Syllabus (Policy) CMSC 456: Cryptology

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

Class Time and Place: M-W 2:00-3:15, IRB 0318 Aug 27-Dec 9. No class Sept 2 (Labor day), Nov 27 (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 (40% total), some of the HW will have small programming assignments. DO NOT POST YOUR CODE ANYWHERE!!!!!!!!!!!!
1 midterm (30%), 1 final (30%).

HW: HW will be posted on, and submitted to, gradescope unless otherwise noted (e.g., we may have a programming assignment on the submit server). HW will be DUE on Monday at the beginning of class; however, you can submit it (through gradescope) 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. Must be electronically submitted (no scanned handwriting documents- typed documents only). HW will be graded by the following Monday. You can put in regrade requests within a week of that Monday.

MIDTERM: Midterm Monday Oct 28, 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 14, 1:30PM-3:30PM. If you miss the final for a legitimate unforeseeable excuse contact me ASAP.

OPTIONAL PROJECT: Shortly after the midterm I will post an optional project. It will be due the last day of class. I will not look at it unless you get a D or F in the class. If you get a D or F in the class, and your optional project is GOOD then I will bump your grade up (D to a C-, F to a D) (Advice: To it no matter what kind of student you are since it is a good study aid.)

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: Prof Gasarch, IRB 2242, 405-2698, gasarch@cs.umd.edu.
TAs and Office hours. Office hours area all in IRB study area 3232.

1. Nathan Grammel, ngrammel@cs.umd.edu: Wed 12:00-2:00
2. Erik Metz, emetz1618@gmail.com: Tuesday 12:30-2:00
3. Justin Hontz, jhontz@terpmail.umd.edu: Monday 12:50-1:50
4. Marina Knittel, mknittel@cs.umd.edu: Tuesday 2:00-3:25
5. Saadiq Shaik saadiqks@gmail.com: Monday 11:00-12:00

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—you can just drop by!
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: There is no text. There will be notes on line and slides 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 univeristy policies. See the pointer on the course website.