CSU34031 - Advanced Telecommunications

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Course Details

- Duration 12 weeks
- Lectures
 - 3 hrs a week (Mon, Tue & Thur 10-11)
- Assessment
 - Coursework 20%
 - Summer Exam 80%
- Coursework
 - Two project exercises which count for 20% of the marks
- Reference Texts
 - Computer Networking A Top-Down Approach, 7th Ed., James F. Kurose, Pearson Intl.
 - Understanding Cryptography, Christoff Paar, Springer-Verlag

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Course Outline

Part 1 (4 weeks)

- Transport Layer
 - Multiplexing and Demultiplexing
 - Connectionless Transport: UDP
 - Connection-oriented Transport: TCP
 - TCP Congestion Control
- Application Layer
 - Network Application Architectures
 - WWW & HTTP
 - Domain Name System (DNS)
 - P2P Applications
 - Web Applications

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Course Outline II

Part 2 (6 weeks)

- Network Security & Cryptography
 - Symmetric-Key Cryptography everyone has same key
 - Asymmetric-Key Cryptography Different keys (public/private)
 - Digital Signatures, X.509 Certs & PKI
 - Authentication Protocols
 - Secure Socket Layer (SSL)
 - IPsec
 - DNSSEC DNS is currently quite vulnerable
 - Electronic Payment Systems

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