

ECE 727
Wireless Communication Networks

COURSE OUTLINE

Please refer to course website for updated information.

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

Introduction to the current state-of-the-art in wireless networking. Topics include infrastructure networking for wireless communications, smart antennas in wireless networks, wireless LANs and ATM, mobile IP, media access protocols for wireless networks and other resource allocation issues. Various networking aspects of wireless system operation such as location updating and roaming. Emphasis on system architecture, protocols and performance.

SCHEDULE And MODE OF DELIVERY

The material for this course will be delivered through a mixture of live online lectures, laboratories and student presentations.

Lectures: TBA

INSTRUCTOR

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COURSE WEBSITE/S

McMaster Avenue To Learn: ECE 727: Wireless Communication Networks

COURSE OBJECTIVES

By the end of this course, students should be able to:

Have an understanding of computer network performance evaluation methods, and the issues affecting modern wireless communication networks.

ASSUMED KNOWLEDGE

Comp Eng 4DK4 (Computer Communication Networks) or equivalent, ECE 739 (Resource Management and Performance Analysis In Wireless Communication Networks) or equivalent, CAS 736 (Analysis Of Stochastic Networks) or equivalent, or permission of the instructor. C programming experience required. Access to a Linux/Mac/Windows computer and a C compiler is needed.

COURSE MATERIALS

Various books, papers, articles and lecture notes.

COURSE OVERVIEW

Week	Topic
1, 2	Introduction to discrete-event simulation.
3	Introduction to queueing theory.
4	Random processes, Markov processes, mean recurrence times, m-step transitions, hitting times, stationary distributions of a MP.
5	The Poisson process, state distributions seen by arriving and departing customers, Little's Formula, the M/G/1 queue, various associated M/G/1 probability generating functions.
6	Birth-Death processes and equilibrium solutions, e.g., M/M/1, M/M/∞, M/M/m (and Erlang C), M/M/1/K, M/M/m/m (and Erlang B), M/M/1//M, M/M/∞//M, M/M/m/K/M.
7	Introduction to radio propagation, path loss and multipath propagation. Effects of propagation on protocol design and operation.
8	Review of classical cellular network design, cellular geometry and capacity performance, techniques for capacity enhancement.
9	Wireless and mobile communication networks, the air interface, TDMA, FDMA, CDMA, random access networks, ALOHA, CSMA, hybrid random access/reservation protocols.
10	Student presentations (time permitting)
11	Student presentations (time permitting)
12	Student presentations (time permitting)
13	Student presentations (time permitting)

At certain points in the course it may make good sense to modify the schedule. The instructor may modify elements of the course and will notify students accordingly (in class, on the course website).

LABORATORY OVERVIEW

Number	Topic
1	Performance of Single Server Queueing Systems
2	Packet Switched Network Simulation
3	Circuit Switched Network Simulation

4	TBD (time permitting)
5	TBD (time permitting)

ASSESSMENT

Component	Weight	Due Date
Midterm Test	30%	
Labs/Assignments	30%	
Paper reviews/Project	40%	
Total	100 %	

Late submissions of assignments or project report are subject to 20% penalty per day (less than one day is counted as one day).

CONDUCT EXPECTATIONS

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Students with disabilities who require academic accommodation must contact [Student Accessibility Services \(SAS\)](#) at 905-525-9140 ext. 28652 or sas@mcmaster.ca to make arrangements with a Program Coordinator. For further information, consult McMaster University's [Academic Accommodation of Students with Disabilities](#) policy.

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Students requiring academic accommodation based on religious, indigenous or spiritual observances should follow the procedures set out in the [RISO](#) policy. Students should submit their request to their Faculty Office **normally within 10 working days** of the beginning of term in which they anticipate a need for accommodation or to the Registrar's Office prior to their examinations. Students should also contact their instructors as soon as possible to make alternative arrangements for classes, assignments, and tests.

EXTREME CIRCUMSTANCES

The University reserves the right to change the dates and deadlines for any or all courses in extreme circumstances (e.g., severe weather, labour disruptions, etc.). Changes will be communicated through regular McMaster communication channels, such as McMaster Daily News, A2L and/or McMaster email.

RESEARCH ETHICS

The two principles underlying integrity in research in a university setting are these: a researcher must be honest in proposing, seeking support for, conducting, and reporting research; a researcher must respect the rights of others in these activities. Any departure from these principles will diminish the integrity of the research enterprise. This policy applies to all those conducting research at or under the aegis of McMaster University. It is incumbent upon all members of the university community to practice and to promote ethical behaviour. To see the Policy on Research Ethics at McMaster University, please go to <http://www.mcmaster.ca/policy/faculty/Conduct/ResearchEthicsPolicy.pdf>.

www.eng.mcmaster.ca/ece

Information for Laboratory Safety and Important Contacts

This document is for users of ECE instructional laboratories in the Information Technology Building.

