

**Course Information**

Course ID: CNS440-802; CNS440-811  
Name: Information Security Management  
Quarter: Winter 2016-2017  
Meeting time: Wednesday 5:45PM - 9:00PM  
Location: CS&TC 00216 at Loop Campus  
Type of Instruction: lecture / lecture-discussion / lab

**Instructor Information**

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**Important Dates**

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|---------------|---|
| January 8     | Last day to add (or swap) classes to WQ2016 schedule            |
| January 15    | Last day to drop classes with no penalty.                       |
| January 16    | Martin Luther King Day - University officially closed           |
| January 16    | Grades of "W" assigned for classes dropped on or after this day |
| February 19   | Last day to withdraw from WQ2017 classes                        |
| March 11      | End WQ 2017 Day & Evening Classes. All assignments due.         |
| March 13 - 18 | WQ 2017 Day & Evening Final Exams Week                          |
| March 24      | GRADES DUE: WINTER 2017   |

**Textbook**

*Fundamentals of Information Systems Security*, Second Edition, David Kim and Michael G. Solomon, Jones & Bartlett Learning, ISBN: 978-1-284-03162-1. You can access the electronic copy for free you're your campus connect credentials:  
<http://library.books24x7.com.ezproxy.depaul.edu/toc.aspx?bookid=69815>

### **Laboratory Exercises**

We will use the assignments available from the virtual labs environment available with the textbook, ISBN: 978-1-284-18539-3. These labs are designed for you to work individually, however, I encourage collaboration and working in groups. Your reports stay individual, though, and I expect to recognize clear engagement with the lab contents on your side.

### **Course Description**

Information security management as it applies to information systems analysis, design, and operations. Managing information assets and the security infrastructure. Emphasis on managing security-related risk, as well as the process of developing, implementing, and maintaining organizational policies, standards, procedures, and guidelines. Identifying and evaluating information assets, threats, and vulnerabilities. Quantitative and qualitative risk analysis, risk mitigation, residual risk, and risk treatment as they relate to information security. Topics include information security vulnerabilities, threats, and risk assessment; security policies and standards; security audits; access controls; network perimeter protection, data protection; physical security; security education training and awareness; standardized tools for information security management.

### **Course Objectives**

At the conclusion of the course, students will be able to:

- Understand and contextualize the principles of information security in complex systems and organizations
- Understand, implement and develop cybersecurity protection techniques, information security policies, procedures, and programs
- Perform threat, vulnerability and risk assessments
- Plan a security awareness, training and education activity
- Think critically about:
  - Role of a cybersecurity expert
  - Broader set of factors affecting the information security management
- Respond in face of new cybersecurity exploits, campaigns, and latest challenges

## Agenda

| Week/Date            | Topic   | Assignment   | Reading  |
|----------------------|---|--|--|
| Week 1<br>01/04/2017 | <b>Course Overview and Logistics</b><br><b>Information Security Environment:</b><br>Security Basics - Principles, Cybersecurity<br>Predictions for 2017                       | Homework – Chapters 1 & 2 Review   | Chapters 1 & 2                                   |
|                      |   | /  |  |
| Week 2<br>01/11/2017 | <b>Information Security Planning:</b> Security<br>Basics – Access Control and OS Security<br>Information Security Planning, <i>Cyber<br/>Insecurity</i> – the Case of Stuxnet | Homework – Chapters 5 & 9  | Chapters 5 & 9                                   |
|                      |   | Lab 1 - Performing Reconnaissance and<br>Probing using Common Tools                                  |  |
| Week 3<br>01/18/2017 | <b>Threats and Vulnerabilities:</b> Threats and<br>Vulnerabilities, <i>Cyber Insecurity</i> – Verizon<br>Data Breach Report and the Case of Target<br>Breach                  | Homework – Performing a Threat<br>Assessment   | Chapters 3 & 4;<br>(optional: NIST SP<br>800-30) |
|                      |   | Lab 2 - Performing a Vulnerability<br>Assessment   |  |
| Week 4<br>01/25/2017 | <b>Risk Assessment:</b> Defining Risk in<br>Information Security, Risk Quantification   | Homework – Chapter 8   | Chapter 8; (optional:<br>NIST SP 800-30)         |
|                      |   | Lab 3 - Enabling Windows Active<br>Directory and User Access Controls                                |  |
| Week 5<br>02/01/2017 | <b>Risk Assessment:</b> Enterprise Risk<br>Management – Cybersecurity Framework;<br><i>Cyber Insecurity</i> – Security Fatigue and the<br>Security Mirage                     | Homework – Risk Analysis   | Chapters 10 & 11<br>ISACA caselets               |
|                      |   | Lab 4 - Using Group Policy Objects and<br>Microsoft Baseline Security Analyzer for<br>Change Control |  |

