MATH 536 Cryptography

COURSE SYLLABUS: Summer I 2024

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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COURSE INFORMATION

Textbook: Introduction to cryptography with coding theory, second edition. Wade Trappe and Lawrence C. Washington, Prentice Hall, ISBN 0-13-186239-1.

Additional Reading:

1). Understanding cryptography, Christof Paar and Jan Pelzl, Springer, ISBN 978-3-642-44649-8.

2). Cryptography: Theory and practice, fourth edition, Douglas R. Stinson and Maura B. Paterson. CRC press, ISBN 978-1-138-19701-5

Instructional:
This is a fully online class: All class material will be available through MYLEO online (D2L) website.

Software: Magma computer algebra system may be used to illustrate examples and concepts

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Course Description

Catalogue: The course begins with some classical cryptanalysis (Vigenere ciphers, etc). The remainder of the course deals primarily with number-theoretic and/or algebraic public and private key cryptosystems and authentication, including RSA, DES, AES and other block ciphers. Some cryptographic protocols are described as well. Prerequisites: MATH 437, or MATH 537, or consent of the instructor.

Topics to be covered:

1. Construction and analysis of simple cryptosystems (shift, affine, Vigenere, linear feedback shift registers)

2. The one-time pad and perfect secrecy

3. Public key cryptography (RSA, finding large primes, factoring techniques, ElGamal systems)

4. The Data Encryption Standard and the Advanced Encryption Standard

5. Signature schemes

6. Key distribution

7. Secret sharing schemes

8. Hash functions

9. Zero-knowledge proofs (prove that you have some information without revealing the information)

10. Elliptic curves and ID-based cryptography

Student Learning Outcomes: Upon successful completion of this course students will:
- Construct classical cryptosystems.
- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of concepts such as public key cryptography, signature schemes, key distribution.
- Analyze cryptographic methods and protocols.
- Understand mathematical theory behind cryptography.
- Implement cryptographic algorithms.

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COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Attendance and participation:

Online attendance is required. Your log in, video viewing, homework and participation in our course in D2L determine online participation in this course.

Exams

There will be one midterm exam and a final exam: Both exams will be proctored virtually on Zoom.

Midterm Exam: Thursday June 20th 2024 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Final Exam: Wednesday, July 3rd 2024 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Home Work:

Please submit the home work in pdf format. Write clearly and keep space between lines. Save the file as firstname_lastname_HW#.pdf

At end of each chapter, homework problems will be assigned and will be graded. Submit homework through D2L. The assignment that you submit must be your own work. Plagiarism is prohibited.

Grading policy: The course grade consists of

Home-work and projects:	40%
Midterm Exam	30%
Final Exam:	30%

Total:	100%

Grading Scale:

A: 90 – 100%, B: 80 – 89%, C: 70 – 79%, D:60 – 69%, F: 0 – 59%

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TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

LMS

All course sections offered by Texas A&M University-Commerce have a corresponding course shell in the myLeo Online Learning Management System (LMS). Below are technical requirements

LMS Requirements:
https://community.brightspace.com/s/article/Brightspace-Platform-Requirements

LMS Browser Support:
https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_support.htm

YouSeeU Virtual Classroom Requirements:
https://support.youseeu.com/hc/en-us/articles/115007031107-Basic-System-Requirements

ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903.468.6000 or helpdesk@tamuc.edu.

Note: Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, Starbucks, a TAMUC campus open computer lab, etc.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please contact your Instructor.

Technical Support

If you are having technical difficulty with any part of Brightspace, please contact Brightspace Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778. Other support options can be found here:

https://community.brightspace.com/support/s/contactsupport

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COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Course Specific Procedures/Policies

You are expected to attend all classes.

Syllabus Change Policy

The syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress, may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance.

University Specific Procedures

Student Conduct

Appropriate classroom behavior is required to attend this class.

All cell phones must be put on silent during class.

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the Student Guidebook.
http://www.tamuc.edu/Admissions/oneStopShop/undergraduateAdmissions/studentGuidebook.aspx

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum:
https://www.britannica.com/topic/netiquette

TAMUC Attendance

For more information about the attendance policy please visit the Attendance webpage and Procedure 13.99.99.R0.01.
http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx

http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/academic/13.99.99.R0.01.pdf

Academic Integrity

Students at Texas A&M University-Commerce are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

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[Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.03](http://www.tamuc.edu)

http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/undergraduates/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateAcademicDishonesty.pdf

[Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.10](http://www.tamuc.edu)

http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/graduate/13.99.99.R0.10GraduateStudentAcademicDishonesty.pdf

Students with Disabilities-- ADA Statement

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 have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services
Texas A&M University-Commerce
Gee Library- Room 162
Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835
Fax (903) 468-8148
Email: studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu

Website: [Office of Student Disability Resources and Services](http://www.tamuc.edu)

http://www.tamuc.edu/campusLife/campusServices/studentDisabilityResourcesAndServices/

Nondiscrimination Notice

Texas A&M University-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

Campus Concealed Carry Statement

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M-Commerce Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations.

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For a list of locations, please refer to the [Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus](#) document and/or consult your event organizer.

Web url:
http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all A&M-Commerce campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

A&M-Commerce Supports Students' Mental Health

The Counseling Center at A&M-Commerce, located in the Halladay Building, Room 203, offers counseling services, educational programming, and connection to community resources for students. Students have 24/7 access to the Counseling Center's crisis assessment services by calling 903-886-5145. For more information regarding Counseling Center events and confidential services, please visit **www.tamuc.edu/counsel**

AI use policy

Texas A&M University-Commerce acknowledges that there are legitimate uses of Artificial Intelligence, ChatBots, or other software that has the capacity to generate text, or suggest replacements for text beyond individual words, as determined by the instructor of the course.

Any use of such software must be documented. Any undocumented use of such software constitutes an instance of academic dishonesty (plagiarism).

Individual instructors may disallow entirely the use of such software for individual assignments or for the entire course. Students should be aware of such requirements and follow their instructors 'guidelines. If no instructions are provided the student should assume that the use of such software is disallowed.

In any case, students are fully responsible for the content of any assignment they submit, regardless of whether they used an AI, in any way. This specifically includes cases in which the AI plagiarized another text or misrepresented sources.

13.99.99.R0.03 Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty

COURSE OUTLINE / CALENDAR
Daily Schedule

Date	Topic/Chapter
June 03	1: Introduction to cryptography/Magma

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June 04	1: Number theory essentials
June 05	2: Shift and affine ciphers
June 06	2: Vigenere cipher
June 07	2: block ciphers
June 10	3: RSA cipher
June 11	3: Attacks on RSA
June 12	3: Primality Testing
June 13	4: Discrete log problem and introduction to cyclic groups
June 14	4: Shank's and Pollard-Rho algorithms
June 17	4: ElGamal cryptosystem
June 18	5: The secure hash algorithm
June 19	5: The secure hash algorithm
June 20	**Midterm Exam**
June 21	5: Birthday attacks
June 24	6: Digital signatures: RSA signature
June 25	6: ElGamal signature scheme
June 26	6: The digital signature algorithm
June 27	7: Secret sharing schemes
June 28	7: Secret sharing schemes
July 01	8: Introduction to elliptic curves
July 02	8: Elliptic curve cryptography
July 03	**Final Exam**

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