# COMP347

## Computer Networks

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General Information

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Credit points
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Prerequisites
39cp including (COMP247 and COMP125 and (DMTH137 or DMTH237 or ELEC240))

Corequisites

Co-badged status
ITEC697
Unit description
This unit gives an understanding of advanced topics in the design and implementation of computer networks. It provides an in-depth understanding of key protocols of the TCP/IP protocol suite, and its relationship to emerging technologies. This unit allows students to develop knowledge and expertise in key areas such as intra- and inter-domain routing protocols, multicast protocols, different transport protocols, Quality of Service, and multimedia. These concepts are reinforced through tutorials and laboratory sessions. Knowledge gained during the unit builds upon communication protocols; topological designs; wide area and local area networks; wireless/mobile networks; as well as practical hands-on skills on Cisco equipment. It allows students to expand their skill set by exposure to socket programming paradigm enabling them to better understand the design and implementation of protocols. Some of the reasoning tasks that the students complete require focused thinking instead of iteratively modifying and testing a program. It also enhances students' skills in critical thinking and problem solving using challenging assignments.

Important Academic Dates
Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at http://students.mq.edu.au/student_admin/enrolmentguide/academicdates/

Learning Outcomes
1. Demonstrate an understanding of advanced knowledge in networking (especially in Internet technologies) and be able to communicate this knowledge to wider audience
2. Design TCP/IP based networks and protocols and to integrate such networks with other networking technologies
3. Have a working knowledge of practical advanced networking and write professional documentation
4. Demonstrate an understanding of security issues in computer networking.
5. Engage in independent professional work with a high level of autonomy and accountability.

General Assessment Information
Assignment
Assignment must be submitted on time. Late submission of the assignment will be accepted, but penalized at the rate of 5% per working day late.

Assignment work must be written clearly, with good grammar, correct word usage, correct punctuation, and lack of spelling errors. Poor or bad expression will be penalized. Wherever required, all written work must be properly referenced and conform to standard stylistic conventions.
### Assessment Tasks

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### Diagnostic Test

**Due:** **Week 3- In Class**  
**Weighting:** 0%

Diagnostic Test: In this assessment students will be given questions that evaluate their familiarity with key areas of the course. This is an early assessment to give students an opportunity to gain feedback and initial progress in the unit. The assessment will take 30 minutes, be completed in Lecture class in week 3, This test will contribute to 0% of the overall grade.

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Assignment 1
Due: **Week 8**
Weighting: 15%

Assignment 1 (Problem Solving) will focus on Addressing and Routing.

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Assignment 2
Due: **Week 12**
Weighting: 15%

The assignment 2 focusses on protocol design with security considerations.

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Practicals
Due: **Weekly**
Weighting: 10%

Practical marks are obtained by attendance of practical sessions and making a suitable attempt at the practical work during the session. The practical work in this unit makes up 10% of your
mark. The practical work is divided up into 12 sections (Weeks 2-13). The first four will be available before the semester begins. Each section is worth 2 marks. To receive your marks you must attend the practical section and demonstrate your completion of the section to your practical supervisor. Earning the marks will require not only successful completion of the exercises, but presentation of appropriate documentation, as outlined in the question sheets. You should complete the practical session in the week it is allocated. (and the practical material is structured against the lecture material with this in mind).

**Note:** We advise you to complete all sections to gain a good understanding of the covered topics.

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:

- Have a working knowledge of practical advanced networking and write professional documentation
- Demonstrate an understanding of security issues in computer networking.

**Quizzes**

**Due:** Weeks 6 and 12

**Weighting:** 10%

There will be two quizzes in the following weeks: 6 and 12. Each quiz is worth 5 marks. A quiz is a short test that will be based on your previously attempted discussion questions and previous lecture material. The quiz questions will be handed over to you at the beginning of your Practical class. The quiz will occupy approximately half an hour of the practical class for that week. These quizzes contribute 10% of the total mark and serve as a feedback mechanism to monitor your progress in the unit.

If you are unable to attend your practical on the day of your quiz please contact the tutor at the earliest possible time.

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**Final Examination**

**Due:** TBA

**Weighting:** 50%
An examination allows us to individually and securely assess student's mastery of the coursework material. The examination material will be covered by learning outcomes #1 and #2. The examination will be closed book and three (3) hours in length.

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Delivery and Resources

Classes

Classes are held in the following days:

Monday: 10 am-12 pm  W5C-220
Tuesday: 5pm-6pm  W5C-220

Lectures

Lectures are used to introduce new material, give examples of the use of networking concepts and techniques and put them in a wider context. While lectures are largely one to many presentations, you are encouraged to ask questions of the lecturer to clarify anything you might not be sure of. Tutorial style discussions on important topics will be conducted in the lectures. These discussions will give you the opportunity to interact with your peers as well as the lecturer.