This document provides important information for the healthy and safe operation of ECE instructional laboratories. This document is required reading for all laboratory supervisors, instructors, researchers, staff, and students working in or managing instructional laboratories in ECE. It is expected that revisions and updates to this document will be done continually. A McMaster University lab manual is also available to read in every laboratory.

General Health and Safety Principles

Good laboratory practice requires that every laboratory worker and supervisor observe the following:

1. Food and beverages are not permitted in the instructional laboratories.
2. A Laboratory Information Sheet on each lab door identifying potential hazards and emergency contact names should be known.
3. Laboratory equipment should only be used for its designed purpose.
4. Proper and safe use of lab equipment should be known before using it.
5. The course TA leading the lab should be informed of any unsafe condition.
6. The location and correct use of all available safety equipment should be known.
7. Potential hazards and appropriate safety precautions should be determined, and sufficiency of existing safety equipment should be confirmed before beginning new operations.
8. Proper waste disposal procedures should be followed.

Location of Safety Equipment

Fire Extinguisher

On walls in halls outside of labs

First Aid Kit

ITB A111, or dial "88" after 4:30 p.m.

Telephone

On the wall of every lab near the door

Fire Alarm Pulls

Near all building exit doors on all floors

Who to Contact

Emergency Medical / Security: On McMaster University campus, call Security at extension 88 or 905-522-4135 from a cell phone.

Non-Emergency Accident or Incident: Immediately inform the TA on duty or Course Instructor.

University Security (Enquiries / Non-Emergency): Dial 24281 on a McMaster phone or dial 905-525-9140 ext. 24281 from a cell phone.

See TA or Instructor: For problems with heat, ventilation, fire extinguishers, or immediate repairs

Environmental & Occupational Health Support Services (EOHSS): For health and safety questions dial 24352 on a McMaster phone or dial 905-525-9140 ext. 24352 from a cell phone.

In Case of a Fire (Dial 88)

When calling to report a fire, give name, exact location, and building.

1. Immediately vacate the building via the nearest Exit Route. Do not use elevators!
2. Everyone is responsible for knowing the location of the nearest fire extinguisher, the fire alarm, and the nearest fire escape.
3. The safety of all people in the vicinity of a fire is of foremost importance. But do not endanger yourself!
4. In the event of a fire in your work area shout "*Fire!*" and pull the nearest fire alarm.
5. Do not attempt to extinguish a fire unless you are confident it can be done in a prompt and safe manner utilizing a hand-held fire extinguisher. Use the appropriate fire extinguisher for the specific type of fire. Most labs are equipped with Class A, B, and C extinguishers. Do not attempt to extinguish Class D fires which involve combustible metals such as magnesium, titanium, sodium, potassium, zirconium, lithium, and any other finely divided metals which are oxidizable. Use a fire sand bucket for Class D fires.
6. Do not attempt to fight a major fire on your own.
7. If possible, make sure the room is evacuated; close but do not lock the door and safely exit the building.

Clothing on Fire

Do not use a fire extinguisher on people

1. Douse with water from safety shower immediately or
2. Roll on floor and scream for help or
3. Wrap with fire blanket to smother flame (a coat or other nonflammable fiber may be used if blanket is unavailable). Do not wrap a standing person; rather, lay the victim down to extinguish the fire. The blanket should be removed once the fire is out to disperse the heat.

Equipment Failure or Hazard

Failure of equipment may be indicative of a safety hazard - You must report all incidents.

Should you observe excessive heat, excessive noise, damage, and/or abnormal behaviour of the lab equipment:

1. Immediately discontinue use of the equipment.
2. In Power Lab, press wall-mounted emergency shut-off button.
3. Inform your TA of the problem.
4. Wait for further instructions from your TA.
5. TA must file an incident report.

Protocol for Safe Laboratory Practice

Leave equipment in a safe state for the next person - if you're not sure, ask!

In general, leave equipment in a safe state when you finish with it. When in doubt, consult the course TA.

Defined Roles

TA	The first point of contact for lab supervision	
ECE Lab Supervisor	Steve Spencer- ITB 147	steve@mail.ece.mcmaster.ca
ECE Chair	Mohamed Bakr- ITB A111	mbakr@mcmaster.ca
ECE Administrator	Shelby Gaudrault- ITB A111	gaudraus@mcmaster.ca
ECE Course Instructor	Please contact your specific course instructor directly	