



**Course Descriptor**  
**INTE207 Computer Networks I**

<b>ACADEMIC YEAR</b>	2020-2021		
<b>Course Code &amp; Title</b>	INTE207 Computer Networks I		
<b>Credit hours</b>	3	<b>Level of study</b>	Undergraduate-Year Two
<b>College / Centre</b>	COBA		
<b>Co-requisites</b>		<b>Pre-requisites</b>	INTE101

**1. COURSE OUTLINE**

[Computer Networks plays a major role in the computing activities industry. This course introduces a student to the fundamental of Computer Networks, architectures and communication protocols. Students will have a broader understanding of all aspects of computer network including network medium access, routing internetworking, connection issues and internet application protocols.]

**2. AIMS**

[This course aims are to enable students to understand the theoretical concepts of computer network 1, principles, ideas and uses.]

**3. LEARNING OUTCOMES, TEACHING, LEARNING and ASSESSMENT METHODS**

<b>Learning Outcomes (Definitive)</b>	<b>Teaching and Learning methods (Indicative)</b>	<b>Assessment (Indicative)</b>	<b>Graduate Attributes</b>
Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:			
1. Demonstrate general understanding of the Computer Networks core concepts	e.g, lectures, online videos tutorials and seminars, online group discussions using LMS, independent readings, individual or group work, presentation.	e.g., tests, assignments, individual or group project, participation	Knowledge of a discipline. Global insight.
2. Describes the concepts in computer network infrastructures	e.g, lectures, online videos tutorials and seminars, online group discussions using LMS, independent readings, individual or group work, presentation.	e.g., tests, assignments, individual or group project, participation	Knowledge of a discipline. Adaptability to changing environments.
3. Discuss computer network medium and protocols, Evaluate computer network infrastructure and network management.	e.g, lectures, online videos tutorials and seminars, online group discussions using LMS, independent readings, individual or group work, presentation.	e.g., tests, assignments, individual or group project, participation	Knowledge of a discipline. Global insight. Adaptability to changing environments.
4. Configure local area computer network.	e.g, lectures, online videos tutorials and seminars,	e.g., tests, assignments,	Knowledge of a discipline.



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online group discussions using LMS, independent readings, individual or group work, presentation.

individual or group project, participation

Commitment to national development and Omani ethical values.  
Innovative spirit.  
Global insight.  
Adaptability to changing environments.

**4. ASSESSMENT WEIGHTING**

Assessment	Percentage of final mark (%)
Mid-term Exam	30
Final Exam	30
Assignments	30
Participation	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>

**5. ACHIEVING A PASS**

Students will achieve 3 credit hours for this course by achieving a minimum overall score of 50%  
***NB \*Ensure that ALL learning outcomes are taken into account***

**6. COURSE CONTENT (Indicative)**

LECTURE TOPIC	TIME (HOURS)
<b>Chapter 1: Introduction to computer network</b> Uses of computer networks Network hardware and software Network models	6
<b>Chapter 2: The Physical Layer</b> Introduction to physical layer Transmission mode Wireless transmission Mobile Cable TV.	6
<b>Chapter 3: THE DATA LINK LAYER</b> Data link layer design issues Error detection and correction Elementary data link protocols Sliding window protocols	6

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<p><b>Chapter 4, THE MEDIUM ACCESS CONTROL SUBLAYER</b>                      The channel allocation problem                      Multiple access protocols                      Ethernet                      Bluetooth                      Rfid                      Data link layer switching</p>	6
<p><b>Chapter 5: THE NETWORK LAYER</b>                      Network layer design issues                      Routing algorithms                      Congestion control algorithms                      Quality of service                      Internetworking</p>	6
<p><b>Chapter 6: THE TRANSPORT LAYER</b>                      The transport service                      Elements of transport protocols                      Congestion control                      The internet transport protocols                      Performance issues.</p>	6
<p><b>Chapter 7: THE APPLICATION LAYER</b>                      Dns—the domain name system                      Electronic mail                      The world wide web                      Streaming audio and video                      Content delivery.</p>	6
<p><b>Chapter 8: NETWORK SECURITY,</b>                      Cryptography                      Symmetric-key algorithms                      Digital signatures                      Management of public keys                      Communication security                      Authentication protocols                      Email security                      Web security                      Social issues.</p>	6



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<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>	<b>48</b>
Plus <b>RECOMMENDED INDEPENDENT STUDY HOURS</b>	
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**7. RECOMMENDED READING**

**Core text/s:**

1. [Computer Networks \(5th Edition\)](#), by Andrew Tanenbaum, Prentice Hall, 2011
  2. [Computer Networking \(3th Edition\)](#), by J. F. Kurose and K.W. Ross, Adisson Wesley, 2004.
- Mills, D.L., 2016. *Computer network time synchronization: the network time protocol on earth and in space*. CRC press.

**[Library + online resources: ASU library  
ASU online resources (ProQuest and e-library) and  
Sultan Qaboos University Library.**