

CS 331 Computer Networks

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Coursework & Evaluation

♦ Bi-weekly projects: 45%

- Assigned usually on Thursday, and the usual deadline is *the midnight of the second Thursday after the project is assigned*.
- Projects will be posted on Moodle. Every project has *two parts*, a problem set and a programming assignment, and is graded based on a *50-point scale*. The problem set counts 20 points, and the programming assignment counts 30 points. The programming assignment has the required tasks and extensions. If you complete the required tasks well, you can get up to 26/30. You should finish one or more extensions if you'd like to get 90% or above for your programming assignment.
- *Late programming assignments* will not have extensions graded, and therefore will receive a *maximum score of 26/30*. *Problem sets* will be *closed automatically at midnight of the due date*. Open attempts will be automatically submitted when time expires.
- *One four-day extensions* for you to use at your discretion over the semester (except the final project). Let Ying know before the deadline if you want to use the extension.

Coursework & Evaluation (cont.)

♦ **Two** midterms: 30%

- One hour exam on **Oct. 15** and **Nov. 19** during the class time
- A mock exam will be assigned a week before each midterm to help you study for the exam. You don't need to submit your mock exams. But, I strongly encourage you to try them before we discuss them in class.
- There are no make-ups for the midterms.

Coursework & Evaluation (cont.)

♦ Final Exam: 15%

- *Oral*; in-person presentation; no make-ups
- Details will be provided as we near the end of the semester.

♦ Participation: 10%

- You are expected to *attend every lecture* and *actively join the class discussions*
- If you have to miss one or more lectures for any reason, please let me know in advance. I'm happy to work with you. You also need to arrange another time to read the lecture notes and finish coursework on time. You will not lose participation credits if you let me know beforehand.
- Participation also includes coming to my office hours. Don't hesitate to *come to my office hours* for help. I'm happy to help if you let me know your questions.

Lecture notes will be posted in the **Notes** section of the course webpage.

How to Succeed

- ♦ **Projects:** Start working on the projects as early as possible. Ask me for help if you need. Talk with your peers about the course concepts.
- ♦ **Midterms:** Study for the midterm by doing the mock exam and reviewing the relevant topics in the lecture notes and projects. You are strongly encouraged to try out the mock exam before we discuss the solution in class.
- ♦ **Final Exam:** Learn at least two of the topics we discussed in class well enough during the semester, letting yourself feel comfortable talk about these topics. Start working on the exam early after it's assigned.
- ♦ **Participation:** Be active in class, asking questions and joining discussions. Come to office hours. Ask me for help.

Help Outside of Class

◆ How to get help from Ying

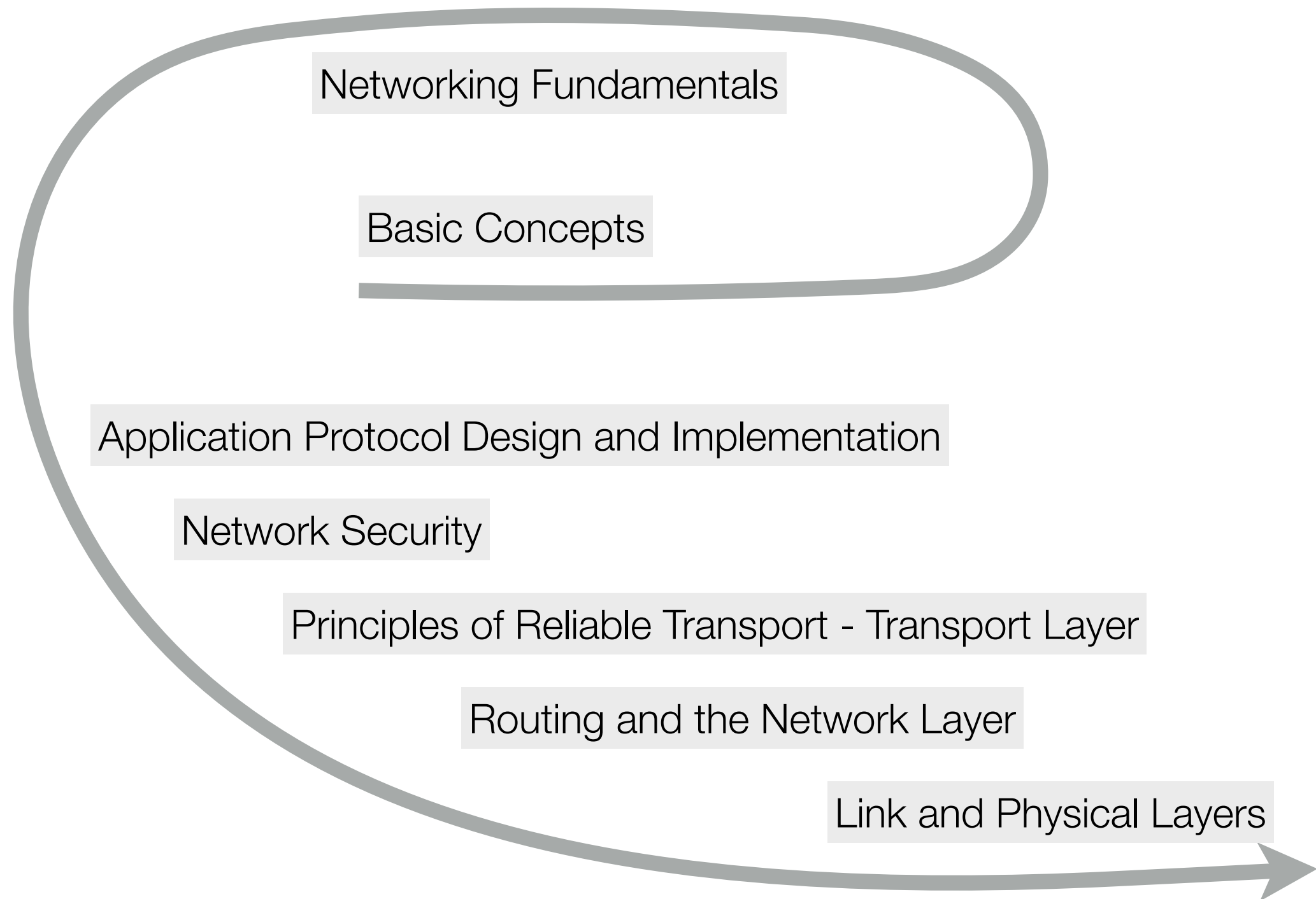
- Ying's Office Hours:
 - ▶ M 2:00 - 3:30 pm, W 11:30 am - 1:00 pm, R 11:00 - noon
- Email: yingli@colby.edu
 - ▶ If you don't receive my response 24 hours after sending the email, please don't hesitate to "ping" me. *Your email is important to me.*

All the information on these slides is available
on the course webpage:

Go to: cs.colby.edu; Click: CS331 lecture link

You can find all the course information, lecture notes, assignments, and
more on the course webpage.

Course Outline



Yes, we will visit some subjects multiple times!