



Course Code MIS-325	Course Title Applied Data Communications	Credits (ECTS) 6
Department Management and MIS	Semester Fall, Spring	Prerequisites MATH-191
Type of Course Elective	Field Computer Communications and Networks	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Year of Study 3 rd	Lecturer Dr. Constandinos Mavromoustakis
Mode of Delivery Face-to-face	Work Placement N/A	Office None

Objectives of the Course:

The main objectives of the course are to:

- Discuss the basic computer networking and existing connectivity technologies and the required infrastructure which comprises the key steps involved in the communication process. Basically to understand the LAN/WAN/MAN network architectures and the hybridized existing form in the business environment.
- Explain the layered approach that makes design, implementation and operation of extensive networks possible. To learn the 7-layer OSI network model (each layer and its responsibilities) and understand the TCP/IP suite of protocols and the networked applications supported by it.
- Discuss the basic protocols involved in wired/wireless communication process. These include the characteristics of the required infrastructure for Local Area Networks (MAC-CSMA-CD/Ethernet, Token Ring, FDDI, and others), and for Wide Area Networks using the TCP/IP (Visualizing TCP/IP mechanisms and variations), UDP/IP. Additionally to learn the VoIP technology in the business communication world.

- Link different network performance concepts and traffic issues for Quality of Service (QoS) in broadband communication as well to link the above concepts with the network economics of the enterprise.
- Discuss the basic design principles of broadband wired and wireless communication networks (802.11x) in the business environment. Moreover to gain the ability to design reliable wireless networks and model and analyze the structural performance for some commonly used in business network architectures.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

- Explain the physical and logical as well as the electrical characteristics of digital signals and the basic methods of data transmission.
- Acknowledge the importance of the ISO 7-layer reference model.
- Discuss the concepts and requirements hosted in communication protocols and give an overview of Data Communication Standards, how these standards were developed and under which assumptions were adopted.
- Figure the area of computer networks in terms of connectivity, mobility and the role of metrics, with emphasis on the range of communication protocols utilized.
- Identify the basic protocols involved in wired/wireless communication process. Local Area Networks (MAC-CSMA-CD/Ethernet, Token Ring, FDDI, and others), and for Wide Area Networks using the TCP/IP, UDP/IP.
- Apply the basic design principles of wired and wireless communication networks. Moreover, to model and analyze the structural performance for some commonly used network architectures and discuss the functions and architectures of LAN and WAN.
- Analyze and design LAN architecture and the design and deployment requirements.
- Discuss the electrical interface and the basics of digital data transmission.
- Appreciate the need for Data Communication standards and the underlying technology used in wired and wireless communication models.
- Compare the protocols used in various types of computer networks.
- Discuss the principles of Open Systems and the Transport/Application

protocols, which facilitate them.

- Link different network performance concepts and traffic issues for Quality of Service (QoS) in broadband communication as well to link the above concepts with the network economics of the enterprise.
- Gain the ability to design reliable wireless networks and to model and analyze the structural performance for some commonly used in business network architectures.
- Explain fundamentals and technologies of physical, data-link and network layers.

Course Contents:

1. Basic Concepts of connectivity and networking. Uses of Computer Networks, Network Architectures and topologies, Layering and Protocols, Metric Units, Basic Probability Theory.
2. Physical Layer. Theoretical basis for data communication. Guided Transmission Media. Wireless Transmission. Communication Satellites.
3. Data-Link Layer Encoding, Framing and Synchronization, Error Detection and Correction, Flow control and the sliding window algorithm.
4. Principles of Medium Access Control. Ethernet (802.3), Token Ring (802.5), FDDI, Wireless (802.11).
5. Network Layer, Switching and Routing. Packet vs Circuit switching, Protocols and Services, Internetworking protocols, IP, ICMP, ARP, DHCP, VPN. Routing principles, The Network Layer and its usage in the Internet.
6. Transport layer Services and Protocols. User Datagram Protocol (UDP), Transmission Control Protocol (TCP), TCP congestion control.
7. Applications. Networked applications (mail, file transfer, www), multimedia applications (RTP, H.323).
8. IP Layer Issues, Congestion Control Algorithms, Packet Switching/ Mobility issues, QoS, IP Layer & Internet.
9. Network performance concepts and traffic issues for Quality of Service (QoS) in broadband communication. Association of all the subsequent metrics with the network economics of an enterprise

10. Network Simulation tools and experimentation-Exercises on NetSim.

Teaching Methods:

Lectures, Lab Presentations, Lab Tutorials, Theoretical Exercises and Assignments.

Assessment Methods:

Tests/Quizzes, Design project, Homework, Project, Mid-Term, Final Exam.

Required Textbooks:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
William Stallings	Business Data Communications 5/E	Prentice Hall	2005	0131442570
Allen Dooley	Business Data Communications	Prentice Hall	2005	0131424297

Recommended Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Fred Halsall	Data Communications, Computer Networks and Open Systems	Addison-Wesley (ISBN: 020142293X)	2003	10: 020142293X 13: 978- 0201422931
B.A. Forouzan	Data Communications and Networking	McGraw-Hill (ISBN 0-07-292354-7)	2003	0072515848