

COURSE SYLLABUS

1 ECE 8408 - Mobile Computing & Wireless Networking

2 Meeting Information

3 credits, 3 contact hours (One 210-minute lecture weekly, including breaks)

a. **Section 035:**

Lecture: Tue 06:00 pm - 09:30 pm, **Online:** <https://villanova.zoom.us/j/91579694185>

Use the Zoom link above, or from the course's Blackboard page if participating remotely

3 Course Instructor(s), TA(s)

a. **Section 035:**

Class Instructor: [Dr. Sarvesh Kulkarni](#)

Office Hours: Seek Zoom appointment at least a day in advance, or by appt.

Link for Office Hours: <https://villanova.zoom.us/j/92892878084>

TA: None

The ZOOM link for office hours is available only during appointment time.

4 Textbook

This course does not have a prescribed textbook

a. **Other Supplemental Materials:**

1. Slides and/or notes for all topics will be posted on the Blackboard e-learning site
2. Selected research papers: will be posted on Blackboard as and when needed

5 Specific Course Information

a. **Catalog Description**

Topics include: concepts in nomadic computing and mobility; challenges in design and deployment of wireless and ad hoc networks; MAC issues, routing protocols and mobility management for ad hoc networks and networks of the future.

b. **Prerequisites:** ECE 4470 or equivalent; **Co-requisites:** None

c. Area Course for MS CPE; Elective for MS Cybersecurity

6 Learning Objectives

a. At the conclusion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Identify the challenges in wireless network protocol design
2. Recognize performance implications of their design selections
3. Choose appropriate wireless-specific data link, routing and transport protocols to achieve the full potential of wireless networks
4. Perform a systematic step-by-step design of a multi-hop wireless routing protocol, taking into consideration the system characteristics and constraints based on its use case.

7 List of Covered Topics

1. Introduction to wireless systems, including cellular systems
2. Protocol challenges in designing wireless and mobile systems:
 - (a) Static, dynamic and hybrid channel allocation (without contention)
 - (b) MAC algorithms for channel access (contention-based)
 - (c) Performance considerations in using the TCP/IP stack in wireless hosts
 - (d) Modification of TCP for mobile environments
3. Mobile IP: concepts, scheme, roaming and handoffs
4. Select routing algorithms for mobile ad hoc networks (MANETs)
5. Sensor networks (if time permits)

8 Tentative Schedule

Tentative schedules for all sections follow. Be sure to refer to the schedule for your specific section, if more than one is provided.

Tentative Schedule for **All Sections**

Week #	Dates	Topics of Study
1	6/6	Syllabus & Policies; review of reference models; intro. to wireless systems: planned infrastructure - cellular & satellite systems
2	6/13	(Contd.): Wireless systems: planned infrastructure - cellular, satellite; Wireless systems: unplanned (mobile ad hoc, sensor networks); information theory review
3	6/20	Multiple radio access: contention-based protocols, contention-free protocols; CSMA/CD, CSMA/CA with variations; hidden and exposed terminal problems
4	6/27	IEEE 802.11 - a case study; wireless MAC schemes for Ad Hoc networks; TCP review.
5	7/4, 7/9	7/4: No class, 7/9: Midterm Exam (take home)
6	7/11	TCP behavior over wireless channels; Performance tuning; review of IP protocol, DV and OSPF protocols
7	7/18	MANETs, their characteristics; routing variations/strategies for MANETs
8	7/25	Mobile IP and parallels with cellular systems
9	7/30	Final Exam (take home)

9 Grading Policy

Homework: 10% weightage

Design Project: 25% total weightage

Survey Paper: 25% total weightage

Midterm Exam: 20% weightage

Final Exam: 20% weightage

An overall composite score (out of 100) is computed with the above weights. The final grading curve based on these composite scores will reflect a class average of *B*. Regardless of the grading curve, a student with a composite score of 90+ will be awarded an *A* grade while a student with a composite score of less than 50 will be awarded an *F* grade.

