

CIS 475 Introduction to Cryptography- Students comments

Spring 2018

Please comment on course content, requirements or any other aspect of the course

- I enjoyed the class. We talked about a lot of things that nobody really knows. The material really opens your mind to all of computer security
- I feel there are simply too much covered in this course. The background math required to understand is too great. Ex. group theory/fields. I said just covering less ciphers and spending more time on each
- The content was fun as well as challenging. The perfect combination. Some of the stats lectures could be condensed into: read this paper
- The course was great. I learned a great deal in the course, very cool assignments
- Course was fun and interesting. I liked learning all the mathematics behind cryptosystems

Please comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the instructor. Would you take another course from this instructor?

- During lecture switching variable names on the board from your notes is incredibly confusing. For each cipher you could print out notes on encryption/decryption formulas. I also suggest making all of your test open notes.
- Good teaching style, great examples, awesome class
- For being her first time teaching the class it went very well. If I could I would take it again
- A little fast one lecturing. Could have been a little more clear and concise. Overall great. Very good at teaching

Spring 2019:

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- Tough content, broken down to easy enough parts
- I think a primer on the number theory/ modern algebra as required reading prior to the semester is a necessity. A dedicated textbook for outside reading would be helpful Paar's text is awesome
- The course is a lot of fun and I learned a great deal from it. The content in the course is relevant and meaningful.

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- Great at the material demonstrating it.
- Pacing of notes was great this semester. Very patient and through examples.
- This isn't my first course with professor G. She always does a fantastic job teaching and is willing to take time to explain things when needed! Always a pleasure