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| Week 6<br>02/08/2017  | <b>Security Policies:</b> Standards, Guidelines and Approaches for Protection of Organizational Assets; Technical Controls; <i>Cyber Insecurity</i> – the Case of Glibc | Homework – Security Policy  | Chapter 6 & 12   |
|                       |   | Lab 8- Performing a Web Site and Database Attack by Exploiting Identified Vulnerabilities |                  |
| Week 7<br>02/15/2017  | <b>Security Education, Training and Awareness:</b> Social Aspects of Information Security; <i>People vs. Cybersecurity</i>  | /   | Chapters 13 & 14 |
|                       |   | Lab 9 - Eliminating Threats with a Layered Security Approach                              |                  |
| Week 8<br>02/22/2017  | <b>Security Program Validation / Ethics and Regulation</b>  | /   | Chapter 7        |
|                       |   | /   |                  |
| Week 9<br>03/01/2017  | <b>Presentations</b>  |   |                  |
| Week 10<br>03/08/2017 | <b>Presentations</b>  |   |                  |

**Grading**

Grading is based on the manner in which you fulfill the objectives of this course. I will grade all your assignments on a percentage basis, which I will then convert to a letter. I will convert percentages to letters based on the following schedule:

| Percentage Grade | Letter Grade | Manner of fulfillment |
|------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| 92-100           | A            | Excellent             |
| 90-91            | A-           |                       |
| 88-89            | B+           |                       |
| 82-87            | B            | Very Good             |
| 80-81            | B-           |                       |
| 78-79            | C+           |                       |
| 72-77            | C            | Satisfactory          |
| 70-71            | C-           |                       |
| 68-69            | D+           |                       |
| 62-67            | D            | Poor                  |
| 60-61            | D-           |                       |
| 0-59             | F            |                       |

The weights of each assignment for contributing to the final average are as follows:

| Assignment             | Weight in final grade |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Homework               | 30%                   |
| Labs                   | 20%                   |
| Discussion             | 5%                    |
| Story Time             | 10%                   |
| Paper                  | 25%                   |
| Presentation/Critiques | 10%                   |

**Assignments Delivery**

Homework and Labs are due a week after each is assigned at 11:59 PM. I will accept late homework/labs according the following schedule:  $p = \log_2(2 - \frac{d}{14})$ , where  $p$  is the percentage applied to the earned grade and  $d$  is the number of days the homework is submitted late. After 14 days, homework receives no credit. No late presentation and paper will be accepted. The tentative due dates are (subject of change):

| Assignment                           | Due Date (11:59 PM) |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Homework – Chapter 1 & 2             | 01/11/2017          |
| Lab 1 / Homework 5 & 9               | 01/18/2017          |
| Lab 2 / Homework – Threat Assessment | 01/25/2017          |
| Lab 3 / Homework 8                   | 02/01/2017          |
| Lab 4 / Homework – Risk Analysis     | 02/08/2017          |
| Lab 8 / Homework – Security Policy   | 02/15/2017          |
| Lab 9                                | 02/22/2017          |
| Final Presentation                   | 03/08/2017          |
| Final Paper                          | 03/15/2017          |

**Discussion**

Each class, I will present a current issue related to class topics and we will discuss the implications on the information security management. Your participation in such discussions will be evaluated accordingly.

[Online Students only] - You will bring your comments on the D2L page for each topic we discuss in class

**Story Time**

Each student will be responsible for presenting an article (only once during the quarter), chosen by them, to the class. There will be a Doodle pool at the beginning of the class.

[Online Students only] You will deliver your article and presentation for me to present in class.