Practicals

Practical classes give you an opportunity to practice your practical networking skills under the supervision of a demonstrator. Each week you will be given a number of problems to work on; it is important that you keep up with these problems as doing so will help you understand the material in the unit and prepare you for the work in assignments.
Quizzes
There will be two quizzes in the following weeks: 6, and 12. A quiz is a short test that will be based on your previously covered lecture material. For example, week 6 quiz will be based on lectures done in weeks 1-5. The quiz questions will be handed over to you at the beginning of your Lecture class. These quizzes contribute 10% of the total mark and serve as a feedback mechanism to monitor your progress in the unit.

Tutorial
The tutorial gives you the opportunity to interact with your peers and with the lecturer. The tutorial sessions involve informal discussions with your peers and the lecturer. Each week you will be given problems to solve prior to the tutorial; preparing solutions is important because it will allow you to discuss the problems effectively with your lecturer and maximise the feedback you get on your work.

Assignments
Your assignment is to be submitted in the assignment box labelled COMP347 on the first floor of Building E6A. Late submission of the assignment will be accepted, but penalised at the rate of 5% per working day late. If you cannot submit assignments on time because of illness or other circumstances, please contact the convenor at the earliest possible time.

General Notes
In this unit, you should do the following:

• Attend lectures, take notes, ask questions.
• Attend your weekly Practical session
• Prepare for and strive to do well in the three quizzes
• Read appropriate sections of the text, add to your notes and prepare questions for your lecturer/tutor.
• Prepare answers to tutorial questions.
• Work on any assignments that have been released.

Lecture notes will be made available each week but these notes are intended as an outline of the lecture only and are not a substitute for your own notes or the recommended reading list.

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Tutorials

Tutorials are posted every Friday on ilearn. Even though these tutorial exercises are not formally assessed, it is important that students solve them on a weekly basis as these questions are often previous exam questions or structured like test/exam questions. The more practice you have at such questions, the more likely you are to do yourself justice in quizzes/exams. Solutions to these exercises will be regularly posted on ilearn unit site. If need be, this will also allow you to discuss the problems effectively with your lecturer/peers and maximise the feedback you get on your work. In case of any difficulty, seek help from the teaching staff.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central. Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:


In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the Learning and Teaching Category of Policy Central.

**Student Code of Conduct**

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: [https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/)

**Results**

Results shown in iLearn, or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in eStudent. For more information visit [ask.mq.edu.au](http://ask.mq.edu.au).

Please pay particular attention to the Special Consideration policy and the Academic Honesty policy.
Disruption to Studies

Special Consideration must be given to students who have had a disruption to their studies where the university has determined that the disruption is serious and unavoidable. In cases where the disruption is found not to be serious and unavoidable the special consideration may still be granted at the discretion of the unit convenor.

Depending upon the circumstances presented, the convenor may choose to give you an alternate assessment, additional time for an assessment, make-up exam, etc. If a Supplementary Examination is granted as a result of the Special Consideration process the examination will be scheduled after the conclusion of the official examination period. For details of the Disruption to studies policy please refer the disruption to studies policy.

(http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption_studies/policy.html)

Late Submission

There will be a deduction of 5% of the total available marks made from the total awarded mark for each 24 hour period or part thereof that the submission is late. This penalty does not apply for cases in which an application for special consideration is made and approved.

Grade Appeal

In case of problems arising with your final grade, the first step is to organise a review. The Department recommends that you request an appointment with the convenor of the unit in order to review your grade. If the review does not solve the problem, a formal Grade Appeal can be lodged. For more information please refer to the grade appeal policy page at:


Academic Honesty

Plagiarism involves using the work of another person and presenting it as one’s own. The Department, in line with University policy, treats all cases seriously. In particular, the Department, keeps a record of all plagiarism cases. This record is referred to so that an appropriate penalty can be applied to each case.

For concrete examples, refer to Academic Honesty Policy at: http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit http://students.mq.edu.au/support/

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- Workshops
- StudyWise
- Academic Integrity Module for Students
Our graduates will take with them the intellectual development, depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content in their chosen fields to make them competent and confident in their subject or profession. They will be able to demonstrate, where relevant, professional technical competence and meet professional standards. They will be able to articulate the structure of knowledge of their discipline, be able to adapt discipline-specific knowledge to novel situations, and be able to contribute from their discipline to inter-disciplinary solutions to problems.

This graduate capability is supported by:

- **Ask a Learning Adviser**

**Staff-Student Liaison Committee**

The Department has established a Staff-Student Liaison Committee at each level (100, 200, 300) to provide all students studying a Computing unit the opportunity to discuss related issues or problems with both students and staff. If you would like to raise any issues or make comments, please attend a liaison committee meeting, or discuss the matter with one of the student representatives who will be attending the meeting.

The committee meets two or three times during the semester. For each meeting, an agenda is issued and minutes are taken. These are posted on the web at [http://comp.mq.edu.au/undergrad/info/liaison/300-level/](http://comp.mq.edu.au/undergrad/info/liaison/300-level/).

If you have concerns about the anything related to the organisation or operation of COMP347, please convey those concerns to the unit convenor, either directly or through the liaison committee. If you have exhausted all other avenues, then you should consult the Director of Teaching (Dr. Steven Cassidy) or the Head of Department (Dr. Christophe Doche). You are entitled to have your concerns raised, discussed and resolved.

