

A Model Curriculum for Programs of Study in
Information Security/Cybersecurity

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Comprehensive National Cybersecurity Initiative (May 2009), there is a recognized national goal “To strengthen the future cybersecurity environment by expanding cyber education; coordinating and redirecting research and development efforts across the Federal Government, and working to define and develop strategies to deter hostile or malicious activity in cyberspace”

There are two dominant technology curriculum guidelines currently in use. The first is the ABET CAC accreditation standards for programs in Cybersecurity, which—in addition to the general CAC computing requirements specify:

“These program criteria apply to computing programs using cybersecurity, cyber operations, computer security, information assurance, information security, computer forensics, or similar terms in their titles.

3. Student Outcomes

In addition to outcomes 1 through 5, graduates of the program will also have an ability to:

6. Apply security principles and practices to maintain operations in the presence of risks and threats. [CY]

5. Curriculum

The curriculum requirements specify topics, but do not prescribe specific courses. Requirements are:

(a) At least 45 semester credit hours (or equivalent) of computing and cybersecurity course work. The course work must include:

1. Application of the crosscutting concepts of confidentiality, integrity, availability, risk, adversarial thinking, and systems thinking.
2. Fundamental topics from each of the following:
 - a) Data Security: protection of data at rest, during processing, and in transit.
 - b) Software Security: development and use of software that reliably preserves the security of the protected information and systems.
 - c) Component Security: the security aspects of design, procurement, testing, analysis, and maintenance of components integrated into larger systems.
 - d) Connection Security: security of the connections between components, both physical and logical.
 - e) System Security: security aspects of systems that are software and are composed of components and connections.
 - f) Human Security: the study of human behavior in the context of data protection, privacy, and mitigation.
 - g) Organizational Security: protecting organizations from cybersecurity threats and managing risk to support successful accomplishment of the organizations’ missions.
 - h) Societal Security: aspects of cybersecurity that broadly impact society as a whole.

3. Advanced cybersecurity topics that build on crosscutting concepts and fundamental topics to provide depth.

(b) At least 6 semester credit hours (or equivalent) of mathematics that must include discrete mathematics and statistics.”⁹

The second dominant curriculum guideline is the ACM/IEEE/AIS SIGSEC/IFIP Cybersecurity Curricular Guidelines Joint Task Force on Cybersecurity Education (JTFC) which grew out of the Cyber Education Project (CEP). This report specifies that cybersecurity programs include curriculum on:

- Data security
- Software security

- Component security
- System security
- Human security
- Organization security
- Societal security

but allows differences in technical and non-technical programs by providing “lenses” to influence the design of the programs.¹¹

Earlier versions of these documents provided support for the development and evolution of the programs at KSU. In the early days, the IS 2002 (and IS 2010 <http://www.acm.org/education/curriculum-recommendations>) guiding principles were adopted and revised for this curriculum model development:

1. “The model curriculum should represent a consensus from the InfoSec community.
2. The model curriculum should be designed to help InfoSec faculty produce competent and confident entry level graduates well suited to work

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Many programs take the short cut and jump straight to the certifications an information security professional could earn like: CISSP, SSCP, GIAC, Security+ and OSCP. However, programs are hesitant to implement coursework that is focused on a specific applied output. Universities in general prefer to focus more on the true knowledge areas that these certificates test, rather than the specifics of these exams. However, if we examine the content of some of the key certifications, we can begin to glimpse some of the knowledge areas we would need to integrate with our coursework.

The NICE Definitions of Security Roles and Responsibilities

In 2011, a new major initiative has been promoted by a joint group of Federal agencies NIST, NSA & DHS to name a few. The National Initiative for Cybersecurity Roles and Responsibilities (NICE) is a framework that defines the roles and responsibilities of cybersecurity professionals. It is a set of standards that can be used to measure the performance of cybersecurity professionals and to ensure that they are equipped with the skills and knowledge needed to protect the nation's critical infrastructure and information systems.

- **Systems Architecture (ARC)** Develops system concepts and works on the capabilities phases of the systems development life cycle; translates technology and environmental conditions (e.g., law and regulation) into system and security designs and processes. Sample work roles: Enterprise Architect and Security Architect
- **Technology R&D (TRD)** Conducts technology assessment and integration processes and supports a prototype capability and/or evaluates its utility. Sample work roles: Research & Development Specialist
- **Systems Requirements Planning (SRP)** Consults with customers to gather and evaluate functional requirements and translates these requirements into technical solutions. Provides guidance to customers about applicability of information systems to meet business needs. Sample work roles: Systems Requirements Planner
- **Test and Evaluation (T&E)** Develops and conducts tests of systems to evaluate compliance with specifications and requirements by applying principles and methods for effective planning, evaluating, verifying, and validating of technical, functional, and performance characteristics (including interoperability) of system elements of systems incorporating IT. Sample work roles: System Testing and Evaluation Specialist
- **Systems Development (SYD)** Works on the development phases of the systems development life cycle. Sample work roles: Information Systems Security Developer and Systems Developer

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Provides the support, administration, and maintenance necessary to ensure effective and efficient information technology (IT) system performance and security.

- **Data Administration (DTA)** Develops and administers databases and/or data management systems that allow for the storage, query, protection, and utilization of data. Sample work roles: Database Administrator and Data Analyst
- **Knowledge Management (KMG)** Manages and administers processes and tools. (c)1.1 (es)12.6 (s)1.6 (es)1.1

- Exploitation Analysis (EXPA) Analyzes collected information to identify vulnerabilities and potential for exploitation. Sample work roles: Exploitation Analyst
- All-Source Analysis (ASA) Analyzes threat information from multiple sources, disciplines, and agencies across the Intelligence Community. Synthesizes and places intelligence information in context; draws insights about the possible implications. Sample work roles: All-Source Analyst

- Industrial Control Systems
- Digital Forensics & Incident Response
- Management, Legal & Audit

GIAC also offers several other specialized security certifications. Visit the web site for more information.

CompTIA- www.comptia.org

The company that brought the first vendor-neutral professional IT certification, the A+ series, comes the perfect first certifications for those entering the cybersecurity field.

- Security + Domains:
 - “Assess the security posture in an enterprise environment and recommend and implement appropriate security solutions
 - Monitor and secure hybrid environments, including cloud, mobile, and IoT
 - Operate with an awareness of applicable laws and policies, including principles of governance, risk, and compliance
 - Identify, analyze, and respond to security events and incidents
- Cybersecurity Analyst Domains:
 - “Leverage intelligence and threat detection techniques
 - Analyze and interpret data
 - Identify and address vulnerabilities
 - Suggest preventative measures
 - Effectively respond to and recover from

“0 Introduction

1 Scope

2 Normative references

3 Terms and definitions

4 Structure of this standard

4.1 Clauses

4.2 Control categories

5 Information security policies

5.1 Management direction for information security

6 Organization of information security

6.1 Internal organization

6.2 Mobile devices and teleworking

7 Human resource security

7.1 Prior to employment

7.2 During employment

7.3 Termination and change of employment

8 Asset management

8.1 Responsibility for assets

8.2 Information classification

8.3 Media handling

9 Access control

9.1 Business requirements of access control

9.2 User access management

9.3 User responsibilities

9.4 System and application access control

10 Cryptography

10.1 Cryptographic controls

11 Physical and environmental security

11.1 Secure areas

11.2 Equipment

12 Operations security

12.1 Operational procedures and responsibilities

12.2 Protection from malware

12.3 Backup

12.4 Logging and monitoring

12.5 Control of operational software

12.6 Technical vulnerability management

12.7 Information systems audit considerations

13 Communications security

13.1 Network security management

13.2 Information transfer

14 System acquisition, development and maintenance

14.1 Security requirements of information systems

- SP800-137A Assessing Information Security Continuous Monitoring (ISCM) Programs: Developing an ISCM Program Assessment
- SP800-144 Guidelines on Security and Privacy in Public Cloud Computing
- SP800-150 Guide to Cyber Threat Information Sharing
- SP800-181 Rev. Workforce Framework for Cybersecurity (NICE Framework)
- Many many more...

Mapping Positions and Roles to Knowledge Areas

With this information the curriculum designers can gain a better feel for what a graduate should know for a specific job category. The following figure illustrates this mapping.

In our case, we decided, based on conversations with our curriculum advisory board, that KSU's information security coursework should be focused on preparing security administrators so that immediately upon graduation they would be prepared for career progression through security manager to CISO. As a result, learning objectives were tied to providing the appropriate level of mastery within each knowledge area felt to be critical to an individual's success in that program. We began with a two sets of information: the CISSP Common Body of Knowledge, the CNSS (formerly NSTISSC) training standards (<https://www.cnss.gov/CNSS/issuances/Instructions.cfm>)

technical implementations are guided by the managers in security, but they may not be able to develop these areas.
Technical security

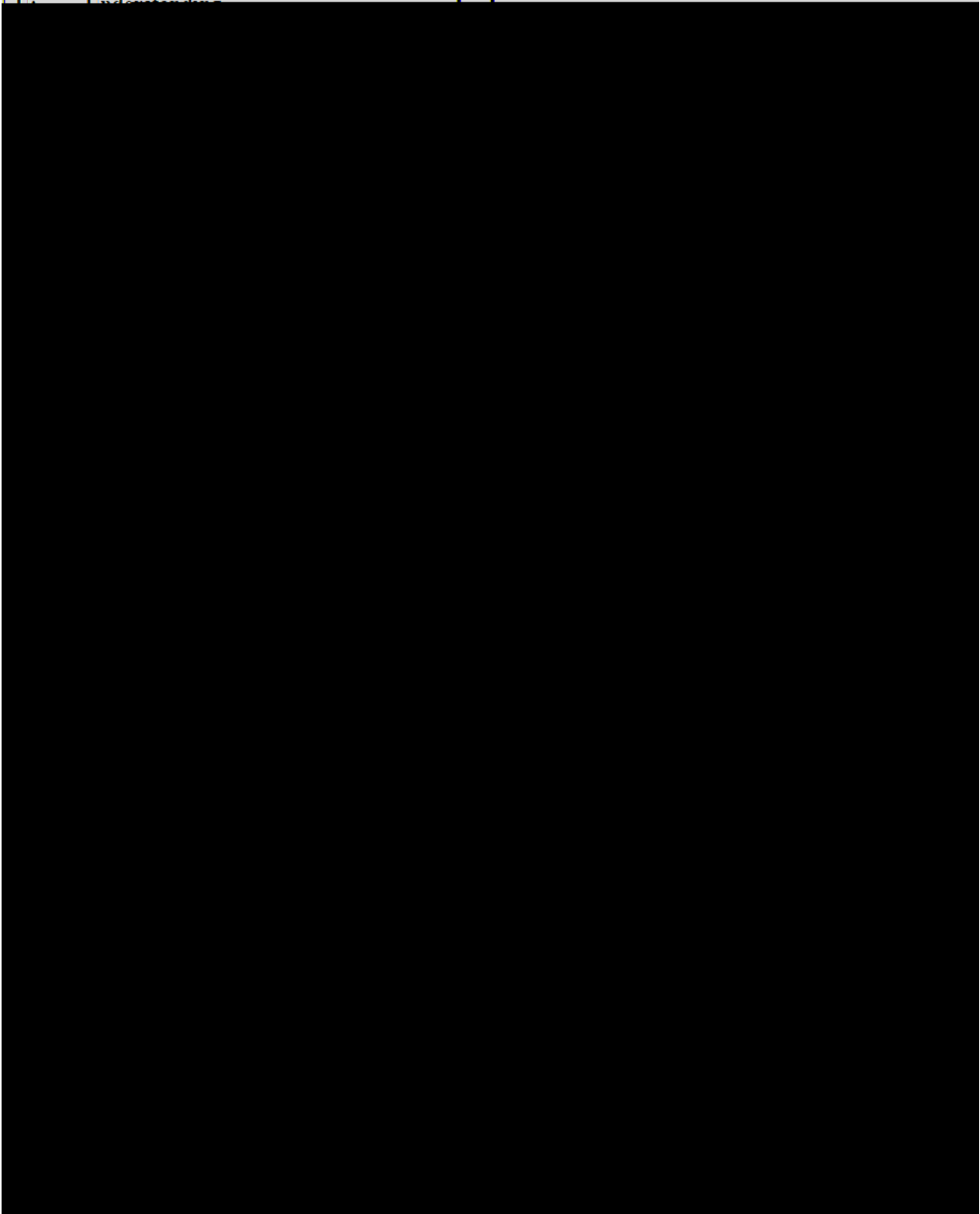
Level of Mastery Desired

U: Understanding
 A: Accomplishment
 P: Proficiency
 M: Mastery

Proficiency
 Mastery

Domain	Knowledge Area	U	A	P	M
Access Control	Access control methods	U	A	P	A
	Access control attacks	U	A	P	A
	Access control configuration	U	A	P	A
Network types (LAN/WAN)	TCP/IP protocol suite	U	A	P	A
	Telecomm security management	U	A	P	A
	Telecommunications threats and attacks	U	A	P	A
	Security planning	U	A	P	A
Personnel Security	Personnel security processes	U	A	P	A
	Personnel security personnel	U	A	P	A

