

# School of Engineering and Computer Science

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## Prescription

This course extends the data communications and telecommunication taught in Computer Network Design, concentrating on new developments and network case studies. The course is designed for those aiming for careers that involve networking or network research and enhances the understanding of distributed systems through the applications of distributed systems in network management and Internet infrastructure.

## Course learning objectives

Students who pass this course should be able to:

1. design, set up and configure a secure and reliable network environment including setting up domain name translation services, switching and routing, monitoring and managing network devices and debugging network setup (GA 3(a), 3(b), 3(d), 3(e), 3(f)).
2. demonstrate advanced knowledge of network fundamentals (GA 3(a), 3(d), 3(e)).
3. demonstrate the ability to understand and evaluate research papers, and describe research problems in areas such as content centric networking, vehicular networks, cross-layer design and software defined radio, network measurement and advanced transport layer protocols (GA 3(a), 3(d), 3(e)).
4. present and communicate network engineering problems and solutions (GA 2(b)).

## Course content

This year, NWEN 403 will be offered as an Individual Directed Study (IDS), which is going to be project-based. The main focus of this paper is on exposing you to the front-line of network research and exploring your research potential. As such, literature survey, critical / forward thinking and development capabilities are essential in this course.

## Withdrawal from Course

Withdrawal dates and process:

<https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/students/study/course-additions-withdrawals>

## Lecturers

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# Teaching Format

This course will be offered as an Individual Directed Study, which is project based. Students are expected to meet with course lecturer on a weekly basis to discuss their progress on the project. There are no lectures or tutorials. Lab facilities will be provided by the school if needed.

## Student feedback

Student feedback on University courses may be found at:  
[www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/feedback/feedback\\_display.php](http://www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/feedback/feedback_display.php)

## Dates (trimester, teaching & break dates)

- Teaching: 13 July 2020 - 18 October 2020
- Break: 17 August 2020 - 30 August 2020
- Exam period: 19 October 2020 - 25 October 2020

## Class Times and Room Numbers

### 13 July 2020 - 16 August 2020

- **Monday** 14:10 - 15:00 – 631, Murphy, Kelburn
- **Tuesday** 14:10 - 15:00 – 631, Murphy, Kelburn
- **Thursday** 14:10 - 15:00 – 631, Murphy, Kelburn

### 31 August 2020 - 18 October 2020

- **Monday** 14:10 - 15:00 – 631, Murphy, Kelburn
- **Tuesday** 14:10 - 15:00 – 631, Murphy, Kelburn
- **Thursday** 14:10 - 15:00 – 631, Murphy, Kelburn

## Set Texts and Recommended Readings

### Required

There are no required texts for this offering.

### Recommended

NWEN 403 will not use any specific textbook, although some of the material will be based on the NWEN 302 text book by Kurose and Ross:

- *Computer Networks: A top down approach featuring the Internet*, Fifth Edition, Pearson, available from VicBooks.

Other useful books include:

- Andrew Tanenbaum, *Computer Networks*, 5th edition.
- Dimitri Bertsekas and Robert Gallager, *Data Networks*, second edition.
- William Stallings, *Data and Computer Communications*, ninth edition.
- William Stallings, *Highspeed Networks and Intranets*, second edition.
- Douglas Comer, *Computer Networks and Internets*, fifth edition

- Jorg Liebeherr and Magda Zarki, *Mastering Networks: an Internet lab manual*.
- IBM Redbook *TCP/IP Tutorial and Technical Overview* (published 2006).

Much of the material within the course is taken from a number of magazine, journal or conference papers published by IEEE, ACM or Springer, or from Internet Drafts/RFCs from IETF. Many of them are available in the library and can be accessed from digital libraries such as:

- IEEE Explore
- ACM Digital Library
- SpringerLink
- IETF Datatracker
- CiteSeer
- Google Scholar

## Mandatory Course Requirements

There are no mandatory course requirements for this course.

*If you believe that exceptional circumstances may prevent you from meeting the mandatory course requirements, contact the Course Coordinator for advice as soon as possible.*

## Assessment

There are two project reports: one preliminary report and one final project report.

- The preliminary report should include a survey on the state of the art of the research relating to the project, and present preliminary results of the project.
- The final project report should be built on the top of the preliminary report and present the entire completed project.

Assessment Item	Due Date or Test Date	CLO(s)	Percentage
Preliminary report	Week 6	CLO: 1,2,3,4	20%
Final project report	Week 11	CLO: 1,2,3,4	80%

## Penalties

Late submissions will be penalised by up to one grade boundary per day, and will not be accepted more than five days after the due date. Late submissions will be accepted by prior arrangement with the course coordinator for valid reasons such as medical (doctors note may be required) and family emergencies.

## Extensions

Individual extensions will only be granted in exceptional personal circumstances, and should be negotiated with the course coordinator before the deadline whenever possible. Documentation (eg, medical certificate) may be required.

## Submission & Return

All written reports must be submitted through the online submission system, accessible through the course web pages. Marks and comments will be returned through the ECS marking system, also available through the course web pages.

## Group Work

All the tasks must be carried out **individually** and **independently**.

## Workload

In order to maintain satisfactory progress in NWEN 403, you should plan to spend an average of *10* hours per week on this paper. The course is 15 points, i.e. 150 hours of effort approximately overall for satisfactory progress. A plausible and approximate breakdown for these hours would be:

- Reading: 5 hours per week
- Practical work: 5 hours per week

## Teaching Plan

See: [https://ecs.wgtn.ac.nz/Courses/NWEN403\\_2020T2/LectureSchedule](https://ecs.wgtn.ac.nz/Courses/NWEN403_2020T2/LectureSchedule)

## Communication of Additional Information

All online material for this course can be accessed at [https://ecs.wgtn.ac.nz/Courses/NWEN403\\_2020T2/](https://ecs.wgtn.ac.nz/Courses/NWEN403_2020T2/)

## Links to General Course Information

- Academic Integrity and Plagiarism: <https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/students/study/exams/integrity-plagiarism>
- Academic Progress: <https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/students/study/progress/academic-progress> (including restrictions and non-engagement)
- Dates and deadlines: <https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/students/study/dates>
- Grades: <https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/students/study/progress/grades>
- Special passes: Refer to the Assessment Handbook, at <https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/documents/policy/staff-policy/assessment-handbook.pdf>
- Statutes and policies, e.g. Student Conduct Statute: <https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/about/governance/strategy>
- Student support: <https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/students/support>
- Students with disabilities: [https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/st\\_services/disability/](https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/st_services/disability/)
- Student Charter: <https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/student-charter>
- Terms and Conditions: <https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/study/apply-enrol/terms-conditions/student-contract>
- Turnitin: <http://www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/wiki/index.php/Turnitin>
- University structure: <https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/about/governance/structure>
- VUWSA: <http://www.vuwsa.org.nz>

**Offering CRN:** [18604](#)

**Points:** 15

**Prerequisites:** NWEN 302, 30 further 300-level pts from (COMP, ECEN, NWEN, SWEN)

**Duration:** 13 July 2020 - 25 October 2020

**Starts:** Trimester 2

**Campus:** Kelburn