CSCE 4520/5520, Wireless Networks and Protocols

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Current Catalog Description:
Architecture and elements of a wireless network. Use and process of micro and macro mobility management. Signaling schemes used in wireless networks, network signaling, protocols and standard (IS-95, CDMA2000, IS41). Quality of Service (QoS) in voice and data services in cellular networks; Operation of Wireless LAN networks (WLAN); Analysis of the operation and performance of wireless protocols.

Textbook:
No particular book but several references and handouts in the class

References:
7. www.3gpp.org
8. www.3GPP2.org
9. 3G Access Network Specification

Course Outcomes:
1. Basic operation of a cellular network.
2. Understanding basic operation of different network elements of a cellular network.
3. Basic understanding of soft and hard handoff.
4. Basic understanding of function of interfaces between BTS, BSC, MSC and PSTN.
5. Understanding basic issues related to supporting QoS in voice and data services in cellular networks.
6. Understanding basic operation of wireless LAN networks.

**Prerequisites by Topic:**
CSCE 3600

**Major Topics Covered in the Course:**

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<td>Overview of Wireless Network Operation</td>
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<td>Overview of different technologies and protocols, 2G, 2.5G, 3G, GSM, CDMA, SS7 transport protocols</td>
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<td>MS-BTS/BSC interfaces and protocol layers (A1-A12 interfaces)</td>
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**GRADING SCHEME**

- 5% -- Homework 1 and Quiz1
- 5% -- Homework 2 and Quiz2
- 5% -- Homework 3 and Quiz3
- 5% -- Homework 4 and Quiz4
- 10% -- Project 1
- 10% -- Test1
- 10% -- Project 2
- 15% -- Project 3
- 10% -- Seminar
- 15% -- Test2
- 10% -- Class Participation
COURSE POLICIES

- Attendance for this course is mandatory. I may be covering topics not in the book. It is at the best interest of students to attend all the classes. It is student’s responsibility to contact other students for notes/announcements for the missed classes
- **ABSOLUTELY, NO LATE homework/projects/term paper graded.**
- All homework/projects/term paper and experimental reports be turned in at the START of class on the date due. DO NOT email your homework/project report to me. Where ever applicable, you should submit through “project” option on the server.
- All students will be trusted to pursue their academic careers with honesty and integrity. Academic dishonesty includes, but not limited to, cheating on a test or other course work, plagiarism, unauthorized collaboration with other persons. Students found guilty of dishonesty will be subject to penalties that may include suspension from the university.
- Instructor reserves the right to modify course policies, the course contents and the order in which the topics are covered.

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