Boston University **Spring 2024**
ECE Department

Computer Communication Networks (EC 541)

General Information

Time & Location: Mon & Wed 2:30 PM — 4:15 PM, PHO 205.

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Office Hours: Photonics Center, Room 431, Mon & Wed 11 AM — 12 PM, or by appointment.

Web Site: Blackboard https://learn.bu.edu
(lecture notes, homework assignments, programming code and tutorials, etc.)

Prerequisites: EC441 or an equivalent introductory course to data networking principles. Mathematical maturity in algebra, calculus, and probability.

Grading:

- Mid-term Exam I on Wednesday 03/06/2024 2:30 PM — 4:15 PM (30%)
- Mid-term Exam II on Monday 04/29/2024 2:30 PM — 4:15 PM (30%)
- Homework (20%)
- Guided final project due by Wednesday 05/01/2024 (10%)
- Attendance (10%)

The midterm exams will be closed-book except that you can bring one page of handwritten notes (letter format, double-sided).

Grading scale:
The final grade, denoted by G, will be a number between 0 and 100. This number will be converted into a letter grade using the following scale:

Numerical Grade	Letter Grade
G >= 90	A
85 <= G < 90	A-
80 <= G < 85	B+
75 <= G < 80	B
70 <= G < 75	B-
65 <= G < 70	C+
60 <= G < 65	C
55 <= G < 60	C-
50 <= G < 55	D
G < 50	F

Course policies:

- Assignments and announcements will be posted on Blackboard.
- Homework assignments must be performed individually.
- The final project will be performed in pairs of two students.
- Students are encouraged to type their assignments using LaTeX (see template on Blackboard).
- Assignments should be handed in class by the due date.
- Late assignments will not be accepted.
- The assignment with the lowest grade will not be counted toward the average grade for the homework.
- It is forbidden to use any human resource outside of class (including web-based help services, outside tutors, etc.) in doing your homework.
- Collaboration in solving homework assignments is acceptable. However:
    - Names of collaborator(s) must be provided on top of the submission.
    - Each student must provide detailed explanations of his/her solutions expressed in his/her own words.
    - Copying solutions from other students or other sources is strictly unacceptable. Plagiarized solutions will be heavily sanctioned.
- Collaborating with anyone on exams is strictly prohibited.
- Boston University's CDS Generative AI Assistance Policy will be applied: https://www.bu.edu/cds-faculty/culture-community/gaia-policy/
- Missing one class will not impact the attendance grade. Any additional missed class will reduce the attendance grade by 10% (e.g., if someone misses three classes, the attendance grade will be 80%).

Academic Misconduct:
BU takes academic integrity very seriously. Academic misconduct is conduct by which a student misrepresents his or her academic accomplishments, or impedes other students' opportunities of being judged fairly for their academic work. Knowingly allowing others to represent your work as their own is as serious an offense as submitting another's work as your own. More information on BU's Academic Conduct Code, with examples, may be found at https://www.bu.edu/academics/policies/academic-conduct-code/