

CYBERSECURITY

CERTIFICATE - 30 CREDITS

About this program

This certificate is designed for individuals looking to add technical skills in IT security. A person earning this certificate will develop skills to manage and secure the Linux operating system, develop and query an information database, and create simple scripts. Areas of cybersecurity focus include vulnerability assessment, penetration testing, perimeter defense, incident response and applying security measures to reduce risk of a security breach. Content included in the certificate will prepare students for the CompTIA Security+ and Cisco CCENT certifications.

Program outcomes

1. Analyze known security incidents to trace and document the steps in the incident.
2. Use mechanisms available in an operating system to control access to resources.
3. Construct input validation.
4. Install and configure firewall rules based on business policies.
5. Investigate various countermeasures and security controls to minimize risk and exposure.
6. Examine ethical issues related to cybersecurity.
7. Demonstrate the use of proper SQL commands to retrieve specific data from a database.
8. Use protocol analyzers to identify information encapsulated in a data packet.
9. Write scripts to perform specific functions within a host and networked computing environment.

Curriculum overview

Crds	Requirement type
30	Required courses
30	Total

Developmental courses note: A student may be required to enroll in developmental courses in reading, writing and math. A student's scores on the Accuplacer assessment will determine enrollment in developmental courses. The purpose of developmental courses is to prepare students for the demands of a college-level curriculum. *Credits may vary.*

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Curriculum requirement details

Required courses

Other requirements or restricted electives

Course	Crds
CPTR1001 - Introduction To Programming and Scripting	3
CPTR1106 - Microcomputer Databases	3
CPTR1108 - CISCO 1	3
CPTR1118 - CISCO 2	3
CPTR2224 - Linux I	3
CPTR2230 - Structured Query Language	3
CPTR2234 - Linux II	3
CPTR2236 - Network Security	3
CSEC2210 - Security Breaches and Countermeasures	3
CSEC2228 - Network Defense	3

Course summaries

CPTR1001 - Introduction To Programming and Scripting (3 credits)

This course is an introduction to computer programming. Emphasis will be on programming concepts, program design methodology, program debugging, problem solving and writing clear code.

CPTR1106 - Microcomputer Databases (3 credits)

This course covers database concepts, design and construction using the latest database software. Topics include database normalization and table relationships, database objects, file creation, file manipulation, queries, macros, form development and report generation. Database programming concepts will also be introduced.

CPTR1108 - CISCO 1 (3 credits)

This is an introduction to networks course that covers the architecture, structure, functions and components of the Internet and other computer networks. Students achieve a basic understanding of how networks operate while building simple local area networks (LANs). Students perform basic configurations for routers and switches and implement Internet Protocol.

CPTR1118 - CISCO 2 (3 credits)

This course covers the architecture, components and operations of routers and switches in small networks and introduces wireless local area networks (WLANs) and security concepts. Students learn how to configure and troubleshoot routers and switches for advanced functionality using security best practices and resolve common issues with protocols in both Internet Protocol Version 4 (IPv4) and Internet Protocol Version 6 (IPv6) networks.

Prerequisites:

- CPTR1108

CPTR2224 - Linux I (3 credits)

This course deals with Linux installation, configuration and system administration. This course lays the groundwork for continued study of Linux.

CPTR2230 - Structured Query Language (3 credits)

This course covers the basics of SQL (Structured Query Language) programming. SQL is a popular computer language that is used by small and large business organizations and computer programmers. The primary purpose of SQL is in working with databases and relational database management systems to store, retrieve, edit, manipulate and format data for end users and decision makers.

Prerequisites:

- CPTR1106

CPTR2234 - Linux II (3 credits)

The primary focus of this course is Linux networking, security, ethics and privacy.

Prerequisites:

- CPTR2224

CPTR2236 - Network Security (3 credits)

This course deals with the understanding of basic network security. Students learn how to manage systems to guard against various security threats.

CSEC2210 - Security Breaches and Countermeasures (3 credits)

This course introduces the student to the various methodologies for attacking a network. The student will be introduced to concepts, principles and techniques, supplemented by hands-on exercises for attacking and disabling a network. The course will emphasize network attack methodologies with the emphasis on student use of network attack techniques and tools.

Prerequisites:

- CPTR2236

CSEC2228 - Network Defense (3 credits)

This course introduces students to the various methodologies for defending the information technology network infrastructure. Students will be introduced to the concepts, principles, type and topologies of firewalls to include packet filtering, proxy firewalls, application gateways, circuit gateways and stateful inspection.

Prerequisites:

- CPTR2236

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Program Plan — "Spring Start Plan"

Locations: Moorhead, Online

1st Spring Term (15 credits)

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1st Fall Term (15 credits)

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