10 HW Assignment and Laboratory Report Submission Policy

HW assignments, the Design Project report and the Survey Paper must be uploaded to “**Blackboard**” by the posted deadline. Late assignments/reports will be assessed a 10% penalty per day, up to the cut-off date (usually three days later). After the cut-off date, assignments/reports WILL NOT be accepted. You may turn in incomplete work to receive partial credit.

You may work in groups and discuss your general solution approaches with others. However, you may not show each other your written solutions or share the details of your work. Code sharing is forbidden. If you do use external sources as the basis of some of your work, you must credit the original author in your assignment and/or code comments. In the case of derived code, you must state the extent to which your derived code differs from the original code base.

11 Attendance Policy

The full version of the official Villanova class attendance policy is posted at <https://live-villanova-catalog.cleancatalog.io/class-attendance>, but the main points are as follows.

Real-time class attendance is not required. However, you are expected to watch fully the recording of every class that you cannot attend in real-time. This is essential since examination questions will be based on the material taught in class in addition to the prescribed readings and assignments.

Whenever possible, students should inform the instructor if they plan to be late or absent from class. In all cases, documentation is required to petition for *excused* absences to the Associate Dean for Student and Strategic Programs, Dr. Stephen Jones. The excused absence form is posted at: <https://forms.office.com/r/H2kbHKLUmw>.

Excused absences do not count towards a failure in the course for first year students. Absence from class does not release the student from assigned work. Students who miss an in-class obligation such as an exam, a presentation, etc., due to an excused absence will not be penalized - the instructor may offer a make-up test, arrange an alternative time for a presentation, exempt a student from the assignment, or provide another arrangement. In the case of illness or injury, the form must be submitted within 24 hours of missing a class. The University’s list of excused absences for all students includes the following:

1. Participation in NCAA athletic competitions
2. Participation in special academic events such as: conferences, field trips, project competitions, etc., and in official university business such as student representatives attending meetings related to university governance
3. Attendance at significant events of the immediate family such as: funerals, weddings, etc.
4. Religious holidays - see the University’s policy on Religious Holidays
5. College-approved participation in placement activities such as: job interviews, graduate school interviews, job fairs
6. Legally required absence such as: jury duty, court appearance, short-term military service
7. Documented serious illness or disability

12 Examination Policy

The College of Engineering has adopted the following general examination guidelines:

1. Students must arrive before the start of the examination. Under exceptional circumstances a student may need to arrive late, but he/she can enter the examination room no later than five (5) minutes after the start of the exam.
2. Cell phones must be turned off until the student exits the examination room.
3. The official [Villanova class attendance policy](#) must be followed when requesting excuses for absences or lateness to an examination.
4. Each student must write and sign the following statement, "I have neither given nor received any unauthorized assistance in the completion of this examination."
5. For online examinations, the instructor may implement video proctoring or other measures to ensure academic integrity. For consent purposes, the instructor will inform students in advance if (s)he plans to use any form of video-proctoring and whether the examination will be recorded.

13 Academic Integrity Policy

The College of Engineering is committed to creating an environment of academic integrity and ethical decision-making that we hope is reflected in the actions of our students and graduates. As Villanova students, integrity is central to the University mission. As engineers, our code of conduct requires us to place honor and integrity at the forefront of everything we do. As engineering students, it is expected that you will begin to adopt these values and instill them into your work habits. Students violating the academic integrity policy will receive a zero on that assignment or exam and the violation will be reported to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. The University's academic integrity policy can be found on the following web page:

<https://live-villanova-catalog.cleancatalog.io/academic-integrity-0>.

14 Adherence to the Student Code of Conduct

Students are expected to act in a professional and respectful manner to their fellow students, faculty, and staff. Students should become acquainted with and understand the responsibilities set forth in the Student Handbook, especially those in the sections on Policy and Regulations. Adherence to university regulations is expected and required for successful completion of the program of studies. Enforcement within the classroom of policies regarding classroom behavior is the responsibility of the faculty member. All other discipline problems are to be referred to the Dean of Students.

