

## CSIS 3755 - Information Assurance

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 01, CRN 42029,

Credit hours: 3

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### Course Description

3755. Information Assurance. Introduction to Cyber Security basics. Topics include: the roles organizations, laws, and people play in cyber security, current cyber security trends including an analysis of cyber-attacks and possible defenses, and industry best practices in regard to information security. Disaster planning and recovery. Prereq.: C or better in CSIS 1590 or (CSIS 1595+CSIS 1595L) or (CSIS 2605+CSIS 2605L) or (CSIS 2610+CSIS 2610L). 3 s.h.

### Course Readings

| Group    | Title                                           | Author              | ISBN          |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Required | Principles of Information Security, 7th Edition | Whitman, Michael E. | 8220124639043 |

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

### Schedule of Topics and Assignments

| Week of | Reading(s)       | Proposed Topic                                                                         | Due/To Prepare for Class |
|---------|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 8/24    | Ch. 1<br>Ch. 2   | Introduction to Information Security<br>Pervasive Attack Surfaces and Controls         |                          |
| 8/31    | Ch. 3<br>Ch. 4   | Fundamentals of Cryptography<br>Advanced Cryptography                                  |                          |
| 9/7     | Ch. 5<br>Ch. 6   | Endpoint Vulnerabilities, Attacks, and Defenses<br>Mobile and Embedded Device Security |                          |
| 9/14    | Ch. 7<br>Ch. 8   | Identity and Access Management (IAM)<br>Infrastructure Threats and Security Monitoring |                          |
| 9/21    | Ch. 9<br>Ch. 10  | Infrastructure Security<br>Wireless Network Attacks and Defenses                       |                          |
| 9/28    | Ch. 11<br>Ch. 12 | Cloud and Virtualization Security<br>Vulnerability Management                          |                          |
| 10/5    | Ch. 13<br>Ch. 15 | Incident Preparation and Investigation<br>Information Security Management              |                          |

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