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CSA_1370 Cyber Ethics

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Class Time: 9:0-10:45 am

Textbook: Mary Manikian, *Cybersecurity Ethics: An Introduction, 1st ed.*, Routledge. E-Book ISBN: 978-1-003-24882-8

Computer Science SLOs

- **Understand modern computer systems, databases, and networking.**

Marketable Skills

Students will develop logical and analytical skills

Students will use problem-solving skills

Students will know computing methodologies in demand by public and private sectors

Time permitting course topics

- The emergence of the global network the Internet, its constituent networks, the associated digital revolution present an array of new threats, and opportunities for business in the 21st century.
- No other technical innovation has reached critical mass so rapidly or sustained such exponential growth.
- Provide students with the conceptual tools to understand the technological, geopolitical, and legal environment affecting telecommunications, and information processing.
- Specific topic coverage includes the following (time permitting):
 - Ethics/The Ethical Hacker
 - Ethical Commerce
 - Problems Privacy, Surveillance, Intellectual property
 - Artificial Intelligence
 - Cybersecurity
 - Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion
 - Big Data
 - Intellectual Property (IP)
 - Regulating Privacy

DISTANCE EDUCATION STATEMENT

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Students enrolled in distance education courses have equal access to the university's academic support services, such as Smarthinking, library resources, such as online databases, and instructional technology support. For more information about accessing these resources, visit the SRSU website. Students should correspond using Sul Ross email accounts and submit online assignments through Blackboard, which requires secure login information to verify students' identities and to protect students' information. The procedures for filing a student complaint are included in the student handbook. Students enrolled in distance education courses at Sul Ross are expected to adhere to all policies pertaining to academic honesty and appropriate student conduct, as described in the student handbook. Students in web-based courses must maintain appropriate equipment and software, according to the needs and requirements of the course, as outlined on the SRSU website

STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS:

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. Please contact Ms. Rebecca Greathouse Wren, M.Ed., LPC-S, Director/Counselor, Accessibility Services Coordinator, Ferguson Hall (Suite 112) at 432.837.8203; mailing address is P.O. Box C-122, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas 79832. Students should then contact the instructor as soon as possible to initiate the recommended accommodations.

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>

The Support Desk is where you can direct your more technical questions. For example, if you are having issues submitting a document, getting videos to play, or you are dealing with a technical error in the course. The support desk is open 24 hours a day/7 days a week for your convenience. You can reach the support desk:

By calling 888.837.6055, via email blackboardsupport@sulross.edu, using resources from the Technology Support tab within blackboard, and clicking the Support Desk graphic on the course homepage

Course Policies

Quizzes and assignments must be submitted on time. Communication is a must in order to keep in good standing.

Academic Dishonesty

Honesty in completing assignments is essential to the mission of the university and to the development of the personal integrity of the student. **Cheating, plagiarism** (also means taking information off the internet and using it as your own content), or other kinds of

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academic dishonesty will not be tolerated and will result in appropriate sanctions that may include failing an assignment, failing the class, or being suspended or expelled. Suspected cases in this course may be reported to Student Life. Please note that information online is not free even though there is public access to the information. When using online resources, you must properly cite your reference in the paper as well as on the reference page.

Posting of Grades

Grades are on display in blackboard. Submitting assignments and test are done in blackboard. **Do not** email assignments or test to me everything is to be put into blackboard.

Grading

Letter grades will be determined using a standard percentage point evaluation as outlined below. Please note that this is a tentative schedule and can change. Any changes that happen will be updated in Blackboard. Due Dates for assignments will also be posted in Blackboard. The quizzes and discussion each equal 5 points each. The tally is 60 points for these assignments. The mid-term paper and Final exam are worth 20 points each. Below is how your grade will be determined.

Your final grade will be determined by calculating points based on the following weights:

- A 90 - 100 points
- B 80 - 89 points
- C 70 – 79 points
- D 60 – 69 points
- F below 60 points

Each week you will have discussion questions and a final exam. The final exam is over the entire class. No mid-term. Quizzes and Final is worth 100 points per quiz and final.

W	DATES	TOPICS	READINGS
3	Feb 3	Chapter 1: What Is Ethics?	Chapter 1 Discussion Questions
4	10 Feb	Chapter 2: Three Ethical Frameworks	Chapter 2 QUIZ
5	17 Feb	Chapter 3: The Ethical Hacker	Chapter 3 Discussion Questions/Responses
6	24 Feb	Chapter 4: The Problem of Privacy	Chapters 4 Discussion Questions/Responses
7	3 Mar	Chapter 5: The Problem of Surveillance	Chapter 5 QUIZ

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8	10 Mar	Chapter 6: The Problem of Intellectual Property	Chapter 6 Discussion Questions/Responses
9	17 Mar	Chapter 7: Ethics and Artificial Intelligence	Turn in three sources for mid term paper.
10	24 Mar	Mid Semester	Mid Term Paper
11	31 Mar	Spring Break	Enjoy, unless you need to catch up on assignment.
12	7 Apr	Chapter 8: Cybersecurity, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion	QUIZ
13	14 Apr	Chapter 9: Big Data and the Ethics of Cybersecurity	Discussion Questions/Responses
14	21 Apr	Chapter 10: Military Aspects of Cybersecurity Ethics	QUIZ
15	28 Apr	Consequences of being an unethical hacker.	
16	May 2, 5-7	Final	Test Turn in all late assignments