Common Syllabus  
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This syllabus contains information common to all sections of IT 366 for the Spring 2016 semester. Information specific to each section will be made available to registered students via the Blackboard course management system.

University Policies

The University Catalog is the central resource for university policies affecting student, faculty, and staff conduct in university affairs. Unless explicitly noted, any conflict between the policies in the University Catalog and the content of this document is unintentional. Please notify the author to resolve any such conflicts.

Please note that the Academic Year runs from the Fall semester of one calendar year through the Spring and Summer semesters of the following calendar year. Please be sure to select the correct archived Catalog if appropriate.

Scheduled Sections

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<td>Prof. Doyle</td>
<td>Science and Technology</td>
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Course Description

IT 366 - Network Security I

Credits: 3

Examines information security services and mechanisms in network context. Topics include symmetric and asymmetric cryptography; message authentication codes, hash functions and digital signatures; digital certificates and public key infrastructure; access control including hardware and biometrics; intrusion detection; and securing network-enabled applications including e-mail and web browsing.

Prerequisite(s): (IT 206 or CS 211) and IT 223. Prerequisite enforced by registration system.

Hours of Lecture or Seminar per week: 3


Prerequisites

The prerequisites for this course are (IT 206 or CS 211) and IT 223. A grade of "C" or better must be achieved in each prerequisite course before a student is qualified to take this course. The prerequisite courses must be completed prior to, not concurrently with, this course.

This requirement will be strictly enforced. Any student who does not meet the prerequisite requirement will be dropped from the course by the Instructor at the start of the semester and the student will be responsible for any consequences of being dropped.

Rationale

Information security is a critical aspect of information technology – unless users can be confident that information is complete, consistent and accurate, it is worthless. A majority of information used today is transmitted over electronic networks, which adds additional security concerns when those networks are not under the direct control of the user (as is typically the case, especially when the Internet is part of the end-to-end network between the user and the information source or destination).

This is the first course of three (with IT 466 Network Security II and IT 467 Network Defense) that focus on securing information in a network context. This course emphasizes the fundamental tools and techniques used to provide information security services in that context, using current examples of technologies and their applications.
Course Applicability

IT 366 is an option in the Information Security (INFS) and Network and Telecommunications (NTEL) concentrations of the Bachelor of Science in Information Technology, and a Technical Focus Course in the Information Technology Minor and the Information Technology Undergraduate Certificate.

Objectives

On successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

– Describe the information network context, including common approaches to networking.
– Describe the risks involved in transmitting information over networks and give examples of threats to and attacks against network security.
– Describe the security services needed for information networks.
– Describe the operation and give examples of modern network security mechanisms.
– Give examples of current applications of network security technologies.

Faculty and Staff

Course Coordinator:

Michael X. Lyons

Instructors:

Section 001  John M. Doyle  
Section DL1  Michael X. Lyons

Teaching Assistant:

To be assigned – see Blackboard

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Bull Run Hall, Suite 102  
Email: cwoodfo1@gmu.edu  
Phone: 703-993-8461
References

Textbooks

There is one required textbook for this course:

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<th>Network Security Essentials: Applications and Standards</th>
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<tr>
<td>5th edition</td>
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<td>William Stallings</td>
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Publisher’s pricing (as of 1/7/2016):
- Paperback: $111.60
- Electronic (180-day): $45.99
- Electronic (non-expiring): $64.99

This textbook is available in an **electronic format** at a significantly lower price than the paperback format. See the publisher’s Web page for more information.

The paperback edition is available at a significant discount through the author's Web page.

Grading

Grades will be awarded in accordance with the Mason Grading System for undergraduate students. See the University Catalog, Academic Policies, AP.3.1 Undergraduate Grading for more information.

The grading scale for this course is:

- 97 - 100% A+ Passing
- 93 - 96% A Passing
- 90 - 92% A- Passing
- 87 - 89% B+ Passing
- 83 - 86% B Passing
- 80 - 82% B- Passing
- 77 - 79% C+ Passing
- 73 - 76% C Passing
- 70 - 72% C- Passing*
- 60 - 69% D Passing*
- 0 - 59% F Failing
* Grades of "C−" and "D" are considered passing grades for undergraduate courses. However, a minimum grade of "C" is required in the IT major for any course that is a prerequisite for one or more other courses. This course is a prerequisite for several courses in IT Concentrations – see the [University Catalog](#) for course descriptions including prerequisite requirements.

Raw scores may be adjusted by the Instructor to calculate final grades.

Final grades will be based on the following components:

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**In-class exercises**

Exercises (including quizzes and other activities) will conducted in selected class sessions throughout the semester. Exercises will **not** be announced in advance. Any student who misses an exercise due to an unexcused absence will receive zero (0) for that exercise.