1. Understanding



Level of Mastery Desired		Level of Understanding		
		A: Accomplishment	P: Proficiency	M: Mastery
Domain	Knowledge Area	Introduction	Technical	Management
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As is obvious, there is substantial overlap both within and between courses with regard to the level of mastery. We found that in some cases, since a sequence of courses would permit a student to take the introduction course and then either the technical OR the managerial, that to obtain the desired level of mastery, duplication at certain levels would be necessary. Duplication between courses serves to reinforce that desired level of depth. Also evident is the need to obtain both levels of understanding and accomplishment within the same course such the overall desired level of mastery.

It was then a simple matter to reorganize learning objectives in each of the target courses and begin searching for learning materials that would support each of these courses. Since the initial development, our learning objectives have evolved to represent in a more robust fashion what the students should be learning in each course. Learning objectives for each of the core courses implemented are presented with the course descriptions in the next section.

As a final note on this phase of the model curriculum, we would like to make the following recommendations: Courses and programs should be created in ways that:

- Involve all critical stakeholders. Just as in systems development, the use of representative groups from all interested parties (faculty, students, industry advisors) will serve to improve the final product.
- Create employable students or students who can advance academically. The bottom line is to create a resource that will be in demand. Unless students can get employability upon completion, they may lose interest in the program, after an initial surge of interest due to the novelty of the program.
- Capitalize on available resources (faculty, classrooms, labs). We have found that existing labs can be modified to support the information security laboratory's unique requirements and exercises. We have also found a wealth of freeware and "hackerware" tools that provide realistic and valuable experiences to the students. Cultivating several key industry contacts has also resulted in several million dollar donations in software and hardware.

- Support local / state / national program objectives like the National Strategy to Secure Cyberspace. Contributing to these types of programs not only provides visible and demonstrable credibility to the program, but serves as a basis for increasing the validity of your program should you decide to submit for national grants and industry support.

KSU's Security Program Development

Based on previous analysis of the literature and curriculum development and accreditation efforts as indicated in previous sections, the first foray into security at KSU was the implement of information security courses in 2000. These courses were designed to meet the national security standards of the time, as described previously, and to provide a foundation for the curriculum model. In the pilot project students could select individual courses of interest or a five-course sequence culminating in a Certificate, as major electives in a Bachelor of Science in Information Systems degree. They eventually evolved into the core of a Bachelor of Science in Information Security and Assurance Degree. Why ISA? Because BSIS was already taken.

Undergraduate Certificate in ISA

The three core courses were shaped into a *Certificate in Information Security and Assurance (ISA)* to offer students both theoretical foundations and applied hands-on experiences with the tools and technologies used to protect information assets.

Upon examination of the textbooks, and other learning support materials available at the time of the design of our curriculum, we initially pilot tested the courses with trade press texts, modified to meet the needs of an academic environment and supplemented with NIST SPs of the time. In almost every instance, the trade press texts proved severely lacked the depth and breadth needed for the classroom. As we developed our own lab exercises we eventually approached a textbook publisher and collaborated to publish our first lab manual by agreeing to write a textbook to accompany it. We took the opportunity to use the mappings that we were using for our courses and design a text to provide a strong foundation for the first course in a sequence.

The curriculum is designed to encompass both technical and managerial functions. The certificate begins with three core courses:

- Principles of Information Security & Assurance An introduction to the various technical and administrative aspects

infrastructure; build a security team; select necessary security personnel; specify recommendations for the auditing of an information system for security; and side a disaster recovery/business continuity plan.

