

**CSC442/542: INTRODUCTION TO CYBER SECURITY**  
**CYEN301: COMPUTER NETWORK SECURITY**  
**LETTER OF AGREEMENT**

9 March 2022

I understand that the material presented in this course may contain topics that, outside the context of this course, may be considered unethical and possibly even illegal. Although I reserve the right to employ the use of the techniques and tools I learn in this course in my own personal network(s), I recognize that implementing them outside the classroom environment may result in potentially negative consequences.

Unethical (or potentially illegal) uses include (but are not limited to):

- Wardriving and related techniques that attempt to gain unauthorized access to wireless networks (e.g., MAC address spoofing, WPA/WEP password attacks);
- Illicit login attempts (e.g., brute force dictionary-based attacks);
- System footprinting and vulnerability scanning;
- Using any of the tools covered in the course to gather information or gain access to a network I do not own or maintain (e.g., Metasploit, Nessus, Kismet, Cain & Abel, John the Ripper, Nmap, THC-Hydra, Aircrack-ng, and so on);
- Any use of techniques or tools that can be construed as espionage, sabotage, vandalism, fraud, denial of service, or similar;
- Distributing and/or releasing electronic bacteria, viruses, Trojan horses, worms, key loggers, or anything that could be considered malware in an attempt to gain unauthorized access or information (or simply to annoy); and/or
- Exploiting known vulnerabilities (e.g., buffer overflow, shellcode, format string attack, self-modifying code, etc) in order to gain unauthorized access or information (or simply to annoy).

I understand that I am personally responsible for any consequences that may occur as a result of the unauthorized use of the material I learn in this course. I will not hold Louisiana Tech University nor any of its staff and faculty responsible for consequences of actions I undertake that are related to the material learned in this course. Furthermore, I acknowledge that I must be familiar with and fully abide by the university policies on Campus Computer Use (Policy 2302)<sup>1</sup> and Internet Use (Policy 2303)<sup>2</sup>.

Signed,

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<sup>1</sup>Policy 2302 can be found at <https://www.latech.edu/about/administration/policies/p-2302/>

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