

# ECE 4300 Topic Selection

# RC5 Features

- Fast. Only uses computer primitives like 2's complement addition, XOR, left-shift, and their inverses
- RC5 has 2 words. Each word is denoted with  $w/r/b$ .  $w$  = word size in bits,  $r$  = number of rounds,  $b$  = key size in bytes.  $w$  can be 16, 32, 64.  $r$  and  $b$  range from 0 - 255.
- Uses: Not many. Largely outdated and insecure compared to other available cryptography algorithms/functions. Note that RC5 is a more primitive version of RC6.