COSC 5357.001 Wireless Sensor Networks  
School of Engineering and Computer Science  
Spring 2018

A. COURSE INFORMATION

Course number/section: COSC 5357.001  
Class meeting time: MW 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM  
Class location: CS-111  
Course Website: Blackboard

B. INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

Instructor: Dr. Ning Zhag  
Office location: CI 339  
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Appointments: By e-mail

C. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Catalog Course Description  
This is a graduate level course on wireless sensor networks; one of the fastest developing areas in computer science and engineering. The focus of this course is on the design of optimized architectures and protocols for such unique networks. Topics include the design principles of wireless sensor networks, energy management, MAC protocols, naming and addressing, localization, routing protocols, applications of wireless sensor networks, and associated challenges and measures.

Extended Course Description  
None

D. PREREQUISITES AND COREQUISITES

Prerequisites
None

Corequisites
None

E. REQUIRED TEXTBOOK(S), READINGS AND SUPPLIES

Required Textbook(s)
None
Optional Textbook(s) or Other References

- Instructor’s Handouts.

Supplies
None

F. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ASSESSMENT
Assessment is a process used by instructors to help improve learning. Assessment is essential for effective learning because it provides feedback to both students and instructors. A critical step in this process is making clear the course’s student learning outcomes that describe what students are expected to learn to be successful in the course. The student learning outcomes for this course are listed below. By collecting data and sharing it with students on how well they are accomplishing these learning outcomes, students can more efficiently and effectively focus their learning efforts. This information can also help instructors identify challenging areas for students and adjust their teaching approach to facilitate learning.

By the end of this course, students should be able to:
1. Demonstrate an understanding of the fundamentals of wireless sensor networks.
2. Understand the design principles of wireless sensor networks.
3. Understand standard communication algorithms including routing and naming protocols.
4. Familiarize with the wide range of WSN applications.
5. Understand major architectural and protocol challenges and solutions.
6. Understand major vulnerabilities and counter measures.
7. Familiarize with state-of-the-art WSN research.

Assessment of objectives will be conducted through exams, laboratory exercises, and programming assignments.

G. INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS AND ACTIVITIES
This is a high-level core course. This is a difficult course that demands all students attend all
classes! Regular completion of all reading, homework, and other outside assignments, are absolutely essential for success in this course.

H. MAJOR COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING

Your course grade will be decided based on your performance in the homework assignments, quizzes, labs, presentations and three exams. The distribution of points is as follows:

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**Grading scale:** A: 100-90, B: 89-80, C: 79-70, D: 69-60, and F: 59-0.

**Homework Assignments:** No late homework assignments will be accepted. Partial credit will be given for incomplete assignments.

**Presentations:** You will be having presentations.

**Quizzes:** Several pop-up quizzes. Each quiz is about 10 minutes long.

**Exams:** Three exams will be given.

I. COURSE CONTENT/SCHEDULE

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**Final Exam** on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 from 1:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.
Note: Changes in this course schedule may be necessary and will be announced to the class by the Instructor. The assignments and exams shown are directly related to the Student Learning Outcomes described in Section F.

J. COURSE POLICIES

Course Syllabus: We will meet for lecture on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, when new material will be presented. We will follow the text generally, but non-text material may also be included in the lectures. The assignments and exams will be given during the class hours. You are responsible for all the material presented during the lecture.

Exams: Exams will cover all lecture and reading material discussed in the class. Exams must be taken on the hour they are scheduled.

Missed Exam: In the event, if you cannot attend the class to take the exam due to some emergency or some unavoidable situation (such as serious illness, death in the family, participation in university sports, religious observations, and so on) you must notify me as soon as possible before the exam and also you must validate your absence by providing me a document (e.g., with a letter from your doctor). Once your cause is validated a make-up exam will be given.

Homework Assignments & Projects: They will significantly be based on the material from the lectures and other material considered essential for the successful completion of this course. They will be posted on the course web page or hard copies are handed out in the class during the lecture sessions. The submission details will be provided to you along with the assignment. All the homework assignments and projects are due at the beginning of the class on the due date. If the student is absent on the due date, it is the student's responsibility to make sure that the assignment is submitted on the designated date. No late homework assignments will be accepted. Late projects will be accepted. There is a penalty for late submissions. A project that is turned in after the class on the due date is considered one day late. There is a penalty for late submissions. 25% penalty for 1-2 days late. 50% penalty for 3-4 days late. 75% penalty for 5 days late. 100% penalty (i.e. no credit) if submitted after 5 days. If you have not completed your assignment by the due date, you should submit the work you have done for partial credit. No work will be accepted once the graded work has been returned or the solution has been disclosed to the class, except for unusual circumstances which the instructor feels reasonable. Note that any kind of hardware or software failure or machine unavailability in the lab does not merit an extension on the assignment. Diskettes upon which major examinations, assignments, projects or papers submitted may be retained by the instructor as a permanent record of the student's work.

Grading Error: All questions concerning a test score or grading of a returned test or assignment must be resolved within one week. It is always a good idea to keep all of your work until the end of the semester. In case of any recording errors or doubts, you may produce them
for correction or verification.

**Academic Honesty Policy:** You are expected to avoid all forms of academic dishonesty as defined in the Catalog. In addition, students are expected to behave in an ethical manner in all class activities. If you feel uncertain about a particular activity, please speak to me BEFORE problems arise. Ethical behavior is a requirement for passing this course. All work submitted for grading must be the student's own work. Plagiarism will result in a score of 0 (zero) for the work or dismissal from the course and the Dean of Students office will be notified. No copying from another student's work, of any class, is allowed. It is the student's duty to allow no one to copy his or her work. Anyone found cheating and/or copying, in the exams or assignments, in the instructor's opinion, will receive an automatic F for the course.

