Air Force Institute of Technology

CSCE 525: Introduction to Cyber Warfare and Security

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Question: Do you think that course expectations are clear, sufficient and reasonable?  Why or why not?

I believe the expectations for Introduction to Cyber Warfare and Security are not only clear, sufficient, and reasonable, but also helpful and realistic. I think they are clear because they are simple and well organized. I appreciate that all files and information have been provided through email thus far, as other classes at AFIT have provided some documentation through physical handouts, the Canvas Learning Management System (LMS), and/or email. This requires students to spend extra energy ensuring that they have all course material and requirements. I believe the expectations are very reasonable for the environment of AFIT. AFIT treats students like adults and expect them to dive into their classes with passion and enthusiasm. Offering classes that force students to take charge of their own learning early in the program will increase overall effectiveness as time progresses. This is why I say that the course expectations are also helpful and realistic. They are helpful because you not only provide expectations, but also advice from your experience to aid in student success. Finally, the expectations are realistic because they help students to better understand how to succeed in the “real-world” where the path to success does not come with a syllabus but must be discovered and carefully trod.

I most appreciated your recommendations for success from your “Grad Student Expectations” document. The most challenging item for me is “make research and scholarship a routine and protected activity.”[[1]](#footnote-1) It is hard for me to routinely set aside time in my schedule for research and scholarship. I believe it is difficult because I do not have a high level of natural curiosity and I do not formulate opinions easily or like to express most of my opinions publicly. I believe these will improve during my time at AFIT. I also have other priorities, specifically family, that need my time. This can occasionally lead to hard choices over what is going to receive my time. Unfortunately, right now, extra research and scholarship is one of the first things to drop off the list.

Overall, I am looking forward to the course, especially the classroom discussion.

1. . Mark Reith, “Graduate Student Expectations” (Course handout provided 1 October 2018, CSCE 525: Introduction to Cyber Warfare and Security, AF Institute of Technology), 1. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)