

CSC 564 Computer Security
Fall 2014

Acceptable Use Statement

This course considers topics involving personal and public privacy and security. As part of this investigation the course will cover technologies whose abuse may infringe on the rights of others. As a student, I will use the technologies explained in the course only for legal and ethical use. Abuse of these technologies may include circumvention of existing security or privacy services for any purpose, or the dissemination or promotion of attacks against these services. Any activity of this nature is illegal; it will be reported to the proper authorities and may result in legal prosecution. When in doubt, I will come to my instructor for advice.

I understand that this is not a course in hacking and I will use everything I learn in class responsibly. I understand that hacking is a serious crime. Under no circumstances is it warranted for a student, out of curiosity or malicious intent, to break into anyone's computer or network system. I understand that my violations will be dealt with to the fullest extent of the law. It is no longer considered "cute" and "creative" to break into someone's computer or network system--it is considered a serious crime.

I understand that even exploratory research when conducted improperly can result in a computer crime. For example, a virus can escape the lab where it is investigated and researched. I will not undertake any security research as a part of this course without the explicit permission and guidance of the instructor.

The following are specifically prohibited: attacks on any machines, disruption of service for others, insecure login to other machines, snooping on other users, modifying or tampering with other users' data, installation of Trojan horses, back doors, unauthorized or excessive personal use, uses that interfere with the proper functioning of someone's computer or network resources, uses that unreasonably interfere with the ability of others to make use of their computer or network resources, attempting to gain or gaining unauthorized access to the computer system or files of another, password cracking, attempting to infringe the intellectual property rights of others, altering system software or hardware configurations, disrupting or interfering with the delivery or administration of computer resources, attempting to access or accessing another's account, server, workstation, files, or e-mail without the owner's permission, misrepresenting oneself as another individual in electronic communication, installing, copying, distributing or using software in violation of: copyright and/or software agreements and applicable state and federal laws.

In addition, anything not specifically authorized is prohibited.

Name:

Date:

Signature: