

**SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

**CJ 2321: Special Topics: Introduction to Cybercrime (Spring, 2016)**

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**Class Times:** Monday and Wednesday: 2:00 – 2:50

Friday (Unless otherwise noted in schedule): Discussion board assignment

**Required Texts:**

Taylor, R., E. Fritsch, & J. Liederbach. (2014). Digital crime and digital terrorism. (3rd ed.). Boston: Pearson Higher Education. ISBN: 978-0-13-345890-9.

*Additional required readings will be assigned in class and posted in the CONTENT section of the BlackBoard Course room.*

**Nature of the Syllabus**

This syllabus is an academic contract between the instructor and the student. Any oversights, contradictions, or discrepancies will be clarified by the instructor as the oversight is discovered.

**Criminal Justice Undergraduate Program Learning Objectives (PLOs)**

**PLO 1** Demonstrated knowledge of specific areas of the U.S. Constitution as it relates to specific legal liabilities of criminal justice professionals. The ability to identify, assess, and compare Constitutional protections and individual rights and recognize violations of those Rights. Workable knowledge of the most significant legal challenges to criminal justice policy and the resulting changes to those policies.

**PLO 2** Demonstrate knowledge of Criminological theories, and apply those theories to practical criminal justice events. The ability to identifying a prominent criminological theory within an actual criminal event or simulated criminal event. The ability to compare and contrast the basic concepts of the differing competing Criminological Theories.

**PLO 3** Working knowledge of the specific language of the Criminal Justice and the ability to identify the individual parts of the CJ System. An awareness of the costs associated with the Criminal Justice System, and the ability to recognize and be aware of

political influence on the system. The ability to apply historical knowledge of the CJ system and recognize patterns of system change.

**Course Description:** Students will explore the history and current state of computer related crime. Beginning with an exploration of the development of ARPANET and progressing to the interweb and social media, ethical and criminal violations at home and in the workplace are discussed. An introduction to investigative methods and security protocols are also studies.

### **Cheating and Plagiarism**

Students are expected to do their own work on all assignments and exams. Cheating and plagiarism on assignments will result in a grade of “F” on that part of the course, a possible grade of “F” for the entire course, and possible recommendation for suspension from the university.

### **Students with a Disability**

Qualified students with disabilities needing academic or other accommodations to ensure full participation in the programs, services and activities at Sul Ross State University should contact Grace Duffy in the Accessibility Services Office, Ferguson Hall 112, Box C-122, (432) 837-8203.

### **!!!!!!!Important!!!!!!!**

Contact Dr. Rubin sooner rather than later if you are having problems with your course work or are in need of special assistance.

### **Grading:**

Exams (2 @ 20% points)	40%
Discussion Questions (10 @ 3.5%)	35%
Final Exam	25%

### **Course Requirements:**

**Mid-Term Exams:** Two mid-term exams will be given as noted in the course schedule to verify student’s knowledge of key issues as presented in class and in the textbook. Exams will be timed (45 minutes) and approximately 33 questions in length. Exams questions will be presented in multiple choice, true/false, and short answer format.

**Discussion Questions:** Students will be presented with a discussion question related to the chapter readings and related lecture notes for the week. Discussion questions will become visible each Thursday at 6:00AM. Students are expected to post their initial discussion thread to the associated discussion board NO LATER THAN Friday at 6:00PM Central Time of each week. Your post should be AT LEAST 350 words in length (yes, I count).

**Final Exam:** A non-comprehensive final exam will be given as scheduled by the university. The final exam will be 50 questions in length, covering chapters 10 – 15 ONLY. Exams questions will be presented in multiple choice, true/false, and short answer format.

NOTE: We will be screening a major motion picture in this class. The movie contains some strong language and brief nudity. Be advised.

### Course Schedule

**Week 1 (20 – 22 January): Introduction & Terms**

**Class meets Wednesday and Friday.**

**Assigned Reading:** Reading Assignment is on Blackboard

**Assessment:** Statement of Understanding in Blackboard

**Week 2 (25 – 29 January): Overview of Digital Crime and Digital Terrorism**

**Class meets Monday and Wednesday ONLY. Discussion question Friday.**

**Assigned Reading:** Chapter 1

**Assessment:** Discussion Question 1

**Week 3 (1 – 5 February): Digital Terrorism and Information Warfare**

**Class meets Monday and Wednesday ONLY. Discussion question Friday.**

**Assigned Reading:** Chapter 2

**Assessment:** Discussion Question 2

**Week 4 (8 – 12 February): Criminology of Cybercrime**

**Class meets Monday and Wednesday ONLY. Discussion question Friday.**

**Assigned Reading:** Chapter 3

**Assessment:** Discussion Question 3

**Week 5 (15 – 19 February): Hackers (part 1)**

**Class meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday**

**Assigned Reading:** Chapter 4

**Assessment:** Exam 1 will be administered on Friday and will cover chapters 1 – 4

**Week 6 (22 – 26 February): Hackers (part 2)**

**Class meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Discussion question Friday**

**(This takes the place of a discussion question in week 15).**

**Assessment:** Discussion Question 4

**Week 7 (29 February – 4 March): Cyber Gangs and White Collar Crime**  
Class meets **Monday and Wednesday ONLY**. Discussion question **Friday**.  
**Assigned Reading:** Chapters 5 & 6  
**Assessment:** Discussion Question 5

**Week 8 (7 – 11 March): Viruses**  
Class meets **Monday and Wednesday ONLY**. Discussion question **Friday**.  
**Assigned Reading:** Chapter 7  
**Assessment:** Discussion Question 6

**Week 9 (14 – 18 March): SPRING BREAK !!!!!!!**

**Week 10 (21 – 25 March): Sex, the Dark Web, Anarchy, and Racism**  
Class meets **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday**  
**Assigned Reading:** Chapter 8 & 9  
**Assessment:** Exam 2 will be administered on Friday and will cover chapters 5 - 9

**Week 11 (28 March – 1 April): Digital Laws**  
Class meets **Monday and Wednesday ONLY**. Discussion question **Friday**.  
**Assigned Reading:** Chapter 10  
**Assessment:** Discussion Question 7

**Week 12 (4 – 8 April): Policing the Web**  
Class meets **Monday and Wednesday ONLY**. Discussion question **Friday**.  
**Assigned Reading:** Chapter 11  
**Assessment:** Discussion Question 8

**Week 13 (11 – 15 April): Cyber Investigations**  
Class meets **Monday and Wednesday ONLY**. Discussion question **Friday**.  
**Assigned Reading:** Chapter 12  
**Assessment:** Discussion Question 9

**Week 14 (18 – 22 April): Digital Forensics**  
Class meets **Monday and Wednesday ONLY**. Discussion question **Friday**.  
**Assigned Reading:** Chapter 13  
**Assessment:** Discussion Question 10

**Week 15 (25 – 29 April): Protecting the Net**  
Class meets **Monday and Wednesday ONLY**. **No discussion question this week.**  
**Assigned Reading:** Chapter 14

**Week 16 (2 – 6 May): Future Trends**  
Class meets **Monday and Wednesday ONLY**. **Friday: Dead Day**

**Assigned Reading:** Chapter 15