Syllabus (Policy) CMSC 456 Cryptology

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

Class Time and Place  Tu-Th 12:30-1:45. Room CSI 2117.

https://umd.zoom.us/my/gasarch

Aug 31-Dec 9. No class Nov 25 (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 (40% total), some of the HW
will have small programming assignments.  DO NOT POST YOUR CODE ANYWHERE!!!!!!!!!!!!
1 midterm (30%), 1 final (30%).

HW

HOMEWORK MUST BE TYPED  HW will be posted on, and submitted to, gradescope
unless otherwise noted (e.g., we may have a programming assignment on the submit server).

HOMEWORK MUST BE TYPED

HW will be DUE on Tuesday at the beginning of class submitted through Gradescope; however,
you can submit it (through gradescope) two days later on Thursday (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. This is called the dead-cat policy since if you cat dies you want an
extension on the HW, but probably can’t get a doctors note.

Since I already gave you a two-day extension any other extension is unlikely.

Must be electronically submitted and HOMEWORK MUST BE TYPED

HW will be graded by the following Tuesday. You can put in regrade requests within a week
of that Tuesday.

If it is NOT graded by the following Tuesday  LET ME KNOW.

If I have not posted a solution set ON the Thursday-dead-cat-day  LET ME KNOW.

MIDTERM  It will be take-home and 2 hours long- open notes, open book, open web. You
may not consult a human being. You may consult your cat. It will be at 8:00PM. If you miss
the midterm for a legitimate unforeseeable excuse contact me ASAP.

FINAL  The final is currently officially scheduled for DO NOT KNOW YET. You may bring
in one sheet of notes to the final.

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 Do the optional project 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.

Day/Time of Midterm:  Thu Oct 21, 8:00PM-10:00PM.

Day/Time of Final:  NOT KNOWN YET

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

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Office Hours on Zoom and Our Email Addresses

- TA Zan Xu, FILL IN LATER.
  Email: FILL IN LATER.

- Prof William Gasarch Tuesday, 2:00-5:00PM.
  You can also make an appointment. This can be very flexible since we can use zoom:
  [https://umd.zoom.us/my/gasarch](https://umd.zoom.us/my/gasarch)

- TA Josh Twitty, FILL IN LATER. His office hours will be via Zoom:
  [https://umd.zoom.us/j/7278608580](https://umd.zoom.us/j/7278608580)
  Email: FILL IN LATER

- OTHER TA

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 out, not just the eval for me, but the eval for ALL of your courses. I have been on the committees that reads these evals and it is important that they be filled out.

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.

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