

SAULT COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS & TECHNOLOGY
SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO

COURSE OUTLINE

Course Title: COMPUTER NETWORKS

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Program: COMPUTER ENGINEERING

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COMPUTER NETWORKS

GENERAL OBJECTIVES:

This course in Computer Networks for Computer Technology students in their 6th semester, expands upon the basic principles of Data Communications developed in CET222. Computer networking topics in the following specific areas are studied: Protocols for communication between computers; the 7-layer OSI Model of computer networks, DECNET-VAX networking software; Local Area Networks, Packet Switching; Satellites for data communications; and personal computer networks.

Lab exercises on computer networks form an important component of this course.

TEXTBOOK: "COMPUTER NETWORKS, PROTOCOLS, STANDARDS AND INTERFACES" by U. BLACK

REFERENCES: DIGITAL NETWORKS: AN ARCHITECTURE WITH A FUTURE
VAX/VMS GUIDE TO NETWORKING

LENGTH OF COURSE: 3 Hours per week for 1 semester.

METHOD OF ASSESSMENT:

2 THEORY TESTS	60%
LAB PROJECTS & ASSIGNMENTS	40%

GRADING SCHEME

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1. TESTS

Written tests will be conducted as deemed necessary. They will be announced about one week in advance. Quizzes may be conducted without advance warning.

2. ASSIGNMENTS

All assignments and labs must be completed to be successful in this course.

Lateness in handing in assignments and lab projects will result in the following penalty being applied, unless extenuating circumstances exist:

-10% for work overdue up to one week

An automatic "C" grade for acceptable lab work handed in later than one week past the due date.

2. GRADING SCHEME

A+	90	-	100%	Outstanding achievement
A	80	-	89%	Above average achievement
B	70	-	79%	Average Achievement
C	55	-	69%	Satisfactory Achievement
I	Incomplete: Course work not complete at Mid-term. Only used at mid-term.			
R	Repeat			
X	A temporary grade that is limited to instances where special circumstances have prevented the student from completing objectives by the end of the semester. An X grade must be authorized by the Chairman. It reverts to an R if not upgraded in an agreed-upon time, less than 120 days.			

4. UPGRADING OF INCOMPLETES

When a student's course work is incomplete or final grade is below 55%, there is the possibility of upgrading to a pass when the student's performance warrants it. Attendance and assignment completion will have a bearing on whether upgrading will be allowed. A failing grade on all tests may remove the option of any upgrading and an R grade will result. The highest grade on re-written tests or assignments will be 56%.

The method of upgrading is at the discretion of the teacher and may consist of one or more of the following options: assigned make-up work, re-doing projects, re-doing of tests, or writing a comprehensive supplemental examination.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES
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TEXT: "COMPUTER NETWORKS", UYLESS BLACK

Students will be required to demonstrate significant understanding in the following subject areas:

BLOCK 1: INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTER NETWORKS (CHAP. 1,2)

1. Network structures and topologies.
2. Data communications concepts essential to networks. (review)
3. The variety of procedures that DTE's use to exchange data.
4. The classification of communication protocols.

BLOCK 2: LAYERED PROTOCOLS, THE OSI MODEL, AND DECNET (CHAP. 3)

1. The nature of layered protocols in networks.
2. The layers of OSI, Open Systems Interconnection, layered protocol model for networks.
3. DECNET and DNA: (Ref. "Digital's Networks: An Architecture with a Future")
 - a) Decnet definitions and basic concepts.
 - b) Decnet configurations, phases and products.
 - c) Decnet functions.
 - d) Task to task communications.
 - e) Remote file and record access.
 - f) Network Terminal facilities.
 - g) Network System Management and the "NCP" Utility.

BLOCK 3: LOCAL AREA NETWORKS

1. Local Area Network IEEE Standards.
2. IBM Token Ring LAN, Fiber Distributed Data Interface (FDDI), and MAP, GM's Manufacturing Automation Protocol.
3. Characteristics and operation of Novell Netware (Arcnet) Local Area Network.

BLOCK 4: PACKET SWITCHING, X.25 NETWORKS AND ISDN (CHAP. 7, 8, 9)

1. The nature of packet switching.
2. X.25: the CCITT standard for packet networks.
3. ISDN; Integrated Services Digital Network- an overview.

BLOCK 5: PUBLIC NETWORKS AND PERSONAL COMPUTER NETWORKS
(CHAP 10, 11)

1. Public Networks in Canada and the US.
2. Personal computers as elements in a network.