**Note:** Online sections do not meet in person and will not have in-class exercises. Other coursework will be assigned for those sections to determine this grade component.

**Homework**

Homework will be assigned several times during the semester. Each assignment will count towards the final grade - there are no "optional" assignments. Each homework assignment is to be prepared and submitted as specified by the Instructor.

Students are expected to submit work as scheduled by the Instructor. Any assignment submitted after the due date-time but within 24 hours of it will be graded with a penalty of 25% of the available credit. Any assignment submitted more than 24 hours late will not be graded.

**Mid-term exam**

The mid-term exam will be conducted during the 6<sup>th</sup> scheduled class session and will be based on topics addressed in Lectures 1-5. The mid-term exam will be “closed book” – no reference materials other than those provided with the exam paper will be permitted.

Mid-term exams will be returned to students once all mid-term exams for all sections have been graded.

Students in online sections are required to attend an exam session (to be scheduled) in person, or to arrange for a proctored exam.
Final exam

The final exam will be held during the scheduled final exam session (see the Spring 2016 Final Exam Schedule) and will be based on topics addressed throughout the entire course. The final exam will be “closed book” – no reference materials other than those provided with the exam paper will be permitted. Final exams will be retained by the Department of Information Sciences and Technology and will not be returned to students.

Students in online sections are required to attend an exam session (to be scheduled) in person, or to arrange for a proctored exam.

Mid-term and final grades will be posted to PatriotWeb, which is the only mechanism for students to obtain those grades. A student with a "hold" on his/her PatriotWeb account will be unable to access grades until the hold has been removed by the Registrar.

**Schedule**

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<td>Preface §§1.0, 1.1, 1.7 Chapter 13</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Security policy; Security services Security architecture Number theory for cryptography</td>
<td>Chapter 1, §2.3, Appendix A</td>
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<td>Symmetric cryptography (including DES, AES, modes of operation)</td>
<td>Chapter 2</td>
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<td>Public key cryptography (including Diffie Hellman, RSA, certificates, PKI)</td>
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<td>Message authentication (including MACs, digital signatures) Review for mid-term exam</td>
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<td>User authentication; Access control Identity management; Kerberos</td>
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| 14 | Network management security; SNMP  
Review for final exam | Chapter 12 (online) |
|    | Final exam           |            |

* From the textbook

The reading assignment shown for each lecture is to be completed *prior to* that lecture.

*This schedule is subject to revision before and throughout the course.  
Registered students should see Blackboard for the latest class schedule.*

**Important Dates**

Please see the [Spring 2016 Semester Calendar](#) for important dates, including the last days to add and drop courses.

**Religious Holidays**

A list of religious holidays is published by [University Life](#). Any student whose religious observance conflicts with a scheduled course activity must contact the Instructor *at least 2 weeks in advance* of the conflict date in order to make alternative arrangements.

**Attendance Policy**

Students are expected to attend every class, to complete any required preparatory work (including assigned reading – see **Schedule** above) and to participate actively in lectures, discussions and exercises. As members of the academic community, all students are expected to contribute regardless of their proficiency with the subject matter.

Students are expected to make prior arrangements with Instructor if they know in advance that they will miss any class and to consult with the Instructor as soon as possible if they miss any class without prior notice. Any student who expects to miss more than one class session is strongly advised to drop the course and take it in a later semester when he/she can attend every class.

*Mason policy* requires students to take exams at the scheduled time and place, unless prior approval is granted by the student's academic dean or director. Failure to attend a scheduled exam will result in a score of zero (0) for that exam. Please note that exams may be re-scheduled by the Registrar to compensate for disruptions in the semester schedule and *students are required to be available throughout the exam period including the scheduled Make-up Day.*
Classroom conduct

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that is conducive to learning, as directed by the Instructor. Any student who negatively impacts the opportunity for other students to learn may be asked to leave the classroom.

Electronic devices are potential distractions in the classroom environment. All electronic devices must be turned off or set to "silent" mode at all times unless the Instructors directs otherwise. In order to maximize student engagement the Instructor may prohibit use of such devices.

Communications

Registered students will be given access to a Blackboard section for this course. Blackboard will used as the primary mechanism (outside of lectures) to disseminate course information, including announcements, lecture slides, homework and other assignments, and scores for homework and exams. Some announcements may be sent via Blackboard to students' Mason email accounts.

Communication with the Instructor on issues relating to the individual student only should be conducted using Mason email, via telephone, or in person - not in the public "Discussions" forums on Blackboard. To protect student privacy any communication related in any way to a student's status must be conducted using secure Mason systems – if you use email to communicate with the Instructor you MUST send messages from your Mason email account. Students must activate and monitor their Mason email accounts to receive important information from the University, including messages related to this class.

Lecture slides are complements to the lecture process, not substitutes for it - access to lecture slides will be provided in Blackboard as a courtesy to students provided acceptable attendance is maintained.

All course materials (lecture slides, assignment specifications, etc) are published on Blackboard in Adobe® Portable Document Format (PDF). This allows users of most computing platforms to view and print these files. Microsoft® Word (or a compatible word processing application) is required for preparing assignments – it is available on computers in the Mason open labs.

Online sections will use several tools through the Blackboard course management system. Students are responsible for obtaining Internet access and a compatible platform. Appropriate computers are available on campus in open labs.
Privacy

Instructors respect and protect the privacy of information related to individual students.

As described above, issues relating to an individual student will be discussed via email, telephone or in person. Instructors will not discuss issues relating to an individual student with other students (or anyone without a need to know) without prior permission of the student.

Homework, quizzes, mid-term exams and other assessable work will be returned to individual students directly by the Instructor (or by a faculty member, staff member, or Teaching Assistant designated by the Instructor, or via another secure method). Under no circumstances will a student's graded work be returned to another student.

Instructors, staff, and Teaching Assistants will take care to protect the privacy of each student's scores and grades.

Disability Accommodations

Disability Services works with disabled students to arrange for appropriate accommodations to ensure equal access to university services. Any student with a disability of any kind is strongly encouraged to register with Disability Services as soon as possible and take advantage of the services offered.

Accommodations for disabled students must be made in advance – Disability Services cannot assist students retroactively. Any student who needs accommodation should contact the Instructor no later than the first class.

Campus Notifications

Students are encouraged to subscribe to the Mason Alert system to receive notifications of campus emergencies, closings, and other situations that could affect class activities.

Each classroom has a poster explaining actions to be taken in different types of crisis. Further information on emergency procedures is available at the Campus Emergency Response Team Web site. In the event of an emergency, students are encouraged to dial 911.

Other Resources

Mason provides many useful resources for students. The following resources may be particularly useful:

- The Writing Center
- The Academic Advising Center
- The University Libraries
- Counseling and Psychological Services
- University Career Services
See http://www.gmu.edu/resources/students/ for a complete listing of Mason resources for students.

**Academic Integrity**

All members of the Mason community are expected to uphold the principles of scholarly ethics.

The IT major has been designed to achieve several specific outcomes. One of those outcomes is: “An understanding of professional, ethical, legal, security, and social issues and responsibilities.”

Graduating students are bound by the ethical requirements of the professional communities they join. The ethics requirements for some of the communities relevant to IT graduates are available via the following links:

- ACM Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct
- IEEE Code of Ethics
- EC-Council Code of Ethics

On admission to Mason, students agree to comply with the requirements of the Mason Honor Code. The Honor Code will be strictly enforced in this course. Honor Code cases are heard by a panel of students – students who meet the requirements are encouraged to nominate themselves to serve on the Honor Committee.

Any use of the words or ideas of another person(s), without explicit attribution that clearly identifies the material used and its source in an appropriate manner, is plagiarism and will not be tolerated. The Instructor reserves the right to use manual and/or automated means (including such services as SafeAssign) to detect plagiarism in any work submitted by students for this course, and to direct Teaching Assistants and/or other faculty and/or staff members to do likewise in support of this course.

For this course, the following requirements are specified:

- All assessable work is to be prepared by the individual student, unless the Instructor explicitly directs otherwise.

- All work must be newly created by the individual student for this course for this semester. Any usage of work developed for another course, or for this course in a prior semester, is strictly prohibited without prior approval from the Instructor.
Students may seek assistance with assigned work (and are encouraged to do so if they feel the need), *provided*:

- The directions for the assigned work do not prohibit such assistance.
- Such assistance is *explicitly acknowledged* in the submitted work, clearly identifying the person(s) giving assistance and the nature of the assistance given.
- Any work to be submitted is prepared entirely and exclusively by the student submitting it. Students are expressly prohibited from sharing any assessable work for this course in any manner with other students (except students assigned as Teaching Assistants or Undergraduate Peer Mentors to this course and the student's section), unless all students involved have had their work graded and returned by the Instructor, or the Instructor has explicitly approved such sharing.

Another aspect of academic integrity is the free exchange of ideas. Vigorous discussion and debate are encouraged in this course, with the firm expectation that all aspects of the class will be conducted with civility and respect for differing ideas, perspectives, and traditions. Please see the Mason Diversity Statement for more information on this topic.

Students are encouraged to ask for clarification of any issues related to academic integrity and to seek guidance from the Instructor, other faculty members, academic advisors, or the Office for Academic Integrity.