



Course Specification

— (Bachelor)

Course Title: **APPLIED CRYPTOGRAPHY**

Course Code: **IT460**

Program: **IT**

Department: **IT**

College: **CCIS**

Institution: **MAJMAAH UNIVERSITY**

Version: **2**

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A. General information about the course:

1. Course Identification

1. Credit hours: 3 (3,0,1)

2. Course type

A. University College Department Track Others
 B. Required Elective

3. Level/year at which this course is offered: (9th /5th)

4. Course general Description:

This course explores modern cryptographic (code making) and cryptanalytic (code breaking) techniques in detail. Topics covered include cryptographic primitives such as symmetric encryption, public key encryption, hashing functions, digital signatures, and message authentication codes, cryptographic protocols, key establishment, Electronic commerce, standard methods of encoding of digital signatures and certificates (X.509), Financial cryptography, payment systems, crypto currencies and bitcoin.

5. Pre-requirements for this course (if any):

70 Credits

6. Pre-requirements for this course (if any):

7. Course Main Objective(s):

At the end of the course, the students will be able to:

- Understand and practice the concept of cryptographic algorithms.
- Learn the current state of the art techniques that are employed for defeating secure systems.
- Analyze hashing functions, message authentication codes and key establishment
- Understand Digital signatures in practice with legal/regulatory aspects.

Understand attacks in payment systems, bitcoin and crypto currencies.

2. Teaching mode (mark all that apply)

| No | Mode of Instruction | Contact Hours | Percentage |
|----|-----------------------|---------------|------------|
| 1 | Traditional classroom | 60 | 100 |
| 2 | E-learning | | |
| 3 | Hybrid | | |



| No | Mode of Instruction | Contact Hours | Percentage |
|----|---|---------------|------------|
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traditional classroom E-learning | | |
| 4 | Distance learning | | |

3. Contact Hours (based on the academic semester)

| No | Activity | Contact Hours |
|--------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 1. | Lectures | 45 |
| 2. | Laboratory/Studio | |
| 3. | Field | |
| 4. | Tutorial | 15 |
| 5. | Others (specify) | |
| Total | | 60 |

B. Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs), Teaching Strategies and Assessment Methods

| Code | Course Learning Outcomes | Code of CLOs aligned with program | Teaching Strategies | Assessment Methods |
|------------|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| 1.0 | Knowledge and understanding | | | |
| 1.1 | CLO1 Understand and practice the concept of cryptographic algorithms | K1 | Classroom Teaching and Exercise | Test, Mid Exam, Final Exam |
| 2.0 | Skills | | | |
| 2.1 | CLO2: Learn the current state of the art techniques that are employed for defeating secure systems | S4 [IT] | Classroom Teaching and Exercise | Test, Presentation, Mid Exam, Final Exam |
| | CLO3: Analyze hashing functions, message authentication codes and key establishment | S1 | Classroom Teaching and Exercise | Test, Presentation, Mid Exam, Final Exam |





| Code | Course Learning Outcomes | Code of CLOs aligned with program | Teaching Strategies | Assessment Methods |
|------------|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| | CLO5: Understand attacks in payment systems, bitcoin and crypto currencies | S2 | Classroom Teaching and Exercise | Test, Presentation, Mid Exam, Final Exam |
| 3.0 | Values, autonomy, and responsibility | | | |
| 3.1 | CLO4: Understand Digital signatures in practice with legal/regulatory aspects | V2 | Classroom Teaching and Exercise | Test, Mid Exam, Final Exam |

C. Course Content

| No | List of Topics | Contact Hours |
|--------------|---|---------------|
| 1. | Introduction to cryptography, Symmetric cryptography | 4 |
| 2. | Stream Ciphers and Block Ciphers | 4 |
| 3--- | Data Encryption Standard (DES) | 6 |
| 4 | PKI | 4 |
| 5 | RSA Algorithm | 4 |
| 6 | Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange, El Gamal Encryption Scheme | 6 |
| 7 | Digital Signatures, The RSA Signature Scheme, Digital Signature Algorithm (DSA) | 6 |
| 8 | Cryptographic Hash Functions, Secure Hash Algorithm (SHA) | 4 |
| 9 | Message Authentication Codes, MACs Based on Hash Functions: HMAC | 6 |
| 10 | Key Establishment Using Symmetric and Asymmetric techniques | 6 |
| 11 | Secure Sockets Layer (SSL), Transport Layer Security (TLS) | 4 |
| 12 | Payment Systems | 6 |
| Total | | 60 |

D. Students Assessment Activities

| No | Assessment Activities * | Assessment timing (in week no) | Percentage of Total Assessment Score |
|----|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. | Midterm Examination: | Week 8 | 20% |
| 2. | Class Test | Week 4 Week 12 | 20% |





| No | Assessment Activities * | Assessment timing (in week no) | Percentage of Total Assessment Score |
|----|-------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 3. | Homework/assignments | (as per schedule) | 10% |
| .4 | Participation in class | | 10% |
| 5 | Final Examination | Week 16 | 40% |
| 6 | Total | | 100% |

*Assessment Activities (i.e., Written test, oral test, oral presentation, group project, essay, etc.).

E. Learning Resources and Facilities

1. References and Learning Resources

| | |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Essential References | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paar, Christof, and Jan Pelzl. Understanding cryptography: a textbook for students and practitioners. Springer Science & Business Media, 2009. |
| Supportive References | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lindell, Yehuda, and Jonathan Katz. Introduction to modern cryptography. Chapman and Hall/CRC, 2014. ISBN-13: 978-1466570269 Smart Cards, Tokens, Security and Applications by Keith E. Mayes and Konstantinos Markantonakis. ISBN-13: 978-0-387-72197-2 e-ISBN-13: 978-0-387-72198-9, 2017 Springer Science W. Stallings, "Cryptography and network security: principles and practice" Pearson; 2017. ISBN-13: 978-0134444284 |
| Electronic Materials | |
| Other Learning Materials | |

2. Required Facilities and equipment

| Items | Resources |
|---|---|
| facilities (Classrooms, laboratories, exhibition rooms, simulation rooms, etc.) | Classroom |
| Technology equipment (projector, smart board, software) | PC or Laptop with Windows/Linux, Smart Board, Projector |
| Other equipment (depending on the nature of the specialty) | Internet Connection |



F. Assessment of Course Quality

| Assessment Areas/Issues | Assessor | Assessment Methods |
|---|------------|--------------------|
| Effectiveness of teaching | Students | Indirect |
| Effectiveness of Students assessment | Instructor | Direct |
| Quality of learning resources | Instructor | Direct |
| The extent to which CLOs have been achieved | | |
| Other | | |

Assessors (Students, Faculty, Program Leaders, Peer Reviewer, Others (specify))

Assessment Methods (Direct, Indirect)

G. Specification Approval

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|---------------------------|-----------------|
| COUNCIL /COMMITTEE | IT DEPT Council |
| REFERENCE NO. | |
| DATE | |

