

Course Syllabus: CJ 3800 Computer Forensics & Cyber Crime

Credit hours: 3.00

Class Location: HAZY 243

Class Hours: MWF 0900AM-0950AM

Instructor: Gary Cantrell
Contact and office hours to be announced

Course Description and Goals:

Explains the evolution of computer crime and gives a basic understanding of computer forensics, including the investigation and prosecution of computer crime cases. Also covers the 1st and 4th amendments to the Constitution and their application to search and seizure in computer crime related cases.

Prerequisite: CJ 1010.

Text:

“Computer Evidence: Collection and Preservation,” Christopher LT Brown

ISBN-10: 1584506997

ISBN-13: 978-1584506997

Various articles and white papers as assigned by instructor

Course Policies:

- Important information, homework submission, and quizzes will be handled at the beginning of class, and class will begin at the assigned time whether you are there or not.
- Cell phones must be on vibrate. Any student whose cell phone goes off will be asked to leave for that day.
- There will be no penalty for make up tests scheduled ahead of time, but student must have a very valid reason for needing a make up test.
- Non-pre-scheduled make up tests will only be offered in the case of emergencies and will cost student a letter grade on the test.
- No make up quizzes will be offered.
- No late homeworks will be accepted.
- Students are expected to attend all class sessions.
- Instructor has a zero tolerance policy for cheating. Any incidents of cheating will result in a failing grade for the assignment and possible disciplinary action according to DSC policy.

Challenge Projects:

Optional extra credit projects will be given throughout the semester. These will be assigned at the discretion of the instructor and no other extra credit will be offered. These projects will be designed to provide a deeper understanding of course topics.

Grade Challenges:

A student may challenge the number of points given on a test or quiz question if they provide the challenge in a written format. The following rules apply to a challenge.

1. Challenge explanation limited to one page per question challenged
2. Challenge must be made 7 days from when student was first provided grade
3. Challenge packet must contain the original assignment submission
4. Challenge can only be made once per question
5. Student must provide a complete and valid reference for any materials they wish to use backing up their challenge
6. Most importantly challenge must explain why the original answer deserves more points not an excuse as to why student missed the question (“My dog ate my notes and I was unable to study.” is not a valid challenge)

Grading Scheme:

Midterm	150 points
Comprehensive Final	150 points
Homework Assignments	200 points
Reading Quizzes	100 points

Points	Grade
540 >=	A
480 – 539	B
420 – 479	C
< 420	F

Disability Resource Center:

If you are a student with a physical or mental impairment and would like to request accommodations, please contact the Disability Resource Center (652-7516) in Room 201 of the Student Services Center. The Disability Resource Center will determine your eligibility for services based upon complete professional documentation. If you are deemed eligible, the Disability Resource Center will further evaluate the effectiveness of your accommodation requests and will authorize reasonable accommodations that are appropriate for your disability.