

Course Syllabus

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CSE 470/570 Ethical Hacking

Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering

Course Information:

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- **Class Interaction:**
 - **Section A:** Monday and Wednesday 10:05 AM-11:25 AM - Benton Hall 002
 - **Section B:** Monday and Wednesday 2:50 PM - 4:10 PM. - Benton Hall 002
- **Course Site:** Canvas
- **TA help sessions:**
 - Kareem Ghumrawi (ghumraka@miamioh.edu) - Wednesday and Thursday 6-7 pm at Benton 002.
 - Nero Tran Huu (tranhuq@miamioh.edu (<mailto:tranhuq@miamioh.edu>)) - Friday 5-6 pm at Benton 002.
- **Required Materials:**
 - **Textbook:** [CEH v10 Certified Ethical Hacker Study Guide by Ric Messier, Wiley](https://www.wiley.com/en-us/CEH+v10+Certified+Ethical+Hacker+Study+Guide-p-9781119533191)
(<https://www.wiley.com/en-us/CEH+v10+Certified+Ethical+Hacker+Study+Guide-p-9781119533191>)
Available online at: <https://learning.oreilly.com/library/view/ceh-v10-certified/9781119533191/f01.xhtml>
 - **Reference Book:**

- **Computer Security: Principles and Practice by by William Stallings and Lawrie Brown**
(https://www.amazon.com/dp/0134794109/ref=cm_sw_em_r_mt_dp_eKTQFbCH5T585)
- **Hacking: The Art of Exploitation by Jon Erickson, 2nd Edition**
(<https://www.amazon.com/Hacking-Art-Exploitation-Jon-Erickson/dp/1593271441>)
- **Gray Hat Hacking: The Ethical Hacker's Handbook**
(https://www.amazon.com/dp/0071742557/ref=cm_sw_em_r_mt_dp_UkBQFb5TCSB9W)

Important dates:

- Labor Day, University is closed: Mon Sep 6
- Last Day to Drop Course with no Grade: Fri Sep 10
- Tentative Midterm Exam: Mon, Oct 11
- Last Day to Drop Course with 'W' Grade: Mon Oct 25
- Thanksgiving Break, University is closed: Wed Nov 24 - Sun Nov 28
- Endterm exam: TBD

Course Description

Overview:

This course is designed to provide students with the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in cybersecurity tools. The students will also learn the principle of ethical hacking. The course will cover the exploitation of computer and network vulnerabilities, monitoring tools, and implementing defensive measures.

Prerequisites:

- CSE 278 (Systems I: Introduction to Systems Programming)
- CSE/CIT 262 (Technology, Ethics, and Global Society)

Student Learning Objectives:

1. Describe information security standards, guidelines, compliance, and policy.
2. Interpret professional and ethical responsibility and best practices of cybersecurity.
3. Demonstrate security threats, risks, vulnerabilities, safeguards, and countermeasures.
4. Apply security best-practices to prevent malicious activities.
5. Develop ethical hacking techniques to assess and protect systems' resources.
6. Analyze and evaluate a system to find the vulnerabilities and security status.
7. Design and deploy safeguards and countermeasures to mitigate cyber threats.

8. Graduate Student extra outcome: Analyze and document a case study on a security breach.

Tentative topics:

(actual offering might be less)

1. Review of TCP/IP protocol stack
2. Security Basics
 - Security foundations
 - Ethics - Penetration testing agreement and legal issues
3. Reconnaissance
 - Open-source intelligence
 - Domain naming service
 - Kali Linux installation and overview
 - Packet manipulation tool
4. Vulnerability scanner
 - Ping sweeps
 - Packet sniffing
 - Port scanning
5. System Hacking
 - Metasploitable VM and framework
 - vulnerability database
 - Exploit application layer network protocols
 - Password cracking
 - Privilege escalation
6. Malware
 - Virus, worm, trojan
 - Botnet and DoS
 - Malware analysis
7. Wireless and mobile Security
 - WiFi WEP breaking
 - Bluetooth
 - Mobile device attacks
8. Attack Defense

- Firewall
 - Intrusion detection
 - Intrusion prevention
9. Security architecture design
- Security models
 - A guest lecture from industry personale.

