Lecture 1: Course organization

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Course information

**URL:**  [http://www.ccs.neu.edu/~amislove/teaching/cs4700/fall09](http://www.ccs.neu.edu/~amislove/teaching/cs4700/fall09)

**Forum:** On Blackboard

**Textbook is**

*Computer Networks: A Systems Approach, 4th Ed.* by Peterson and Davie
Prerequisites

or, am I in the right room?

Formally, CS3600 and CS2600

Knowledge of
  Basic computer organization
  C and UNIX

Ability to
  Work in a group
Objective

To study communication systems

Little focus on hardware

We will focus on building software
You will implement real protocols
Workload

*or, what do I have to do?*

Grade composed of

- 20% Homework (4 @ 5% each)
- 40% Projects (4 @ 2%, 10%, 13%, 15%)
- 35% Exams (15% midterm, 20% final)
- 5% Participation

You should *participate*

- Ask questions
- I should know your name by grading time
Homeworks

4 homeworks
Due one week later

Deadline is \textit{beginning of lecture}

Each day (or portion thereof) late is 20\% off
Not accepted after 2 days
Projects

Course is *project-centric*

4 projects
   Due at 11:59pm on specified date
   Working code paramount

Will use *flexible slip days*
   Each student gets 4 slip days

Start early!
Projects

continued

First two in C

Final two in language of your choice
  C is recommended

Project 0 handed out today
  Due next week
On groups

Projects will be done in groups
  Not optional
  Groups will be of 2 people

You can
  Choose your own partner
  Switch partners between projects

Email me tomorrow if you don’t have a partner
Lecture organization

*or, I’m hungry*

Rough lecture schedule passed out
Will be subject to change

3 hours...
Will take 5-10 minute breaks every hour
Other ideas?