

# Switching and Routing in Parallel and Distributed Systems (ESE 536/CSE 626)

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- **Course description.** This course covers various switching and routing issues in parallel and distributed systems. Topics include message switching techniques, design of interconnection networks, permutation, multicast and all-to-all routing in various networks, nonblocking and rearrangeable capability analysis and performance modeling.
- **Prerequisites.** ESE 503 and 545 or CSE 502 and 547, or permission of the instructor.
- **Meeting.**
  - **Time:** Tuesday and Thursday 2:30PM - 3:50PM
  - **Place:** SOCBEHAV SCI S228
- **Instructor**
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  - **Office Hours:** Thursday 12:30PM - 2:30PM.
- **Learning objectives.** To become familiar with the state of the art on various communication issues in parallel and distributed computing systems. At the end of the course, students should be able to
  - Explain the details of the switching techniques, designs of interconnection networks, unicast and collective communication routing algorithms, and performance analytical models that have been discussed in class.
  - Compare and contrast between different approaches and determine which approach is most suitable for particular applications.

- Perhaps perform original research on a topic covered in the course.
- **Textbook.** We will cover selected materials in the following book
  - **Interconnection Networks: An Engineering Approach**, J. Duato, S. Yalamanchili, and L.M. Ni, Morgan Kaufmann Publishers, 2002. (Recommended but not required).
  - In addition, we will discuss a number of articles from recent issues of journals and conference proceedings. Copies of these papers and additional handouts will be made available in class.
- **Grading.** Since this is a topic course, there will be a minimal number of assignments and exams. One third of the overall grade will be determined by the performance on a few homework problem sets. Another third will be determined by the grade of the final exam. For the final third of the grade, each student should give an in-class presentation on a research paper assigned by the instructor.

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**Accommodations for Students with Special Needs.** If you are entitled to extra accommodation for any reason (such as a physical or mental disability), it is your responsibility to discuss this with the instructor at the beginning of the course.