

The research site I am planning to study is Hack@UCF, our resident Collegiate Cyber Defense Club. This is an organization that hosts informative/skill-acquiring General Body Meetings, Operations Meetings, workshops, an annual Cyber Defense Competition, and sometimes attends hacking conventions around the country. It is a good fit for me because ENC 1102 provides me with an opportunity to dedicate time and involvement to the organization, something I have intended but not acted upon.

There are several things that are interesting to me about this site, and the overarching one is it being the best fit subfield of my degree for me. At the same time, I am thrilled by the opportunity to continue the subject of my ENC 1101 Major Assignment 3 paper in a more specific sense. While having reasonable expectations, what would be useful about this research site would be building connections, and a consistent role or belonging within the organization. Importantly, what I would like to learn by studying it is the most basic of terminology, skills, and understanding of the field that is nearly foreign to me now.

My access to this research site comes in various forms. For one, I have a close friend who is connected to other members, and in the past, has motivated me to do the same. I am acquainted with some of these members; that is partly because I was very briefly involved in the Operations Team and Meetings. These both directly tie into how I would conduct interviews.

I have directly reached out to the President of the organization on Discord, where we have started a short chat history, asking for his assistance for me to conduct research on the organization. With this, I sought to bring to his awareness that I would like to do this and be more involved than ever before. But at the same time, I am naturally gauging if there is any reason why I would not be able to pursue this research site.

All that said, I have a lot of options to make observations and conduct surveys of Hack@UC, the most immediate one being General Body Meetings. These Meetings never fail to have slideshow presentations, as well, which is one way text is very accessible to collect from this site. Hack@UCF also has their very own website, and social media presence on Instagram, Discord, and KnightConnect., to name a few.