



**University/Academy:** Arab Academy for Science and Technology & Maritime Transport  
**Faculty/Institute:** College of Computing & Information Technology  
**Program:** B. Sc. In Computer Science

Course title	<b>Computer System Security</b>
Course code	<b>CS421</b>

Form no. (11A): **Knowledge and skills matrix for a course**

Course content	Week	Knowledge	Intellectual skills	Professional skills	General skills
<b>Introduction</b>	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Define security services, mechanisms and attacks.</li> <li>Describe OSI security architecture.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Differentiate between confidentiality and Integrity as security services</li> </ul>		
<b>Classical Encryption Techniques – Part I</b>	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrate the encryption model for the classical ciphers (Caesar – monoalphabetic – Playfair – Hill)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distinguish between Symmetric ciphers and Asymmetric ciphers.</li> <li>Apply classical encryption algorithms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Design and implement an application to calculate a ciphertext using classical encryption algorithms</li> <li>Design and implement an application to demonstrate brute force attack on Caesar cipher</li> </ul>	Verify theory with practice
<b>Classical Encryption Techniques – Part II</b>	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Know the encryption model for the polyalphabetic cipher.</li> <li>Define the steganography process</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply the polyalphabetic cipher on an example plaintext message</li> <li>Analyze the security strengths for some classical encryption techniques</li> </ul>		
<b>Block Ciphers &amp; DES</b>	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrate the encryption model for the Fiestel cipher structure</li> <li>Illustrate the block diagram for the DES round</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply a DES round on a block of bits</li> <li>Analyze the Avalanche effect in DES</li> <li>Recognize security problems with DES</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Design and implement an application to experiment with symmetric key encryption</li> </ul>	Verify theory with practice

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate Triple DES operation</li> </ul>			
<b>Block cipher design principles/Block cipher modes of operation</b>	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate operation of the different block cipher modes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compare the different block cipher models.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design and implement an application to experiment with block cipher modes of operation</li> </ul>	Verify theory with practice
<b>Advanced encryption standard - AES</b>	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate the block diagram for AES</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analyze the security strength of the AES key size</li> </ul>		
<b>7th Week Exam</b>	7				
<b>Intro to Number Theory</b>	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define discrete logarithm</li> <li>• Define Fermat's theorem</li> <li>• Define Euler's Theorem</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calculate discrete logarithm</li> <li>• Calculate Euler's totient function</li> </ul>		
<b>Public key cryptography</b>	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define the principles of public-key cryptography</li> <li>• Demonstrate how RSA works</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• calculate the public and private keys in the RSA algorithm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design and implement an application to experiment with public key cryptography</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verify theory with practice</li> </ul>
<b>Key Distribution for Symmetric Encryption</b>	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate a key distribution scheme for symmetric encryption</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analyze a key distribution scheme for symmetric encryption</li> </ul>		
<b>Key Distribution for Asymmetric Encryption</b>	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate the Diffie-Hellman key exchange algorithm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analyze a key distribution scheme for asymmetric encryption</li> <li>• Analyze Diffie-Hellman key exchange algorithm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design and implement an application to calculate the common session key using Diffie- Hellman key agreement protocol</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verify theory with practice</li> </ul>
<b>12th Week Exam</b>	12				
<b>Message Authentication and Hash Functions</b>	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List the authentication requirements</li> <li>• Describe the authentication functions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Differentiate between a message authentication code and a hash value</li> <li>• Apply use of MAC and hash functions to provide message authentications</li> </ul>		
<b>Hash and MAC Algorithms</b>	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe the message digest algorithm</li> <li>• Demonstrate the secure hash algorithm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distinguish between Hashing and Encryption</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design and implement an application to experiment with MAC and hash algorithms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verify theory with practice</li> </ul>

<b>Firewalls</b>	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate Firewall Design Principles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify security problems not handled by firewalls</li> </ul>		
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