Students then selected two courses to complete the certificate. They may select these from

1. Computer Forensics and Other Criminal Investigations or Criminal Law;
2. Unix Administration and Security and Data Communications Protocols;
3. Computer Law and Computer Ethics;

And two courses from:

- Accounting Information Systems
- EDP Auditing & Control
- Accounting Auditing & Assurance;
- Internship or Cooperative Study

BS Information Security and Assurance

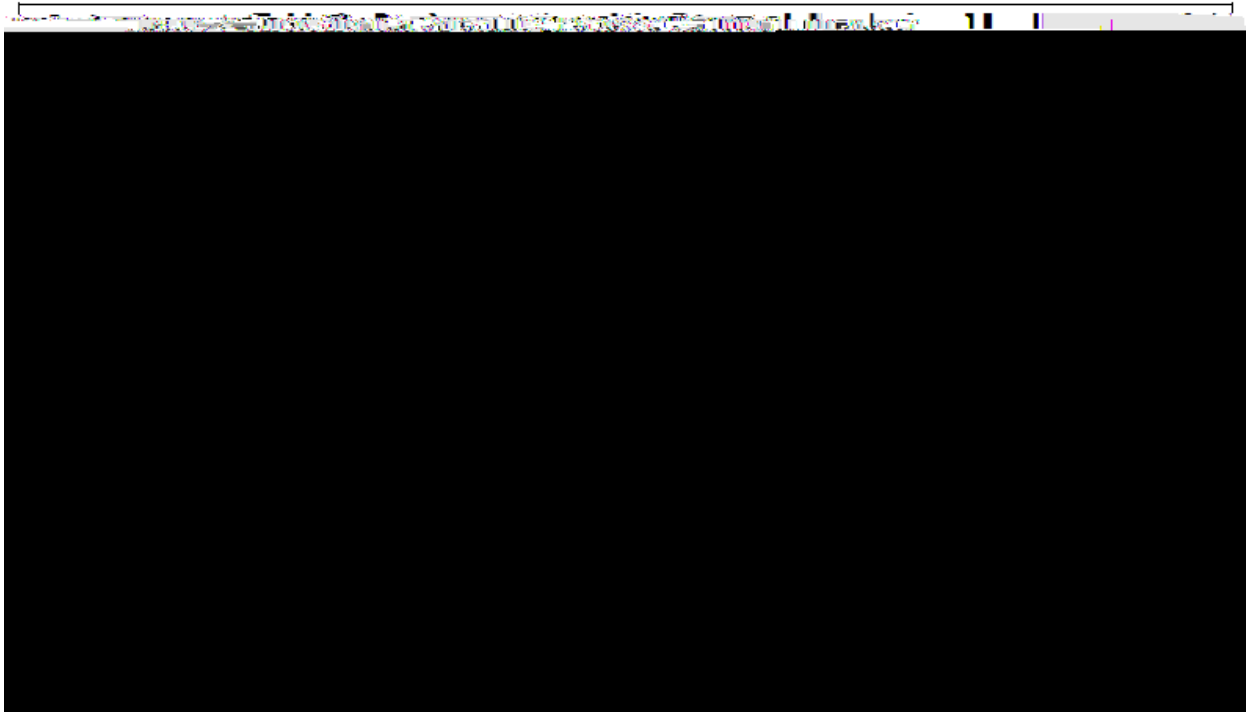
Development of the BS was an arduous, drawn-out project. It actually began in 2001, when we drafted the Certificate in ISA. In fact, when the faculty proposed the Certificate, we intentionally used a separate prefix (ISA) instead of the department standard (CS) to prepare for the eventuality of a degree. Shortly after the certificate was implemented, we pulled up the oven a separate prefix (ISA)

From the managerial side, we

The Draft Curriculum Model

Outcomes from the pilot program were incorporated into a proposed curriculum model. These outcomes included the adjustment of specific learning objectives across all core courses, adjusted use of laboratory exercises within each course, and the movement of some core material to more advanced classes (like forensics material from the technical course to the computer forensics course). Additional outcomes strengthened existing course relationships and validated instructional approaches. One specific outcome was the identification of a far lack of academic texts to support the curriculum. As a result, we authored our own for 81]TJ 0.004 Tw [(7.9 c)-1.9c lack i 8-4T(u)2.2t12.3 (t)-72.8 (s)ns gom the

If the institution can implement more, an analysis of the intended program as described in previous sections will provide additional course recommendations, as illustrated in the table below.