15 Inclusive Classroom

This classroom is a place where you will be treated with respect; we welcome individuals of all ages, backgrounds, beliefs, ethnicities, gender, gender identities and expressions, sexual orientation, and other visible and non-visible differences. All members of this class are expected to contribute to a respectful, welcoming, and inclusive environment to allow all among us to learn and flourish.

16 Students with Disabilities

It is the policy of the university to make reasonable academic accommodations for qualified individuals with disabilities. If you are a person with a disability (non-physical) please register with

the office of [Learning Support Services \(LSS\)](#) by emailing Learning.support.services@villanova.edu or by phoning 610-519-5176 as soon as possible. Registration is *required* in order to receive accommodations. In addition, please contact the instructor during office hours in order to make the appropriate arrangements.

The [Office of Disability Services \(ODS\)](#) collaborates with students, faculty, staff, and community members to create diverse learning environments that are usable, equitable, inclusive and sustainable. The ODS provides Villanova University students with physical the necessary support to successfully complete their education and participate in activities available to all students. If you have a diagnosed disability and plan to utilize academic accommodations, please contact and register with Gregory Hannah, advisor to students with disabilities at 610-519-3209 or visit the office on the second floor of the Connelly Center.

17 Tutoring Services

Villanova’s tutoring services include [The Writing Center](#), [The Learner’s Studio](#), and [The Center for Speaking and Presentation](#). These services are offered free of charge to students. Drop in as-needed or book a regular weekly session to supercharge your academic success. Sessions can be 30 or 60 minutes in length.

Register for an account and book sessions in advance at villanova.mywconline.com. If you don’t see your class listed, request a tutor for a missing subject at: tutorrequest.villanova.edu For more information, contact Juliana Struder at juliana.studer@villanova.edu or at 610-519-5862.

18 Online Expectations

Some or all sessions of this class may be recorded for educational purposes and for later playback. In order to foster a professional environment, please wear appropriate clothes, refrain from eating, mute your microphone if you are not talking to eliminate background noise and select an appropriate setting free of distractions. You may turn off your webcam for privacy reasons unless explicitly instructed not to do so by the instructor (such as during the conduct of online examinations).

19 Electronics Policy

The use of electronic devices, such as phones, laptops, tablets, calculators, etc., during class is generally allowed, unless their use causes a disturbance to others. During examinations, the use of any electronic device is prohibited, unless it is expressly authorized by the instructor.

Students are prohibited from making any audio or visual recordings (including taking photographs) of lectures, discussions, or other classroom activities, unless a student (1) has written permission in advance from the instructor, or (2) is permitted to record under terms and conditions as approved by the University’s Office of Disability Services or Learning Support Services. Students who have received approval to record classes as an academic accommodation must provide supporting documentation from the Office of Disability Services or Learning Support Services in advance of any recording. Students may use authorized recordings only for the purposes of individual study in the course, and may not disseminate or share them with a wider audience without explicit permission.

20 Copyright Policy

The materials used in Villanova University courses (“Course Materials”) generally represent the intellectual property of course instructors, third parties and/or the university which may not be

disseminated or reproduced in any form for public distribution (e.g., sale, exchange, etc.) without the written permission of the course instructor. Course materials include all written or electronic documents and materials, including syllabi, current and past examination questions/answers, and presentations such as lectures, videos, slides, etc., provided by a course instructor. Course materials may only be used by students enrolled in the course for academic (course-related) purposes.

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21 Professorial Duties

It is important to note that teaching is one of the many duties that professors perform as part of their job responsibilities. In addition to teaching, professors perform research, advise graduate students, edit journals and review journal articles, serve on committees for the university and professional societies, travel to conferences to remain abreast of current developments and to present their results... to name just a few commitments.