Course Description:

This course is an introductory course to Telecommunication and Networks. It will cover the fundamentals of Data Communications, Networking and will introduce the Open System Interface (OSI) model.

Prerequisites:  Basic skills- ENG 095; ESL 0095; ACR 095; MAT 012/ 051
CIS 155 Computer Hardware or department approval

Student Learning Outcomes and Assessment:

- **Outcome:** Identify the different types of telecommunication networks and OSI seven-layer standards.
  **Assessment:** Homework assignments and exams
- **Outcome:** Describe network building blocks and their functions.
  **Assessment:** Homework assignments and exams
- **Outcome:** Interpret the design and management methods of networks.
  **Assessment:** Projects and exams
- **Outcome:** Analyze the different types of transmission media and their impairments.
  **Assessment:** Lab Projects, homework and exams
- **Outcome:** Write research projects on different topics related to telecommunication networks.
  **Assessment:** Research projects and papers
- **Outcome:** Justify the choice of topologies, protocols and transmission media for appropriate networks.
  **Assessment:** Homework assignments and exams

General Education Outcomes and Assessment

- **Communication Skills** – Students will write, read, listen and speak critically and effectively.
  **Assessment:** Students will write research projects/papers on different topics related to telecommunication networks critically and effectively.
- **Quantitative Skills** – Students will use quantitative skills and the concepts and methods of mathematics to solve problems
  **Assessment:** Students will use quantitative skills to interpret the design and management methods of network.
- **Information and Technology Literacy** – Students will collect, evaluate and interpret information and effectively use information technologies
  **Assessment:** Students will evaluate and interpret the OSI Reference Model, network topologies, protocols and transmission media.

Required Text & Readings:

Text: Telecommunication Essentials: The Complete Global Source for Communications Fundamentals, Data Networking and the Internet and the Next Generation Networks, 2nd Edition
Author: Goleniewski, Lillian
Pub: Addison Wesley
ISBN: 0-321-42761-0

Other Resources:
Use of Technology (if applicable): Flash drives are recommended.
Evaluation & Requirements of Students:

Grades: Quiz/home work 15%
First Exam 20%
Second Exam 20%
Final Exam 20%
Written Project 25%
100%

Outline of Topics:

Part I Communications Fundamentals

Chapter 1: Telecommunications Technology Fundamentals
Transmission Lines, Types of Network Connections, The Electromagnetic Spectrum and Bandwidth, Analog and Digital Transmission, Multiplexing, Political and Regulatory Forces in Telecommunications

Chapter 2: Transmission Media: Characteristics and Applications
Twisted-pair, Coaxial Cable, Microwave, Satellite, Fiber Optics

Chapter 3: Establishing Communications Channels
Establishing Connections, The PSTN Versus the Internet

Chapter 4: The PSTN
The PSTN Infrastructure, The Transport Network Infrastructure, Signaling Systems, Intelligent Networks, SS7 and Next-Generation Networks

Part II Data Networking and the Internet

Chapter 5: Data Communications Basics
The Evolution of Data Communications, Data Flow, The OSI Reference Model and the TCP/IP Reference Model

Chapter 6: Local Area Networking
LAN Basics, LAN Characteristics, LAN Interconnection and Internetworking

Chapter 7: Wide Area Networking
Circuit-Switched Networks, Packet-Switched Networks

Chapter 8: The Internet and IP Infrastructure Structures
Internet Basics, Internet Addressing and Address Resolution, The Organization of the Internet, IP QoS, What’s Next on the Internet

Part III New-Generation of Networks

Chapter 9: IP Services
The Evolution to IP Services, IPT, IPTV, VPNs

Chapter 10: Next-Generation Networks

Chapter 11: Optical Networking
Optical Networking Today and Tomorrow, End-to-End Optical Networking, The Optical Edge, The Optical Core: Overlay Versus Peer-to-Peer Networking Models, The IP + Optical Control Plane, Migration to Optical Networking

Chapter 12: Broadband Access Alternatives
Drivers of Broadband Access, DSL Technology, Cable TV Networks, Fiber Solutions, Wireless Broadband, Broadband PLT, HANs

Part IV Wireless Communications
Chapter 13: Wireless Communications Basics

Chapter 14: Wireless WANs

Chapter 15: WMANs, WLANs, and WPANs

Chapter 16: Emerging Wireless Applications
The Handset Revolution, Mobile IP, The IP Multimedia Subsystem, Mobile Gaming, Mobile Video, Mobile TV, Mobile Content

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