Some suggestions based on institutional intent could be as follows:

Scenario 1: The institution can only implement one course:

For a general or technical program:

- Introduction to InfoSec

For a managerial or business program:

- Management of InfoSec (with heavy emphasis on foundation material)

Scenario 2: The institution can implement two courses:

For a general or technical program:

- Introduction to InfoSec
- Technical InfoSec (e.g. Network Security)

For a managerial or business program:

- Introduction to InfoSec
- Management of InfoSec

Scenario 3: The institution can implement three courses:

For all programs:

- Introduction to InfoSec
- Management of InfoSec
- Technical InfoSec (e.g. Network Security)

Scenario 4: The institution can implement four courses:

For a general or technical program:

- Introduction to InfoSec
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[KSU Security Degree Programs catalog.kennesaw.edu](https://catalog.kennesaw.edu)

KSU offered its first security courses as special topics in 2000. In the years since then, the security offerings have expanded to multiple majors, minors and certificate programs. To illustrate the breadth and depth of program possibilities

- IS 2200 Information Systems and Communication
- BUSA 2150 Discovering My Major and Career
- BUSA 3150 Developing My Career Essentials
- BUSA 4150 Driving My Success
- BLAW 2200 Legal and Ethical Environment of Business
- MGT3100 Management and Behavioral Sciences
- MKTG 3100 Principles of Marketing
- FIN 3100 Principles of Finance
- IS 3100 Information Systems Management
- MGT 3200 Operations Management

For course descriptions visit <http://catalog.kennesaw.edu/content.php?catoid=54&navoid=3997> and select ISA from the prefix menu.

Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity

Developed in 2016 as a **Major** – which allows any student in any University System of Georgia institution to enroll in the program without special permission, the faculty developing the BS in Cybersecurity to the security coursework

- CYBR 312 Hardware and Software Concepts
 - CYBR 342 Operating Systems Concepts & Administration
 - CYBR 432 Data Communications & Networking
 - CYBR 442 Linux/Unix Administration
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- CYBR 310 Principles of Cybersecurity
 - CYBR 320 Network Security
 - CYBR 321 Client Systems Security
 - CYBR 330 Management of Cybersecurity in a Global Environment
 - CYBR 420 Perimeter Defense
 - CYBR 422 Server Systems Security
 - CYBR 433 Incident Response and Contingency Planning
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- CYBR 481 Cyber Defense

All BSCYBR students are required to take a minimum of 9 credit hours as an upper-level specialization. They must choose one of the following specializations and complete the courses listed. The options are

- CYBR 315 Database Systems
 - CYBR 484 Ethical Hacking for Effective Defense
or
CYBR 488 Infrastructure Defense
 - CYBR 435 Management of Digital Forensics and eDiscovery
or
CYBR 485 Computer Forensics
-
- CYBR 433 Network Configuration & Administration
 - CYBR 483 Wireless Security
 - CYBR 489 Internet of Things Applications and Security
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- CRJU 110 Foundations of Criminal Justice
 - CYBR 305 Technology and Criminal Justice
 - CYBR 430 Technology and Cyber Crime
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- Students should choose 9 credit hours from the following:
 - CYBR 322 Global IS Project Management
 - CYBR 322 Software Acquisition and Project Management

- Any CYBR prefix course not included in your chosen concentration
- CYBR 3390 Cooperative Study
- CYBR 3391 Internship
- CYBR 4400 Directed Study
- CYBR 4495 Special Topics in Cybersecurity
- Any 3xxx or 4xxx IS/ISA/IT/CS/CSE/CRJU course for which the student meet the prerequisites except certain specific restricted ISA or IT Security course (see an4T.2 (l.)-3 (e1)5-3.1 (v10.9 (it)-3 (rir)10.7 (4f)1.55rir)10.7 (46.6

Master of Science in Cybersecurity

Another interdisciplinary program developed by a team including faculty from the Department of Information Systems and Security, Michael J. Coles College of Business, the Departments of Information Technology, Computer Science and Software Engineering & Game Design department, College of Computing and Software Engineering (CCSE), and the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, Norman J. Radow College of Humanities and Social Sciences. The MS Cybersecurity is al

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Master of Science in Information Systems

The MSIS degree offered in the Michael J. Coles College of Business is an integral concentration of three security courses. The MSIS course was among the first security courses offered at KSU in 2000 as special. These courses are also part of the Graduate ISA Certificate. Visit http://catalog.kennesaw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=55&pooid=6650 for the 2021 catalog.