**Student Enquiry Service**

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at [ask.mq.edu.au](http://ask.mq.edu.au).

**Equity Support**

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

**IT Help**

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit [http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/](http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/).

When using the University’s IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

**Graduate Capabilities**

**Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills**

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Problem Solving and Research Capability

Our graduates should be capable of researching; of analysing, and interpreting and assessing data and information in various forms; of drawing connections across fields of knowledge; and they should be able to relate their knowledge to complex situations at work or in the world, in order to diagnose and solve problems. We want them to have the confidence to take the initiative in doing so, within an awareness of their own limitations.
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**Creative and Innovative**

Our graduates will also be capable of creative thinking and of creating knowledge. They will be imaginative and open to experience and capable of innovation at work and in the community. We want them to be engaged in applying their critical, creative thinking.

This graduate capability is supported by:

http://unitguides.mq.edu.au/unit_offerings/56367/unit_guide/print
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Effective Communication

We want to develop in our students the ability to communicate and convey their views in forms effective with different audiences. We want our graduates to take with them the capability to read, listen, question, gather and evaluate information resources in a variety of formats, assess, write clearly, speak effectively, and to use visual communication and communication technologies as appropriate.

This graduate capability is supported by:
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Engaged and Ethical Local and Global citizens

As local citizens our graduates will be aware of indigenous perspectives and of the nation's historical context. They will be engaged with the challenges of contemporary society and with knowledge and ideas. We want our graduates to have respect for diversity, to be open-minded, sensitive to others and inclusive, and to be open to other cultures and perspectives: they should have a level of cultural literacy. Our graduates should be aware of disadvantage and social justice, and be willing to participate to help create a wiser and better society.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcome

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Assessment task

• Practical

Learning and teaching activity

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Socially and Environmentally Active and Responsible

We want our graduates to be aware of and have respect for self and others; to be able to work with others as a leader and a team player; to have a sense of connectedness with others and
country; and to have a sense of mutual obligation. Our graduates should be informed and active participants in moving society towards sustainability.

This graduate capability is supported by:

**Assessment tasks**

- Assignment 1
- Assignment 2
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**Capable of Professional and Personal Judgement and Initiative**

We want our graduates to have emotional intelligence and sound interpersonal skills and to demonstrate discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgement. They will exercise initiative as needed. They will be capable of risk assessment, and be able to handle ambiguity and complexity, enabling them to be adaptable in diverse and changing environments.

This graduate capability is supported by:

**Learning outcome**

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**Learning and teaching activities**

- 3 hours of lectures each week.

**Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking**

We want our graduates to be capable of reasoning, questioning and analysing, and to integrate and synthesise learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments; to be able to critique constraints, assumptions and limitations; to be able to think independently and systemically in relation to scholarly activity, in the workplace, and in the world. We want them to have a level of scientific and information technology literacy.

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Commitment to Continuous Learning

Our graduates will have enquiring minds and a literate curiosity which will lead them to pursue knowledge for its own sake. They will continue to pursue learning in their careers and as they participate in the world. They will be capable of reflecting on their experiences and relationships with others and the environment, learning from them, and growing - personally, professionally and socially.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Unit guide COMP347 Computer Networks

http://unitguides.mq.edu.au/unit_offerings/56367/unit_guide/print
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Learning and teaching activities

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Grade Requirements

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<td>Technical Networking Proficiency</td>
<td>Able to successfully connect and configure advanced network topologies with routers. Limited ability to analyse network traffic using a packet sniffer. Limited ability to produce clear and comprehensive documentation of network setup, configuration and analysis.</td>
<td>Satisfy the standard for pass and in addition be able to successfully troubleshoot advanced network configurations and analyse complex network traffic flows using a packet sniffer and demonstrate ability to produce clear and comprehensive documentation of advanced network setup, configuration and analysis.</td>
<td>Satisfy the standard for credit and in addition be able to analyse multi-protocol traffic flows using a packet sniffer and demonstrate consistent ability to produce clear and comprehensive documentation of advanced network setup, configuration and analysis.</td>
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LO#4
In this unit, the final mark will be calculated by combining the marks for all assessment tasks according to the percentage weightings shown in the assessment summary. The final examination in this unit is a hurdle requirement; you must get a mark of at least 40% in the examination to pass the unit. If you get a mark between 30% and 40% in your first attempt at the final examination, you will be given a second and final attempt.

Concretely, **in order to pass the unit**, you must obtain an overall total mark of 50% or higher, and a mark of 40% or higher in the final examination.

Students obtaining a higher grade than a pass in this unit will (in addition to the above)

- have a total mark of 85% or higher to obtain High Distinction;
- have a total mark of 75% or higher to obtain Distinction;
- have a total mark of 65% or higher to obtain Credit.

You are encouraged to:

- set your personal deadline earlier than the actual one;
- keep backups of all important assessed tasks;
- make sure no one else picks up your printouts.

All work submitted should be readable and well presented.

You should **never commit plagiarism** in any of your submitted work, including tutorial and practical answers.
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