

Introduction to CRYPTOGRAPHY

First lecture: Monday, March 30th, 2pm-3:50PM

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When/where: SPRING 2020, M,W 2pm-3:50pm on Zoom;

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Office hours: Monday 4-4:50 pm or by appointment (starting from April 6th.)

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Description: This is an undergraduate course introducing students to the theory of cryptography, stressing definitions, proofs of security and applications. Topics include notions of hardness, one-way functions, hard-core bits, pseudo-random generators, pseudo-random functions and pseudo-random permutations, semantic security, public-key and private-key encryption, digital signatures, message authentication, digital signatures, interactive proofs, zero-knowledge proofs, private information retrieval, collision-resistant hash functions, commitment protocols, key-agreement, two-party and multi-party secure computation and Oblivious RAM.

Objectives: This course is meant to introduce students to cryptography, including modern cryptographic definitions and proofs of security as well as applications.

Prerequisites: CS180.

Textbooks: None. The course material will consists of on-line materials, and my 2010 lecture notes, see:

<http://web.cs.ucla.edu/rafail/PUBLIC/OstrovskyDraftLecNotes2010.pdf>

Grading Policy: Take-home Midterm 45% ; Take-home Final 55% .