Coles MSIS teaches analysis, scoping and controlled use of business data and technology to refine processes, optimize decisions, and implement strategies to derive business value. Working professionals benefit from the hybrid nature of delivery and the flexible pace of study. Full time students benefit from professionally experienced professors and real-life opportunities for projects and industry engagement. Coles MSIS welcomes all majors and degrees from undergraduate education. The program also offers opportunity for an MBA/MSIS dual degree and an embedded graduate certificate in Information Security and Assurance for students.

The MSIS program teaches scoping, choice, assessment, deployment, management and secured use of information and computing technologies in the way they bring value to an organization with special emphasis on the fol (p)2.2 (e)-3 (c)5

Information Security and Assurance Undergraduate Certificate- StandAlone

Offered by the Department of Information Systems and Security, the Undergraduate ISA certificate provides students with a standalone credential they can complete independently of any other degree program. Visit http://catalog.kennesaw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=54&poid=6702 the 2021 catalog.

The Certificate in Information Security and Assurance is designed for students with an interest in Information Security and its application in the expanding field of technology. The certificate program emphasizes ()-11.3 (p)2.3i2&(ts)1.7 (wi)13.6 2

Cybersecurity Undergraduate Certificate- Stand Alone and Embedded

The Cybersecurity Certificate is offered through the Institute for Cybersecurity Workforce Development. Visit http://catalog.kennesaw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=54&progid=6674 for the 2021 catalog.

The Certificate in Cybersecurity is designed for students with an interest in the security of computer networks and systems and its application in the expanding field of technology. The certificate program emphasizes the skills and knowledge necessary to protect and inspect systems, to detect and react to threats to the security of information in those systems.

The certificate requires 15 semester hours (5 courses), and all coursework must be completed with a C or better.

- CSE 132 Programming and Problem Solving
- CSE 1321L:

Information Security and Assurance Graduate Certificate

The graduate certificate program in information security and assurance is designed for both working professionals and graduate students. Students learn IT security technology through a hands-on virtual lab. Traditional classes teach how to secure and manage IT resources and how to plan, provide and manage system security incidents and disasters. Students also learn IT ethics and legalities including corporate and regulatory compliance in terms of methods, approaches and governance.

Courses required for certificate: (12 Credit Hours)

- IS 7310 Governance, Risk Management, and Compliance
OR
IT 6823 Information Security Concepts and Administration

Information Technology Security Graduate Certificate

This certificate program is offered by the Department of IT, College of Computing and Software Engineering.
http://catalog.kennesaw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=55&poid=6522

Information Security and Assurance Minor

This program is offered by the Department of Information Systems at Michael J. College of Business. Visit http://catalog.kennesaw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=54&poid=6173 for the 2021 catalog.

The Minor in Information Security and Assurance is designed for students with an interest in Information Security and its application in the expanding field of technology. The Minor emphasizes the skills and knowledge necessary to protect and inspect systems, and to detect and react to threats to the security of information in those systems. The Minor requires 18 semester hours (6 courses), and all coursework must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher.

- IS 200: Information Systems and Communication
- ISA 3100: Principles of Information Security
- ISA 3200: Network Security
- ISA 3210: Client Systems Security
- ISA 3300: Management of Information Security in a Global Environment

- ISA 4200: Perimeter Defense
- ISA 4220: Server Systems Security

For course descriptions visit <http://catalog.kennesaw.edu/content.php?catoid=54&nav=3997> and select ISA from the prefix menu.

Cybersecurity Minor

The Cybersecurity minor is offered through the Institute for Cybersecurity Workforce Development. Visit http://catalog.kennesaw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=54&poid=6175 for the 2021 catalog.

The Minor in Cybersecurity addresses students with an interest in the application of information security controls on information systems. The Minor emphasizes the skills and knowledge necessary to defend networks and systems, and detect and react to threats to those systems.

The Minor requires 18 semester hours (6 courses), and all coursework must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher.

- CSE 132: Programming and Problem Solving I
- CSE 132L: Programming and Problem Solving I Laboratory
- CYBR 3100: Principles of Cybersecurity
- CYBR 3200: Network Security
- CYBR 3210: Client Systems Security
- CYBR 3300: Management of Cybersecurity in a Global Environment
- CYBR 4330: Incident Response and Continuity Planning

For course descriptions visit <http://catalog.kennesaw.edu/content.php?catoid=54&navoid=3907> and select CYBR from the prefix menu.

Instructional Support Materials

In addition to the International Standards and Special Publications described earlier, there are an increasing number of materials which can support the design, development and instruction of various security topics.

