

Coursework & Evaluation

♦ **Five** Bi-weekly projects: 55%

- Assigned usually on Tuesdays, and the usual deadline is *the midnight of the second Tuesday after the project is assigned*.
- Every project has **two parts**: a problem set, a programming assignment
- You are strongly encouraged to work in **groups of two**. *Please let me know by next Friday (Feb. 19, 2021).*
- *Late submission will receive a maximum score of 26/30.*
- *One four-day extensions* for you to use at your discretion over the semester (except the final project)
- Submission: Email to me with the subject in the format “**CS331 Spring2021 Proj# -- Your Name**” or “**CS331 Spring2021 Proj# -- Your Name and Your Partner's Name**” if you work with a partner. (e.g., **CS331 Spring2021 Proj1 -- Ying Li** or **CS331 Spring2021 Proj1 -- Ying Li and Toto**). The email should have three attachments, a **pdf** file for your **problem set solution**, an **archive** for your **source code**, and a **pdf writing report** for your programming assignment.

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♦ **Two** midterms: 20%

- Take-home exams on **March 23 and April 27** (Tuesdays, no class on those days)
- Midterms will be assigned on Moodle. Each will take about 1 hour, and you will have *two days to finish it and submit* your solution to Moodle.
- A mock exam will be assigned a week before each midterm for you to practice. You don't need to submit your mock exams. But, I strongly encourage you to try them before we discuss them in class.
- *You are expected to take the midterms individually.*
- Each midterm may be made up when a prior request is made or there is a documented health issue. Please contact me immediately in the event of illness and other unforeseen circumstances, we will work out accommodations.

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♦ Final Exam: 15%

- *Oral*; finish it individually; no make-ups
- Details will be given in the last class.

♦ 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 and direct you to the lecture notes and coursework.
- Lecture notes will be posted in the [Notes](#) section of the course webpage few hours after the class.
- Participation also includes coming to my office hours or sending me emails for help. Don't hesitate to *come to my office hours* or *email me*. I'm happy to help if you let me know your questions.

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 midterms by doing the mock exams and reviewing the relevant topics in the lecture notes. You are strongly encouraged to try out the mock exams before we discuss the solutions in class.
- ♦ **Participation:** Be active in class, asking questions and joining discussions. Come to office hours. Ask me for help.
- ♦ **Final Exam:** Learn at least two of the topics we discussed in class well enough during the semester and let yourself feel comfortable talk about these topics. Start working on the exam early after it's assigned.

Help Outside of Class

◆ Ying's Office Hours:

- MTWR 2:30 - 4:00 pm or by appointment
- Go to Zoom: <https://colby.zoom.us/j/99049083368?pwd=bDBJOHFRdEVPR1FqVTImakk4MzJUdz09>

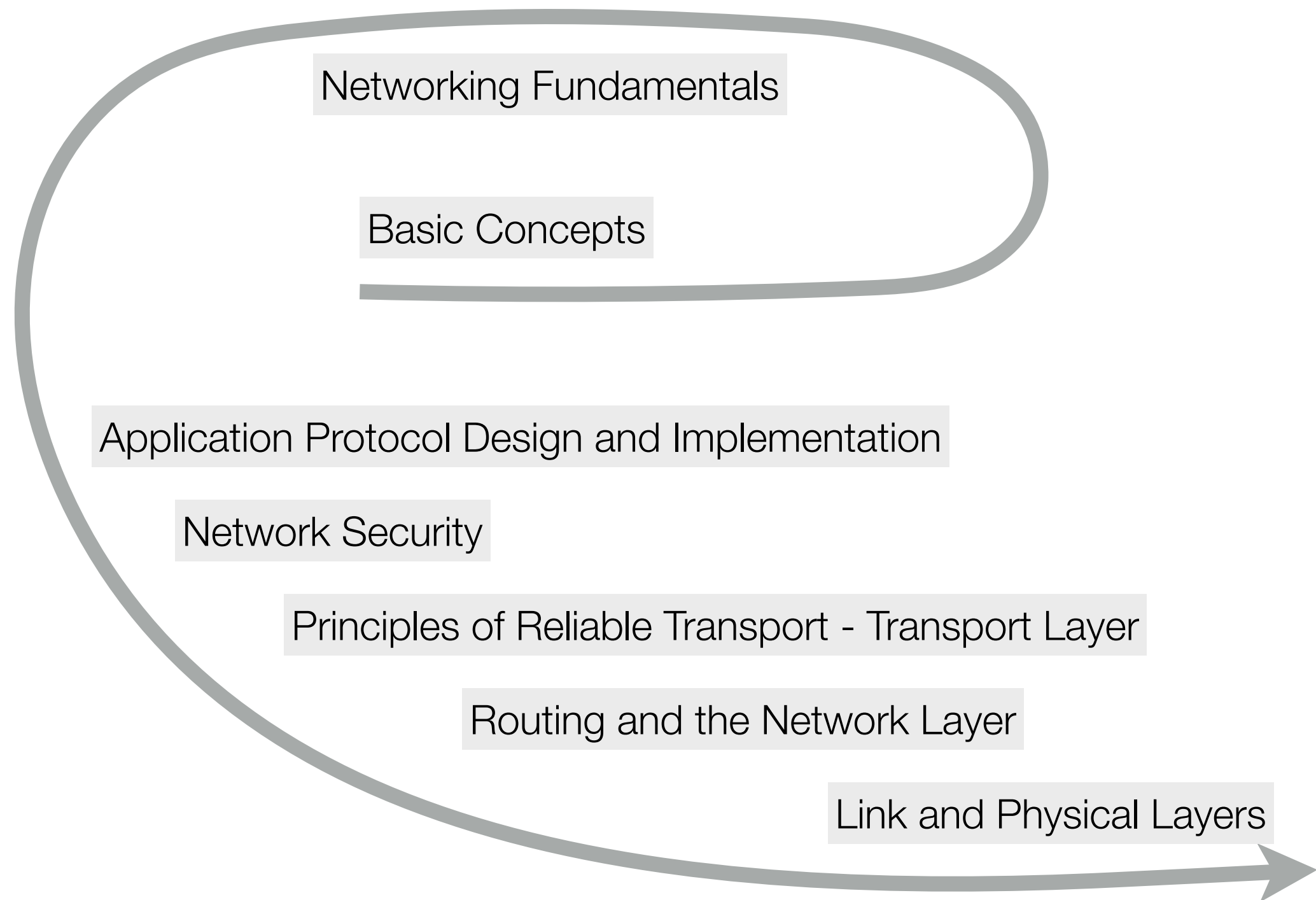
◆ Ying's Email

- yingli@colby.edu

The entryway to the course webpage:
Go to: cs.colby.edu; Click: CS331 link

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

Course Outline



Yes, we will visit some subjects multiple times!