

COL 759 Cryptography & Computer Security

Course Syllabus

- Lecture 1-3: Introduction to Cryptography, Perfect Secrecy, one time pad, limitations of perfect secrecy, computational security
- Lecture 3-4: Introduction and Classical Ciphers: Simple substitution, Vigenere cipher, Hill cipher, Playfair cypher and their analysis
- Lecture 5-6: Introduction to Number Theory: Divisibility and the Euclidean algorithm, Congruence, Fermat's Little Theorem, Euler phi-function, Wilson's Theorem, Quadratic residues and reciprocity
- Lecture 7-9: One way Function, Introduction to Public Key cryptography, RSA public-key encryption, Rabin public-key encryption, ElGamal public-key encryption, Knapsack public-key encryption
- Lecture 10-12: Prime number generators, Legendre and Jacobi symbols, Probabilistic primality tests: Fermat's test, Solovay-Strassen test, Miller-Rabin test, Comparison: Fermat, Solovay-Strassen, and Miller-Rabin, strong primes, Computing Modular Inverses
- Lecture 13-15: Factoring of large composite numbers, Algorithms for Factoring: Pollard's $p - 1$ Method, Pollard's Rho Method, The Quadratic Sieve Algorithm.
- Lecture 16: Cyclic Groups and Generators, The Discrete Logarithm and Diffie-Hellman key exchange
- Lecture 17-19: Algorithms for Computing Discrete Logarithms: The Baby-Step/Giant-Step Algorithm, The Pohlig-Hellman Algorithm, The Index Calculus Method
- Lecture 20-21: Digital Signature Schemes - An Overview, RSA Signatures, Signatures from Collision-Resistant Hashing, The Digital Signature Algorithm (DSA), SHA
- Lecture 22-25: Introduction to Symmetric key cryptography, Finite Field, Pseudorandomness, pseudorandom generators, RC4 stream cipher, security of RC4, Polynomials over finite field, irreducible polynomial, primitive polynomial, Linear and non linear shift register sequences, Cryptanalysis of LFSR based cryptosystem
- Lecture 26: Block cipher: DES, AES
- Lecture 27: Zero Knowledge protocols
- Lecture 28: Elliptic Curve Cryptography: Introduction to Elliptic Curves, Elliptic Curve Cryptosystems, The elliptic curve factoring algorithm

Duration of a lecture: 1 hours and 30 minutes

Text Books:

1. *A Graduate Course in Applied Cryptography* (V 0.4, September 2017) by D. Boneh and V. Shoup.
2. *Introduction to Modern Cryptography* (2nd edition) by J. Katz and Y. Lindell, CRC Press

Reference

1. *Handbook of Applied Cryptography* by Alfred J. Menezes, Paul C. van Oorschot, Scott A. Vanstone, CRC Press