Security Textbooks

There are a variety of academic textbooks currently available from various publishers. This was not always the case. As mentioned previously, back in 2000 when we began developing our first security courses, we were forced to use trade pressbooks, and NST Special Publications. Thus, Whitman and Mattord began authoring texts just to have an academic suite of books to use in the various courses.

Over the years, the following texts have been written and used in courses. Unfortunately some were so old, they have fallen behind in priority for the publisher. Some are part of a request by the authors to obtain the IP from the publisher to consider independent publication. The two flagship texts Principles of Information Security and Management of Information Security are moving steadily forward and have been adopted by over 700 institutions globally.

Textbooks currently available from Cengage Learning:

- Principles of Information Security,^{th7}

The Next Step: The Curriculum Development Project: Design Revision and External Evaluation

We are continually working to further design, revise, and seek external review of the curriculum model. It is our intent to obtain outside input on this model, and additional insight as to the quality of the learning objectives, course content and supporting materials needed to complete the curriculum model as well as further explore knowledge areas

Questions remaining include:

- What areas should be emphasized in a technical program vs. a managerial program vs. a balanced program?
- What other courses should be added to each area, and what should they entail?
- Are the proposed levels of knowledge appropriate or should additional depth be pursued?
- Are there subdomains below the major and minor topics listed?

To answer these questions, we must consult with other experts in the field and obtain their insight. We plan to take the preliminary implementation and draft curriculum model to our peers for commentary. Your feedback will be used to further shape our annual security curriculum development workshop held in conjunction with the ICWD Conference on Cybersecurity Education, Research and Practice (<https://cyberinstitute.kennesaw.edu/ccerp/index.php>) and (<https://digitalcommons.kennesaw.edu/ccerp/>). This conference focuses on pedagogy and practice of security education, held annually in October at Tc 0.0 11.04 49.9p.9 (i)7.y8ii 1w.9 (o)-6.6 (f).0 11.04 480 11 (r)-2.9n67.6 (w)-(p)-0.8 (h)-0.7

How you can help

This draft curriculum model is an ongoing effort to improve information security curriculum through our presentations and discussion across th

Appendix: Security Curriculum Development Procedures for

3) What courses, that we currently offer, could be included or adapted to support this program?

If in answering question 1 the institution desires a security program it just hasn't made up its mind as to which emphasis it wishes to take, the following set of program objectives may assist. The following list of program objectives can be used to determine what focus you desire of your program. Check off the objectives you want graduates of your program to meet, or rather what qualities should your students possess on graduation. Use caution, as it is our first tendency to check everything! Realize that this may not be feasible unless you are able to implement an entire degree program with 7 or more courses exclusively in Information Security related areas.

Once you have checked all desired qualities, the section immediately following the list will provide guidance on what type of program may be best suited for your desired outcomes.

Upon completion of the program the student will have the following qualities (Check all that apply):

- 1. The graduate has a thorough understanding of the types and uses of Information Security, and can create examples based on established frameworks.
- 2. The graduate is able to recognize, define and implement firewalled solutions to appropriate threats.
- 3. The graduate possesses a detailed understanding of the process of strategic planning for information security at strategic, tactical and operational levels.
- 4. The graduate is able to recognize, define and implement firewalled solutions to appropriate threats.

- [] 16. The graduate is able to evaluate, define and implement defenses against malicious code attacks such as viruses, worms and denial of services.
- [] 17. The graduate can critically discuss popular information security management practices, standards and models such as ISO 17799, NIST SPs 14 & 18, etc.
- [] 18. The graduate is able to evaluate, define and implement defenses as part of counter intrusion measures against active and passive hacker attacks.
- [] 19. The graduate has the ability to conduct Cost/Benefit Analyses on proposed security countermeasures and present to organizational stakeholders in a meaningful manner.
- [] 20. The graduate is able to evaluate, define and implement effective access control policies and procedures in accordance with organizational policy.

Now that you have specified the desired learning outcomes for your program, add up the number of checks by ODD and EVEN answers. If you find substantially more checks by ODD numbers, say 3 or more, then your inclination is toward a managerial program. If you find substantially more checks by EVEN numbers, again 3 or more, then your inclination is toward a managerial program.

X. Develop specific course learning objectives.

Now that the individual courses are becoming defined it is time to define the specific learning objectives that will go into each course. You can use the examples provided as a starting point.

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