Course Grading

Measures of Evaluation

Undergraduate		Graduate	
Deliverable	Weightage	Deliverable	Weightage
Midterm exam	25%	Midterm exam	25%
Final Exam	20%	Final Exam	20%
HomeWorks	15%	HomeWorks	10%
Labs	15%	Labs	10%
Quizzes	10%	Quizzes	10%
Term paper	15%	Term paper	15%
Total	100%	Project	10%
		Total	100%

Exams: There will be one midterm exam and one final exam. All exams are cumulative, closed-book. **No make-ups for missed exams.** If you are absent on an exam, your grade for that exam will be zero.

HomeWorks: There will be homework on alternate weeks throughout the semester.

Labs: The content covered will be applied through guided lab/ project assignments every alternate week.

Quizzes: Online quizzes are given using the course website.

Term Paper: Students will write a case study on a security breach. It is a group assignment. There will be 3-4 checkpoints for this assignment.

Assignment Submission Policies:

- All assignments must be submitted through Canvas only. Submissions sent by e-mail, and so on will not be accepted.
- **Late Submission:** One day late submission will result in 25% grade reduction, Two day late submission will result in 50% grade reduction. No submission will be accepted two days after the due date.

- **Always back up your electronic work!** Computer/network failures are a fact of life and are not justification for an extension. WRITE YOUR ANSWERS ALONE...learn to help one another without sharing any code.
- If you are submitting a scanned copy of a handwritten page, please scan it properly and make sure all the contents are clearly readable.

Letter Grading Conversion:

Grade	Percentage Range	Grade	Percentage Range	Grade	Percentage Range
A+	97-100%	A	94-96.9%	A-	90-93.9%
B+	87-89.9%	B	84-86.9%	B-	80-83.9%
C+	77-79.9%	C	74-76.9%	C-	70-73.9%
D+	67-69.9%	D	64-66.9%	D-	60-63.9%
F	Less than 60%				

Notices and Resources

Code of Ethics

the students must read the following code of ethics and comply with it.

1. I agree to abide by all federal, state and school laws.
2. I agree that my research and practice of techniques at this course are purely for academic and educational purposes. They will only be used responsibly in order to further my understanding of security.
3. Everything learned and used in this course will not be used maliciously unless there is consent from all parties involved. Malicious activity includes, but is not limited to, stealing information and data, accessing systems not owned by yourself, and attacking networks.
4. Respect personal privacy - do not use others' resources or view their information without their consent.
5. I will not become involved with any black hat societies during my time in this course.
6. I will fully acknowledge the intellectual property of others, and will never claim another's work as my own - whether it be from a cohort or from elsewhere.
7. Act with appropriate confidentiality when working on projects related to this course. Any information obtained from outside parties must be handled according to their wishes.

8. I will avoid and be alert to any circumstances or actions that might lead to conflicts of interest or the perception of conflicts of interest.
9. I will not advance private interests at the expense and/or detriment of others.
10. I will not withhold any knowledge of software/network vulnerabilities that may result in damage from the appropriate software authors/network administrators. In addition, I will withhold knowledge regarding these vulnerabilities to anyone else until they are rectified.
11. I understand collaboration regarding any cases violating these rules can potentially implicate me.
12. Should I choose to break any of the above rules, I understand that I may be passed to higher authorities for appropriate punishment in addition to being dropped out of this course. This will, of course, depend on a case by case basis.
13. I agree to cooperate with the instructor in an investigation if I am suspected of violating any part of the Code of Ethics. Should I feel the investigation is unwarranted in any way, I will report the instructor's actions to the office of Security, Compliance, and Risk Management.

Class Attendance Policy

Unexcused absences are not allowed in this course. In case of an absence, inform the instructor beforehand, if possible, and submit on time any work that is due. For more information, refer to Chapter 9 of the *Student Handbook*. Should a student become ill, it is the responsibility of the student to contact the instructor and keep the instructor apprised of the situation.

COVID-19 Considerations

Students, faculty, or staff should not come to campus when ill or under orders from the Butler County General Health District to isolate because of a diagnosis or quarantine because of close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19. However, students are ultimately responsible for material covered in class, regardless of whether the student is absent or present. Instructors are not expected to create a facsimile of in-class instruction but should identify reasonable ways to accommodate the absence and may wish to make some or all of their office hours remotely accessible to assist in this accommodation.