**Collaboration:** If two or more students collaborate on a given assignment, it should be notified on the assignment and each student should submit his or her solutions for grading. The grade obtained on such an assignment is the total points obtained for the assignment divided by the square of the number of people who collaborated on the assignment (e.g., if 3 people collaborate on an assignment and the grade for that assignment is 90 out of 100, then each student receives a grade of 90/3² = 10). If you do not notify me of such collaboration it will be treated as copied and action will be taken as discussed under the academic honesty policy.

**Attendance:** You must attend all classes and labs. While in class or lab attendance will not directly affect the grade, you are responsible for any materials covered or handed out or announcements made for the tests and assignments in your absence. Records of your attendance will be maintained and reported to the university. Students found missing classes without the instructor's permission will be automatically withdrawn from the course.

**Absence from class:** Students are responsible for all materials covered in class and assigned. Should a student be absent from class, it is his/her responsibility to get the notes, etc. for that missed class. More important, should there be assignments, it is the student responsibility to obtain such assignments. No excuse will be accepted for assignments not turned in because the student was absent when it was due.

**Cell Phone Use:** Please refrain from using electronic devices during class, as it is distracting to not only you, but also to your instructor and peers. Silence your phones and put them away so you are not tempted to stray off task.

**Laptop Use**
Laptops, Tablets cannot be used in the class.

**Food in Class**
No food in the class or labs.

**Student Security Statement:** Please read the Student Security Statement.
• **Academic Integrity (University)**
  It is expected that university students will demonstrate a high level of maturity, self-direction, and ability to manage their own affairs. Students are viewed as individuals who possess the qualities of worth, dignity, and the capacity for self-direction in personal behavior.
  See Full University Policy at [http://catalog.tamucc.edu/content.php?catoid=10&navoid=313#Academic_Integrity](http://catalog.tamucc.edu/content.php?catoid=10&navoid=313#Academic_Integrity)

• **Classroom/Professional Behavior**
  You are expected to behave professionally in the classroom, labs and during office visits. Unprofessional behavior will be reported to the dean of students.

• **Statement of Civility**
  Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi has a diverse student population that represents the population of the state. Our goal is to provide you with a high quality educational experience that is free from repression. You are responsible for following the rules of the University, city, state and federal government. We expect that you will behave in a manner that is dignified, respectful and courteous to all people, regardless of sex, ethnic/racial origin, religious background, sexual orientation or disability. Behaviors that infringe on the rights of another individual will not be tolerated.

• **Deadline for Dropping a Course with a Grade of W (University)**
  The grade of W will be assigned to any student officially dropping a course by Friday, April 6, 2018. No student is eligible to receive a W without completing the official drop process by this deadline. Visit the Office of the University Registrar for the Course Drop Form that must be submitted. After April 6, 2018 a student will not be allowed to drop a course.

• **Grade Appeals (College of Science and Engineering)**
  As stated in University Procedure 13.02.99.C2.01, Student Grade Appeal Procedures, a student who believes that he or she has not been held to appropriate academic standards as outlined in the class syllabus, equitable evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course. The burden of proof is upon the student to demonstrate the appropriateness of the appeal. A student with a complaint about a grade is encouraged to first discuss the matter with the instructor. For complete details, including the responsibilities of the parties involved in the process and the number of days allowed for completing the steps in the process, see University Procedure 13.02.99.C2.01, Student Grade Appeal Procedures. These documents are accessible through the University Rules website at [http://www.tamucc.edu/provost/university_rules/index.html](http://www.tamucc.edu/provost/university_rules/index.html), and the College of Science and Engineering Grade Appeals webpage at [http://sci.tamucc.edu/students/GradeAppeal.html](http://sci.tamucc.edu/students/GradeAppeal.html). For assistance and/or guidance in the grade appeal process, students may contact the chair or director of the appropriate department or school, the Office of the College of Science and Engineering Dean, or the Office of the Provost.
• **Disability Services**
  The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please call (361) 825-5816 or visit Disability Services in Corpus Christi Hall 116.

  If you are a returning veteran and are experiencing cognitive and/or physical access issues in the classroom or on campus, please contact the Disability Services office for assistance at (361) 825-5816.

  http://disabilityservices.tamucc.edu/

• **Academic Advising**
  The College of Science and Technology requires that students meet with an Academic Advisor as soon as they are ready to declare a major. The Academic Advisor will set up a degree plan, which must be signed by the student, a faculty mentor, and the department chair. The College's Academic Advising Center is located in CI 366, and can be reached at 825-3721.

• **Statement of Academic Continuity**
  In the event of an unforeseen adverse event, such as a major hurricane and classes could not be held on the campus of Texas A&M University–Corpus Christi; this course would continue through the use of Blackboard and/or email. In addition, the syllabus and class activities may be modified to allow continuation of the course. Ideally, University facilities (i.e., emails, web sites, and Blackboard) will be operational within two days of the closing of the physical campus. However, students need to make certain that the course instructor has a primary and a secondary means of contacting each student.

L. **OTHER INFORMATION**

  None

**GENERAL DISCLAIMER**

I reserve the right to modify the information, schedule, assignments, deadlines, and course policies in this syllabus if and when necessary. I will announce such changes in a timely manner during regularly scheduled lecture periods.