Syllabus (Policy) CMSC 456: Cryptology

THIS POLICY SHEET IS TWO PAGES LONG!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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 my override any of the rules below.

POINT DISTRIBUTION: There will be (roughly) weekly HW (35% total), some of the HW
will have small programming assignments. DO NOT POST YOUR CODE ANYWHERE!!!!!!!!!!!
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. We have not chosen a system yet (Elms or Gradescope).

MIDTERM: Midterm Monday Oct 29, in class. DEFINITE! 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:
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TAs:

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Office hours:
Professor Gasarch: (1) Monday 1-2, 3:30-5:00. (2) Wed 1-2, 3:30-5:00. (3) By appointment.
(4) And he is often around- can just drop by though he may say he is busy.
The TA office hours are in AVW 4103 unless otherwise noted: (1) Monday: 11-1 Jeremy, 12-2
Nathan (2) Tuesday: 12:30-1:45 Dan (IN BILLS OFFICE AVW 3245), (3) Tuesday: 3:15-5:00
Jacob (4) Wednesday: 11-1 Jake, 12-2 Nathan.
We also use Piazza.

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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: Recommend Test: Modern Cryptograph by Katz and Lindell. Okay to buy used copy, earlier edition. Slides and some notes will be on line.

PREREQUISITES: (CMSC 106 OR CMSC 131 OR ENEE 150 OR Equiv Prog Exp) AND ((2 from CMSC 330, CMSC 351, ENEE 324, ENEE 380) OR (any of those and a 400-level MATH course) OR (two 400 level MATH courses) OR Permission of instructor.

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

UNIVERSITY POLICY: We follow university policies. See the pointer on the course website.