

CJ 2360 Introduction to Cybercrime Investigations  
Course Syllabus – Fall 2024

**Sul Ross State University**  
**The Homeland Security and Criminal Justice Department**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

**CJ 2360 Introduction to Cybercrime Investigations**

- This course surveys the fundamentals of cybercrime topics and investigation techniques.
- This course also builds to add more tools and techniques to your cybercrime investigation toolbox.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES**

When you finish this course, you will know how to:

- Define and describe the nature and scope of cybercrime
- Identify the methods and techniques used by cybercriminals
- Analyze and discuss the challenges in investigating and combatting cybercrime
- Describe the process for collecting and preserving digital evidence
- Apply current cybercrime investigation techniques using hands-on activities

**INSTRUCTOR INFO**

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Office Hours: Video Calls by appointment

**COURSE CALENDAR:**

Module	Begin Date	Topic	Assignments
1	Week 1	- Introduction to Cybercrime Investigations - The Basics of Computer Networks	- Discussion Board 1 - Module 1 Assignment
2	Week 2	- Email Hacking Investigations - Examination of Sign-In Logs and Inbox-Forwarding Rules	- Discussion Board 2 - Module 2 Assignment
3	Week 3	- Phishing Email Investigations - Email Header Analysis	- Discussion Board 3 - Module 3 Assignment
4	Week 4	- Spoofed Email Investigations	- Discussion Board 4 - Module 4 Assignment
5	Week 5	- Ransomware Investigations	- Discussion Board 5 - Module 5 Assignment
6	Week 6	- Website Hacking Investigations	- Discussion Board 6 - Module 6 Assignment
7	Week 7	- Open-Source Investigations (OSINT) in Cybercrime	- Discussion Board 7 - Module 7 Assignment
-	-	<b>FALL BREAK</b>	<b>No Assignment</b>
8	Week 8	- VPN, Proxy and TOR Challenges in Investigations	- Discussion Board 8 - Module 8 Assignment
9	Week 9	- Dark Web Investigations	- Discussion Board 9 - Module 9 Assignment
10	Week 10	- Bank Card Skimming and Bank Account Hacking Investigations	- Discussion Board 10 - Module 10 Assignment
11	Week 11	- Online Child Abuse Investigations	- Discussion Board 11 - Module 11 Assignment
12	Week 12	- Digital Forensics Cybercrime Investigations 1	- Discussion Board 12

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			- Module 12 Assignment
13	Week 13	- Digital Forensics Cybercrime Investigations 2	- Discussion Board 13 - Module 13 Assignment
14	Week 14	- Digital Forensics Cybercrime Investigations 3	- Discussion Board 14 - Module 14 Assignment
-	-	- Final Week – Course Evaluation - <b>PowerPoint Presentations as the Final Assignment</b>	- Course Evaluation - <b>Final Presentation</b>

#### PERSONAL COMPUTER REQUIREMENT

You are expected to have a personal computer during the course.

#### COURSE POLICIES

##### Instructor Communication

Email is the best way to reach me. We can also meet in a video call if you need. The zoom link is above. As an Adjunct Instructor, I do not have an office on campus.

##### Grading

Your grade in this course will consist of the following categories.

Grading Scale:

- 90 - 100 = A
- 80 – 89 = B
- 70 - 79 = C
- 60 – 69 = D
- <60 = F

Grade Book Item	Weights
Assignments	70%
Discussion Boards	20%
Final Presentation	10%
Total	100%

#### SRSU LIBRARY SERVICES

The Sul Ross Library offers FREE resources and services to the entire SRSU community. Access and borrow books, articles, and more by visiting the library's website, [www.library.sulross.edu](http://www.library.sulross.edu). Off-campus access requires your LoboID and password. Check out materials using your photo ID. Librarians are a tremendous resource for your coursework and can be reached in person, by email ([srsulibrary@sulross.edu](mailto:srsulibrary@sulross.edu)), or phone (432-837-8123).

Once you logged in to your Sul Ross Account on Blackboard you should be automatically connected to the library webpage as well. Thus, you can browse the online databases of the University and reach the articles on the reading list.

Syllabus is subject to updates and changes always look to the course announcements and reminders for updates. The faculty member reserves the right to amend this syllabus as needed.

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#### STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS:

ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Sul Ross State University (SRSU) is committed to equal access in compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act of 1973. It is SRSU policy to provide reasonable accommodations to students with documented disabilities. It is the student's responsibility to initiate a request each semester for each class. Students seeking accessibility/accommodations services must contact Rebecca Greathouse Wren, LPC-S, SRSU's Accessibility Services Coordinator at 432-837-8203 (please leave a message and we'll get back to you as soon as we can during working hours), or email [rebecca.wren@sulross.edu](mailto:rebecca.wren@sulross.edu). Our office is located on the first floor of Ferguson Hall (Suite 112), and our mailing address is P.O. Box C-122, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas, 79832.

#### STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES AND BLACKBOARD HELP DESK

Sul Ross State University has established a variety of programs to help students meet the challenges of college life. Support to students includes advising, counseling, mentoring, tutoring, supplemental instruction, and writing assistance. For a complete list of academic support services, visit the Student Support Services <https://www.sulross.edu/section/311/student-support-services>. For more information, students are encouraged to contact SSS at (432) 837-9118 or visit Ferguson Hall Room 105. For Blackboard help visit <https://www.sulross.edu/bb> or call 432-837-8523 (M-F 09:00 am-06:00 pm). You can get The Distance Education Handbook at <https://tvpb.sulross.edu/start/index.html>