Syllabus (Policy) CMSC 456: Cryptology

Class Time and Place: M-W 2:00-3:15, CSI 2117 Aug 27-Dec 10. No class Sept 3 (Labor day), Nov 21 (Thanksgiving).

EXCEPTIONS TO ALL RULES BELOW: Serious illness (Doctors’ Note) or Religious holidays may override any of the rules below.

POINT DISTRIBUTION: There will be (roughly) weekly HW (25% total), two small Prog projects (10% each), 1 midterm (30%), 1 final (30%), and one visit to my office to talk about CS (5%) (come in groups of ≥ 4 since there are 85 of you!).

HW: HW will be DUE on Monday (at the beginning of class); however, you can hand it in two days later on Wednesday (at the beginning – no later since I may go over it and I will try to post solutions) without penalty. I regard this as having given you a 2-day extension. Since I already gave you a two-day extension any other extension is unlikely. **HW is submitted TYPED on Elms.**

MIDTERM: Midterm tentatively Monday Oct 29, in class. If you miss the midterm for a legitimate unforeseeable excuse contact me ASAP.

FINAL: The final is officially scheduled for Saturday Dec 15, 1:30PM-3:30PM. If you miss the final for a legitimate unforeseeable excuse contact me ASAP.

On HW, MIDTERM, FINAL: You can lose points for sloppiness.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY: For HW, Midterm, Final you must hand in your own work–academic dishonesty will be dealt with harshly.

TAs, OFFICE HOURS AND CONTACT INFORMATION:

Professor:
1. Prof Gasarch, AVW 3245, 405-2698, gasarch@cs.umd.edu. OH: M and W 1:00-2:00, 3:30-5:00. Usually around

TAs:
1. Nathan Grammel, ngrammel@cs.umd.edu, OH:
2. Jeremy Klein, jkleinbbq@gmail.com, OH:
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We also use Piazza.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Students requesting academic accommodations due to a disability should make such a request to the instructor in office hours, with a letter of accommodation from the Office of Disability Support Services (DSS) within the first two weeks of the semester.

COURSE EVALUATIONS: In Dec you will be asked to fill out course evals. I will urge you to fill it out carefully.

TEXT: Notes on line. RECOMMEND STRONGLY to buy USED copy of *Intro to Theory of Computation* by Sipser

PREREQUISITES: CMSC 351 or Permission of the instructor.

LAPTOP POLICY: Laptops not allowed in class unless you are taking notes with it.