Face Masks: Face masks are required during all class meetings to promote the health and safety of all university members. There may be university-approved exceptions to this requirement. Students who cannot wear a facial covering due to medical or disability-related reasons should contact the Miller Center for Student Disability Services at sds@miamioh.edu or Regional Student Disability Services at regionalsds@miamioh.edu. (<mailto:regionalsds@miamioh.edu>.)

If a student comes to class without a face mask or refuses to maintain physical distancing, I will first ask the student to comply (e.g. put on a face mask). If the student refuses, I will ask the student to leave the classroom and inform the student that the class will not proceed until the student either complies or leaves. If the student continues to refuse, I will dismiss the class and immediately report the student to the Office of Community Standards.

Course Webpage & Communication

All course content (slides, videos, announcements, handouts, assignments, etc.) will be posted on the Canvas page for this course. We will use Canvas for all assignment submissions, as well as for the use of discussion boards, grading, and other means of communication. **You should ensure that your settings enable you to receive course announcements directly to your Miami email address so that you are immediately notified of any updates.**

Copyright Disclaimer

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Disability Services

If you are a student with a physical, learning, medical and/or psychiatric disability and feel that you may need a reasonable accommodation to fulfill the essential functions of the course that are listed in this syllabus, you are encouraged to contact the Miller Center for Student Disability Services at 529-1541 (V/TTY), located in the Shriver Center, Room 304.

If you have a special accommodation you think you will not need to use for this course, request it anyway. We cannot honor accommodation requests until they have gone through Student Disability Services.

Mental Health Services

If you are a student who may be experiencing mental or emotional distress, you are encouraged to call Student Counseling Service (513-529-4634). For emergencies outside of business hours, the Community and Counseling and Crisis Center (844-427-4747) has a 24-hour hotline.

Academic Support

The following resources are available for you as a student:

- **Rinella Learning Center Academic Support.** (<https://miamioh.edu/student-life/rinella-learning-center/academic-support/index.html>)
- **Howe Center for Writing Excellence.** (<http://miamioh.edu/hcwe/>)
- **International Student Resources.** (<https://miamioh.edu/academics/intl-student-resources/index.html>)
- **Student Success Center.** (<https://miamioh.edu/emss/offices/student-success-center/about/index.html>)

Taking notes

- You will sometimes be provided with electronic presentations to give you basic information. These are not a substitute for taking notes.
- Take notes during videos and activities.
- Lab activities will often depend on you to use what you wrote in your notes.
- "Good notes" does not mean "Write everything". Be selective.
- Focus on writing sample code, diagrams, "notes to self".

Academic Integrity Information

You must read and understand the CSE department expectations for Academic Integrity,
<http://miamioh.edu/cec/academics/departments/cse/academics/academic-integrity/index.html>
(<http://miamioh.edu/cec/academics/departments/cse/academics/academic-integrity/index.html>)

The policy is copied below:

The Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering is committed to maintaining strict standards of academic integrity. The department expects each student to understand and comply with the [University's Policy on Academic Integrity \(http://www.miamioh.edu/integrity/\)](http://www.miamioh.edu/integrity/) and the undergraduate student handbook and graduate student handbook. Students may direct questions regarding academic integrity expectations to their instructor or to the department chair. All work submitted must be original for that class. Submitting the same project for two different classes is grounds for charging a student with academic misconduct unless prior written permission is received from both instructors.

"Problem Solving Assignments" are assignments that involve programming, math, proofs, derivations, and puzzles.

The purpose of a problem solving assignment is for you to develop the skills necessary to solve similar problems in the future. \To learn to solve problems you must solve the problems and write your solutions independently.

It is worth reiterating that the important aspect of the assignment is that you actually create the solution from start to finish; simply copying a solution and then understanding it after the fact is not a substitute for actually developing the solution.

The notion of academic integrity can be confusing in courses with substantial problem solving because certain forms of collaboration and investigation are permitted, but you are still required to complete your assignment independently. The following scenarios are meant to help distinguish between acceptable and unacceptable levels of collaboration and research, but are not all-inclusive:

ACCEPTABLE:

- Consulting solutions from the current course textbook, but not from other published sources.
- Seeking help on how to use the programming environment such as the editor, the compiler, or other tools.