CSC 547 – CYBER SECURITY CONCEPTS AND PRACTICES

CREDIT HOURS: 3
PREREQUISITES: CSC 302 and CSC 331.
GRADE REMINDER: Must have a grade of C or better in each prerequisite course.
CROSS LISTING: CSC 447

CATALOG DESCRIPTION:
Study of computer and Internet security concepts and practices. Introduction to cryptography and information security. Understanding the different types of malware and how to prevent them. Cloud computing and emerging technologies security risks and practices.

PURPOSE OF COURSE
Introduces students to concepts common in the computer security field. Students will learn about threats and attacks to computer systems and how these threats are mitigated. The students will be introduced to cryptography through the topics of privacy and authentication. Students will use information security concepts to study policy that drives current cloud based and networked systems. The students will be capable of discussing historical perspectives in security and how it is relevant to current technologies.

NOTE: Students taking CSC 547 will be expected to complete additional requirements, including but not limited to special projects, class presentations, relevant research including literature review and current research topics from professional journals, and supplemental evaluation (i.e., additional questions, quizzes, tests). Students taking CSC 547 are expected to perform at a higher level than undergraduates taking CSC 447. Students should contact the course instructor early in the semester (i.e., before the end of the add/drop period) to determine the specific additional requirements.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES
Upon successful completion of the course, students should be able to:

1. Describe, discuss, and apply security principles to solve problems.
2. Create security policies for different organizational scenarios.
3. Understand and apply cryptography to applications.
4. Detect malicious software and know how to remove it from an infected system.
5. Discuss and build policies for cloud based systems.
6. Apply privacy practices and policies.

COURSE CALENDAR
This course meets for a minimum of 37.5 lecture contact hours during the semester, including the final exam. Students have significant weekly reading assignments and reading from the primary literature. Students are expected to complete 3-4 homework assignments, 4-5 laboratory or programming assignments, and 2-3 periodic exams in addition to the final exam. Students are expected to prepare for any class assignments or quizzes over the material covered in class or in the reading material. Successful completion of these activities requires at a minimum six additional hours of outside of classroom work each week.

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Exams (plus a comprehensive final) ................................................................. 3

TOTAL 45

REFERENCES


Readings in Current Trends