

University of Lethbridge  
Department of Mathematics and Computer Science

Computer Science 3780 – Data Communications and Networking  
Course Outline – Fall 2021

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**LECTURES:** Tu Thr 9:00 – 10:15 **W561 & ONLINE**

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**TEXTS:**

**Main:** *Computer Networking : Principles, Protocols, and Practice* 3rd Ed, by Bonaventure, available at <https://beta.computer-networking.info/syllabus/default/index.html>(under a CC License).

Exercises: <https://www.computer-networking.info/ex.html>  
and Part 3 of the text.

**Supplementary reading:** *An Introduction to Computer Networks* release 1.9.19, by Dordal, available at <http://intronetworks.cs.luc.edu/>.

*Computer Networks: A Systems Approach*, by Peterson and Davie, 2019 update, available at <https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/textbooks/771> (CC-BY)

*Computer Networks* 5th Ed, by Tanenbaum and Wetherall.

<b>GRADING SCHEME:</b>	Final exam	40%
	Assignments (4-6, lab and theory)	30%
	Project	30%

**GRADE DISTRIBUTION:** This information is provided as a guideline only and may be revised in this offering. Minimum percentages for each letter grade are:

A+	95	B+	82	C+	70	D+	56
A	90	B	78	C	66	D	50
A-	86	B-	74	C-	62	F	< 50

**SCHEDULE:**

(as time permits):

- 1) Network reference models

- 2) Fundamental mechanisms and algorithms at the data link layer (connecting two hosts): alternating bit, go back  $n$ , sliding window protocols.
- 3) Fundamental mechanisms and algorithms at the network layer (connecting networks together): data and control planes, routing (distance vector and link state routing).
- 4) Applications and transport layer: socket based network programming, connection establishment and release.
- 5) Naming schemes, medium access control, congestion control algorithms.
- 6) Protocols at the application level: DNS, mail, and HTTP.
- 7) Protocols in the Internet: UDP, TCP.
- 8) IPv6 and intra and inter-domain routing in the Internet.
- 9) Datalink protocols: Ethernet, WiFi.

### COMMENTS:

- Students must obey the university policies concerning the wearing of masks and maintaining distance, during labs and lectures. The instructors reserve the right to interrupt the delivery of the lectures or labs if these policies are violated.
- Despite the delivery of in person instruction, this semester continues to be challenging. Students should consult the resources in place that support their program, <https://www.ulethbridge.ca/campus-life/student-services>
- Lectures are delivered in class. Every effort is made to also stream the lectures on MS Teams and to record them, in order to support students who cannot come to class.
- Course materials and grades are uploaded on Moodle. Use MSTeams to post questions and to attend lectures online.
- Work must be submitted at the scheduled time; no provision is made for make-up midterm or late assignments, except for medical reasons or emergencies. Missed tests and assignments receive 0 points.
- Requests for remarking tests and assignments are accepted only in writing *no later than one week from the date your graded work was returned*. On the request: identify the assignment or midterm, briefly explain why you believe the mark is incorrect, date and sign. Note that if your work is remarked, your grade may go up, down, or remain unchanged.
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