

EE450 Midterm II guidelines

- 1) Your last exam will be on Tuesday, April 30 with a **time limit of 80 minutes**. Check <http://web-app.usc.edu/maps/#upc/> if you do not remember the directions.

Exam	Start Time	Location
1	2:00pm	THH 201
2	3:30pm	SGM 101
3	Arranged by DEN office	

Exam	Who should take the exam?
1	Students registered for the 2:00-3:20pm section
2	Students registered for 3:30-4:50pm section
3	Remote students only

- 2) To make the exams fair, no one in exam 1 can leave the session before 3:30pm even if done early.
- 3) Exam room rules (**failing any of the following rules, or violating any academic integrity policies of USC may adversely affect your EE450 grade and/or USC standing.**)
- It is a closed book exam. No notes or white papers are allowed. Your exam has enough papers to write your answers and do scratch work. Papers should not be unstapled.**
 - No Calculators are allowed. No cell phones are allowed. The problems are designed such that approximating the final numerical value without a calculator is straightforward. For all numerical calculations, you still need to plug in all the input values and calculate the final; approximation is allowed if necessary and you won't lose any points for that.**
 - Before the exam starts, keep the distributed exam papers face down and wait for our call to start your exam.**
 - Please be there in the exam room a few minutes early to find a seat. Please choose your seat such that the occupied seats form columns of students, with maximum distance from others; therefore there is at least one empty column between two neighboring columns of students.**
 - When the exam time is up, stop writing immediately, raise your papers and pass them to the student next to you and towards the aisles.**
 - Any academic integrity violation in exam will result in a minimum penalty of F in the course and would be reported to SJACS office for possibly more penalties.**
- 4) You may use a pencil or pen. It is recommended to bring erasers and rulers.
- 5) You need to bring your student ID.
- 6) Midterm II will not be cumulative. It will cover 802.5/802.11 (units 7, pages 109 to 153,) connecting devices (unit 8), network layer (unit 9), transport layer (unit 10). ~~Also Network security (unit 11) only for short answer question and if we get enough time to cover it before the exam.~~ **-Network security will not be in Midterm II.**
- 7) There may be some short answer (including some multiple choice and true/false) questions that weigh a maximum of 30% of the total Midterm II weight. I look at the slides (unit 7: pages 108-153, and units 8-10; and 11 if we get to cover it) to design them. All the short answer problems are discussed during lectures. They are all conceptual, and mostly analytical. You will not see questions that solely target your memorization capabilities, (e.g., you won't be asked about an acronyms). You will not see software coding questions.
- 8) The remaining problems include numerical/parametric calculations (from units 7: pages 108-153, units 8 to 10) similarly to the ones in your HW5 and HW6 and the practice problem set III. The weight of this part is at least 70%. You will be provided with practice set III and its solutions latest by April 20.
- 1) The exam format/style will be very similar to that of the Quiz or Midterm I. Midterm II problems will be similar to what you have seen in lectures or discussion classes, and also practiced HW5 and HW6 and practice set 3. If you have attended or watched the lectures, worked on the homework and practice problems and understood the related ideas, you will find the exam straightforward.
- 2) We will create "MidtermII-related", and "Practice Set III" forums by April 20th.
- 3) My office hours before the exam are:
- Extra: Friday April 26, 3-4pm**
- Extra: Monday April 29, 9am-11am**

Regular: Monday April 29, 1-2pm

Extra: Monday April 29, 4pm-5pm

Extra: Tuesday April 30, 11am-12pm

- 4) If necessary, please email me at shahin.nazarian@usc.edu. You may also call me on 626 200 7893 any time; leave a voicemail if I am not available and I'll call you back as soon as I can.

Good Luck,

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