**Final Paper**

There will be a final white/research paper due near the end of the course. This will be a paper on a topic of your choosing in the area of cybersecurity. You can provide detail analysis of a cybersecurity problem and available/potential solutions, survey current challenges and issues, or conduct an actual cybersecurity research and report the results. The topic has to be communicated with me no later than the second week of the semester in order to be approved. Working in groups not more than two are paper/project specific and require prior approval from me. To successfully complete this assignment, you will have to read and include content from published papers, books, and validated information sources outside of the reading material available for the course. Use DePaul's University Library as a rich repository for wide range of scientific papers and content available for free to you as students. There is no page/word count limit, however, the paper is expected to commensurate with an academic-level work. For the paper formatting guidelines and reference citation, see the section below.

**Final Presentation**

All students will create a presentation on your final paper for the entire class. In addition, you will present your site/show sometime during the last week of class and finals week. There will be no final exam. The presentation will be due at the beginning of the last class of the quarter, and will not be accepted late. Online students will need to have access to presentations to complete their final assignment.

[Online Students only] I will post all presentations and you will be responsible for critiquing three of them as part of your presentation grade

**Paper Formatting Guidelines**

Papers have to be formatted and delivered according to the template under the "Paper Formatting" section in D2L course page. You can choose either IEEE, APA6, or MLA citation format. I encourage usage of citation software (Mendeley, Zotero, EndNote...). You can use a word processor of your choice. If you feel that you need help on the citation part, feel free to consult the citation materials provided, the *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association*, or any validated source on IEEE, APA6, or MLA citation. I strongly encourage you to pay a visit or schedule an appointment with the University Center for Writing-Based Learning: <http://condor.depaul.edu/writing/>

**Attendance**

I expect that you will attend every class; it is the single most important action you can take in mastering the course objectives. You are responsible for material covered, assignments delivered or received, and announcements made in class sessions or on the class web site.

**Class Cancellation**

Unless DePaul University closes because of weather, we will have class.

**Incompletes**

Students must formally request an incomplete by filling out an [Incomplete Grade Request Form](#).

**Academic Integrity**

I expect that you have read and understood DePaul's policy on Academic Integrity (<http://academicintegrity.depaul.edu/>). It is part of this syllabus; follow it.

**Changes to Syllabus**

This syllabus is subject to change as necessary to better meet the needs of the students. Significant changes are unlikely, and will be thoroughly addressed in class. Minor changes, especially to the weekly agenda, are possible at any time. You will be informed of all such changes.

**Online Course Evaluations**

Evaluations are a way for students to provide valuable feedback regarding their instructor and the course. Detailed feedback will enable the instructor to continuously tailor teaching methods and course content to meet the learning goals of the course and the academic needs of the students. They are a requirement of the course and are key to continue to provide you with the highest quality of teaching. The evaluations are anonymous; the instructor and administration do not track who entered what responses. A program is used to check if the student completed the evaluations, but the evaluation is completely separate from the student's identity. Since 100% participation is our goal, students are sent periodic reminders over three weeks. Students do not receive reminders

once they complete the evaluation. Students complete the evaluation online in [CampusConnect](#).

### **Academic Policies**

All students are required to manage their class schedules each term in accordance with the deadlines for enrolling and withdrawing as indicated in the University Academic Calendar. Information on enrollment, withdrawal, grading and incompletes can be found at: <http://www.cdm.depaul.edu/Current%20Students/Pages/PoliciesandProcedures.aspx>

### **Students with Disabilities**

Students who feel they may need an accommodation based on the impact of a disability should contact the instructor privately to discuss their specific needs. All discussions will remain confidential. To ensure that you receive the most appropriate accommodation based on your needs, contact the instructor as early as possible in the quarter (preferably within the first week of class), and make sure that you have contacted the Center for Students with Disabilities (CSD) at: [csd@depaul.edu](mailto:csd@depaul.edu).

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### **Tips**

1. Writing a scientific paper is a time-consuming and intensive task. Don't procrastinate after we decided on your paper topics and wait until the last week to start searching for material and writing. Feel free to ask for suggestions during your researching and writing process, I am glad to help.
2. Don't be afraid to approach for help on any issue if you are experiencing any learning difficulties. I don't want you to gradually fall behind over the semester until things become untenable.
3. Participate actively in discussion sections. Developing critical thinking skills – essential for getting into the cybersecurity mindset – is through interactive learning and class discussions.