regardless whether they were discussed in lectures or not. It is very important to attend those sessions and interact with your TAs.

Administrative Information III

- **Course Prerequisites:**
  - Programming Skills (C/C++). Tutorials on C/C++ and Socket Programming along with UNIX/LINUX commands are posted
  - Passion and dedication to the course
- **Course Textbook:**
  - Computer Networking, 8th edition, Kurose and Ross (A pdf version of the text is posted)
  - A list of recommended books are posted on the course site as well.

EE450 Team : Teaching Assistants (I)

- **Teaching Assistant #1: Mr. Martin Martinez**
  - Office & Office Hours: PHE320, Friday, 10:00 ~ Noon
  - e-mail: mart698@usc.edu
- Zoom Link:

https://us05web.zoom.us/j/81915249978?pwd=HtXVlaquUzVXNabjbOutx9rA67TNVf.1

- **Teaching Assistant #2: Ms. Erum Mushtaq**
  - Office & Office Hours: PHE320, Wednesday 11:00 ~ 1:00 PM
  - email: emushtaq@usc.edu
- Zoom Link:

https://usc.zoom.us/my/emushtaq

EE450 Team : Teaching Assistants (II)

- **Teaching Assistant #3: Ms. Yu (Cheryl) Chang**
  - Office & Office Hours: PHE320, Monday, 1:00 ~ 3:00 PM
  - e-mail: ychang54@usc.edu
- Zoom Link:

https://usc.zoom.us/j/97323937632?pwd=SnIEJ2n5B73P2jwaIdfbGV4n1NwabK.1

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- **Teaching Assistant #4: Mr. Sheng-Kuo (Shawn) Lin**
  - Office & Office Hours: EEB320, Wednesday 1:00 ~ 3:00 PM
  - email: slin7099@usc.edu
- Zoom Link:

https://usc.zoom.us/j/96946833670?pwd=5T6mJVaM7vjgzYPOkPVvUPrTTY7VJm.1

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Teaching Assistants Responsibilities

- Responsibilities include:
  - Conducting a weekly discussion session
  - Maintaining course web site/Piazza Discussion Board
  - Conducting office hours (open to both 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. <u>You can't e-mail any TA you like</u> (ONLY your designated TA), but <u>you can see any TA during their office hours</u>

EE450 Team: Graders

- Ms. Ying (Freda) Sun, ysun1854@usc.edu

- Ms. Yunhan (Hannah) Wang, yunhanwa@usc.edu

- Ms. Yujia (Emma) Sun, yujias@usc.edu

- Ms. Xi (Alice) Chen, xchen663@usc.edu

➢ Graders Responsibilities: Grading Homeworks and Labs. No office hours. Designated Graders will be announced shortly. When you e-mail your designated 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 4, 4:30 ~ 6:30 PM & 7:00 ~ 9:00 PM
- Final: Friday, December 13, 4:30 ~ 6:30 PM & 7:00 ~ 9:00 PM
- Midterm/Final will be in-person for on-campus students. DEN will organize the midterm and the final exams for DEN students. Local DEN students are required to take the exams on-campus.
- There is <u>absolutely no make-up exams</u> no matter what your reasons are.
- Roughly 4~5 <u>Homeworks</u> . Homeworks must be uploaded into a drop box by the due date. The drop box will be closed immediately after the expiration of the due date
- <u>Project</u>: Client/Server Network Socket-Programming. Project will be posted at the end of the 1st month.
- <u>Lab assignments</u> (Counted as X-Credits (20 points) to be added to your midterm Score). They are optional. Labs deal with Protocol Analysis tools and Network Simulations, 4 ~ 5 Labs

Grading Policy

- There is absolutely <u>No curve</u> in this course
- You will get the <u>*Maximum*</u> 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+
  - < 50%,   D- to D+

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 Laptop/iPad or charts with you during the class to take some notes.

- 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 created

Important Notes !

- All e-mails concerning lecture notes, text material or general network questions should be addressed to the Professor ONLY

- All e-mails concerning HWs, Labs and Project should be addressed to your <u>designated</u> TA and CCed to the Professor as well. They could also be posted on Piazza (encouraged)

- All e-mails concerning HWs/Labs <u>grading</u> should be addressed to the grader who graded your paper and CCed to the Professor

Important Notes !

- Solutions to the Midterm will be posted. Graded midterms will be returned
- **Neither** the solutions **NOR** the graded finals shall be posted/returned (applies to both on-campus and DEN students). Graded finals and solutions can be viewed in my office (for on-campus students) or via zoom (for DEN students)
- Solutions to Homeworks shall be posted. No solutions to Labs shall be posted.