This is a 3-credit course that focuses on security and privacy issues in wireless networks and systems. Generally the security of MAC and especially upper layers are considered in this class. This course is not intended to cover cryptography in detail, but an overview of cryptography will be given at the beginning of the course so that the students who do not know cryptography would have sufficient information to understand the rest of the course. Similarly some wireless networking basics will be overviewed as well. The level of detail of these overviews depends on the class' background.

Although the catalogue information for this course (see below) several sub areas of wireless network security, this year in this course we will focus on ad hoc and sensor network security. In this respect, the course will mostly be research intensive.

**Catalogue Data:** This course covers security and privacy issues in wireless networks and systems, such as cellular networks, wireless LANs, wireless PANs, mobile ad hoc networks, vehicular networks, satellite networks, wireless mesh networks, sensor networks and RFID systems. Security problems of MAC and especially upper layers will be emphasized. Attacks and proposed solutions at several layers, authentication, key distribution and key management, secure routing, selfish and malicious behaviors, and secure group communication are analyzed for applicable wireless network types. A short overview of cryptography and wireless networking principles will be given at the beginning of the course.

**Prerequisite:** Formally there is no prerequisite for this course, but students are expected to come with undergrad level computer networks background. Moreover, computer-programming expertise is necessary.

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**Schedule:** F 8:40 – 11:30, FENS L067

**Text:** No formal textbook

**References:** Guide to Wireless Network Security, by Vacca  
Network Security: Current Status and Future Directions, by Douligeris and Serpanos  
Security for Wireless Sensor Networks, by Liu and Ning  
Security and Cooperation in Wireless Networks, by Buttyan and Hubaux  
Lots of papers and other web resources

Handouts will be made available electronically or in hardcopy.

**Very Tentative Outline**
- Introduction (1 week)
- Overview of Cryptography and Wireless Networks (2 weeks)
- Security in Wireless LANs (1-2 weeks)
- Bluetooth Security (1 week)
- Security in Cellular Networks (1-2 weeks)
- Ad hoc and sensor network security (4 weeks)
- Student presentations in other related areas that instructor did not cover (security and privacy in RFID systems, vehicular networks, wireless mesh networks, satellite networks, etc.) (3 weeks)
Student responsibilities and grading (tentative)
Since this is a graduate course, students are expected to perform research and development.

- **Student Presentations:** Students are expected to make research on a specific area that the instructor did not cover and make an extensive lecture-quality presentation on it. Depending on the subject, several students may form a group and may make a longer presentation. Our expectation is to have one hour presentation per student. The presentations should be prepared from scratch and should be based on some books, papers or other respectable resources. Students are expected to pick the topic in the 5th week of the term and should prepare the list of resources to be used in the presentation and an overview of presentation by the 8th week.

- **Research and Development projects:** These projects require a detailed investigation on a particular research problem. Depending on the nature of the problem, project output may be a survey paper, a report on some simulation results, or (if you are vigorous and eager enough) a conference paper with a novel contribution. Group projects of at most two people are welcome. Students are expected to submit their proposals by the 7th week and periodically report their progress.

Make-up Policy: No make-up! If you miss something, you miss it whatever the reason is!

**Very Tentative Grading**
- One exam (take home) 30 - 40%
- Presentation 20%
- 1-2 homework 40-50% (total)

Class Website: [http://people.sabanciuniv.edu/levi/cs535](http://people.sabanciuniv.edu/levi/cs535)

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