1. **Title of the module**

COMP6330 (CO633) - Computer Networks and Communications

1. **Division or partner institution which will be responsible for management of the module**

Division of Computing, Engineering, Mathematical Sciences (CEMS)

1. **The level of the module (Level 4, Level 5, Level 6 or Level 7)**

Level 6

1. **The number of credits and the ECTS value which the module represents**

15 credits (7.5 ECTS)

1. **Which term(s) the module is to be taught in (or other teaching pattern)**

Autumn or Spring

1. **Prerequisite and co-requisite modules**

Pre-requisite: COMP3220: Foundations of Computing I

COMP3240 Computer Systems or COMP3370 Computers and the Cloud

COMP3250 Foundations of Computing II

COMP5200 Further Object-Oriented Programming

1. **The programmes of study to which the module contributes**

BSc Computer Science,

BSc Computer Science (AI),

BSc Computer Science (Networks),

BSc Computer Science (Consultancy),

BSc Computer Science with Artificial Intelligence,

BSc Business Computing,

BSc Mathematics and Computer Science,

BEng Computer Systems Engineering

and their Year in Industry and Foundation Year variants.

1. **The intended subject specific learning outcomes.  
   On successfully completing the module students will be able to:**

8.1 Have a comprehensive and systematic understanding of current network architectures and their individual protocol layers, including the algorithms employed. [A3]

8.2 Be able to analyse the specification for a protocol and develop software that implements a simple protocol. [A3, A4, B3, B4, C1, C4]

8.3 Be aware of performance issues in general and/or analytical terms, and of the trade-offs involved. [A3, B1]

8.4 Have a deeper understanding of selected key topics at the forefront of this field, including recent developments and outstanding issues. [A3]

1. **The intended generic learning outcomes.  
   On successfully completing the module students will be able to:**

9.1 Be able to analyse a problem specification and to design and implement a solution. [B3,B5]

9.2 Be able to evaluate systems in terms of function and performance, with an awareness of possible trade-offs. [B1]

9.3 Be able to communicate technical issues clearly to specialist audiences. [D2]

9.4 Be able to make effective use of IT facilities. [D3]

9.5 Be able to apply relevant mathematical techniques. [D4]

9.6 Be able to manage their own learning and time. [D5]

1. **A synopsis of the curriculum**

The module starts with a comprehensive and detailed study of current computer networks and communications technologies. It includes: a review of network techniques, switching and multiple access; high speed local area networks; network protocols, including data link, network, transport and application layers. A selection of key topics are looked at in greater depth to reveal the state-of-the-art and issues (problems) that remain to be solved.

1. **Reading list (Indicative list, current at time of publication. Reading lists will be published annually)**

Computer Networks (Fourth Edition), Andrew S. Tanenbaum, Prentice Hall, 2002

Data and Computer Communications (7th International Edition), William Stallings, Prentice Hall, 2004

Data Communications and Networking (3rd International Edition), Behrouz A. Forouzan, McGraw-Hill, 2003

Business Data Communications and Networking (8th International Edition), Jerry Fitzgerald and Alan Dennis, Wiley, 2004

1. **Learning and teaching methods**

Total contact hours: 30

Private study hours: 120

Total study hours: 150

1. **Assessment methods**
   1. Main assessment methods

Sender (Programming) 8%

Receiver (Programming) 12%

Worksheet A (Moodle Quiz) 10%

Worksheet B (Moodle Quiz) 10%

2-hour unseen examination 60%

13.2 Reassessment methods

Like for like.

1. **Map of module learning outcomes (sections 8 & 9) to learning and teaching methods (section12) and methods of assessment (section 13)**

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| **Module learning outcome** | *8.1* | *8.2* | *8.3* | *8.4* | *9.1* | *9.2* | *9.3* | *9.4* | *9.5* | *9.6* |
| **Learning/ teaching method** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Private Study** |  |  | X |  | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| *Lectures* | X | X | X | X |  | X |  |  |  |  |
| **Assessment method** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Sender* |  | X |  |  | X |  |  | X |  | X |
| *Receiver* |  | X |  |  | X |  |  | X |  | X |
| *Workshop A* | X |  | X | X |  | X | X |  | X | X |
| *Workshop B* | X |  | X | X |  | X | X |  | X | X |
| *Examination* | X |  | X | X |  | X | X |  | X |  |

1. **Inclusive module design**

The Division recognises and has embedded the expectations of current equality legislation, by ensuring that the module is as accessible as possible by design. Additional alternative arrangements for students with Inclusive Learning Plans (ILPs)/declared disabilities will be made on an individual basis, in consultation with the relevant policies and support services.

The inclusive practices in the guidance (see Annex B Appendix A) have been considered in order to support all students in the following areas:

a) Accessible resources and curriculum

b) Learning, teaching and assessment methods

1. **Campus(es) or centre(s) where module will be delivered**

Canterbury

1. **Internationalisation**

The topics addressed by this module relate to a field which is of international importance, given the global role of computers in today's technological innovation. The topics covered by this module are international in nature, being identical worldwide and independent of traditional spoken language.

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