

**Kutztown University  
Kutztown, Pennsylvania**

**Computer Science Department  
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences**

I. Course Description: CSC 411: Advanced Networking

This course deals with the theory, implementation and administration of networks. It is also concerned with the various layers of the Internet architecture stack, with concentration on layers 3 and 4. The primary protocols for these layers, Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) and Internet Protocol (IP), will be studied in detail. Network addressing and related protocols will also be covered.

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II. Course Rationale

The use of networks in every day life has been increasing exponentially over time. It is important for computer science and information technology students to have a strong foundation in networking concepts, including the various protocols in the network architecture stack. Students will be learn about the main protocols used in networks today, primarily TCP, User Datagram Protocol (UDP) and IP.

III. Course Objectives

Upon satisfactory completion of this course the student will be able to:

- A. Explain the differences between the various types of network devices, such as switches and routers.
- B. Demonstrate the correct usage of various types of network addresses, including MAC, IP, and CIDR (Classless Internet Domain Routing).
- C. Describe how TCP is used to exchange data on a network.
- D. Explain TCP flow control and congestion control.
- E. Explain the basic IP functionality, including routing.
- F. Describe the procedures used to perform network management, including SNMP (Simple Network Management Protocol) and common troubleshooting tools.
- G. Explain how wireless networks are established and behave.

#### IV. Course Assessment

The course assessment will be a subset of tests, projects, papers, presentations, quizzes, homework, team assignments and final exam.

#### V. Course Outline

##### A) Network topologies

- 1) Components
  - a) Media
  - b) Network devices
  - c) Protocols
- 2) Documentation

##### B) Addressing

- 1) MAC
- 2) IP
- 3) Subnets
- 4) CIDR
- 5) NAT
- 6) ARP and RARP

##### C) Transport Layer

- 1) UDP
- 2) TCP
  - a) Overview
  - b) Segment structure
  - c) Packet sequencing
  - d) Congestion control overview
  - e) Flow control

##### D) Network Layer

- 1) Overview
- 2) IP
  - a) Overview
  - b) Datagram structure
  - c) Fragmentation
- 3) Routing
- 4) ICMP

##### E) Network Management

- 1) Introduction
- 2) Tools
- 3) Infrastructure

- a) SNMP
- F) Wireless Networks
  - 1) Types
  - 2) Protocols
  - 3) Security
- G) Network Security Fundamentals
  - 1) Cryptography principles
  - 2) Integrity
  - 3) Authentication
  - 4) Operational security
    - a) Introduction to firewalls
    - b) Introduction to VPNs

## VI. Instructional Resources

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