CYBERCRIME: INTRODUCTION

In this introduction, we will review contact procedures to get in touch with me, the syllabus, course materials, grading and course pacing

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- Welcome to the course
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- **SYLLABUS: COURSE ORGANIZATION**
- The course is divided into 10 learning units:
- 1. Introduction to cybercrime
- 2. Information Assurance
- 3. IT-Enabled abuse, attacks and crimes
- 4. Computer abusers and cybercriminals
- 5. Theories of IT-enabled abuse and crime
- 6. The social and economic impact of cybercrimes
- 7. Emerging and controversial cybercrime issues
- 8. Cyber law and regulations
- 9. Investigation and prosecuting cybercrimes
- 10. Selected federal cybercrime statutes

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- SYLLABUS: COURSE MATERIALS

- This is a self contained, online course meaning that all materials you will need for your tests are included in the PowerPoint slides and associated lectures

- There is no text book you are required to purchase or rent

- But throughout each Learning Unit, I have linked certain articles and videos

- These articles and videos will enhance your understanding of course material, but they are not testable. Meaning, I will not ask you any test questions derived from a linked article or video

- Still, I highly recommend that you engage these readings and videos for a fuller, more comprehensive learning experience

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- **SYLLABUS: GRADING**
- There are three examinations you must take to complete this course
- The course is worth a total of 225 points
- Examination #1
- This test will include information from Learning Units 1, 2 and 3
- The test will have 81 multiple choice and true/false questions
- Each question is worth 1 point, so Exam 1 is 81 points toward the total course point value (225 points)
- You will have 85 minutes to complete this test, and then the test will automatically shut off
- You will not be able to proceed to Learning Unit 4, or any of the other proceeding Learning Units, until you have taken Examination #1

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- <u>Examination #2</u>

- This test will include information from Learning Units 4, 5 and 6.

- The test is noncumulative, meaning you will not be tested on material from previous Learning Units

- The test will have 75 multiple choice and true/false questions

- Each question is worth 1 point, so Exam 2 is 75 points toward the total course point value (225 points)

- You will have 80 minutes to complete this test and then the test will automatically shut off

- You will not be able to proceed to Learning Unit 7, or any of the other proceeding Learning Units, until you have taken Examination #2

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- SYLLABUS: GRADING

- Examination #3

- This test will include information from Learning Units 7, 8, 9 and 10

- The test is noncumulative, meaning you will not be tested on material from previous learning units

- The test will have 69 multiple choice and true/false questions

- Each question is worth 1 point, so Exam 3 is worth 69 point toward the total course point value (225 points)

- You will have 75 minutes to complete this test and then the test will automatically shut off

- After you have taken Exam 3, you are finished with the course

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- **SYLLABUS: GRADING**

- The grading summary is:
  - Exam 1 = 81 points
  - Exam 2 = 75 points
  - <u>Exam 3 = 69 points</u>
  - Total   = 225 points

- The grade scale to determine your final letter grade is as follows:

- 202-225 points = A

- 180 -201 points = B

- 157 - 179 points = C

- 135 – 156 points = D

- 134 points and below = F

- *Please note that your course grade is based entirely on test scores. There is no "extra credit"*

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- SYLLABUS: CONTACTING THE PROFESSOR

- All contact with me (questions, concerns, etc.) will be conducted via email: mpetroc@siue.edu

- Please put "Cybercrime" in the subject box

- I will answer emails during normal business hours (9am-5pm) on weekdays only (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday)

- I will do my best to answer all emails within a 2 hour time frame. Do not expect an immediate response

- It is your responsibility to check your email regularly for course updates, information, etc.

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- SYLLABUS: COURSE PACING

- This is a self paced course, meaning you can move forward and toward completion at your convenience

- The course MUST be completed in total (meaning all 3 examinations have been taken) by the last day of the semester at the close of business (5pm)

- There will be no exceptions to this rule

- Work hard, study and do well

- Please proceed to Learning Unit 1

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- Course references:
- Clifford, Ralph. 2006. Cybercrime: The Investigation, Prosecution and Defense of a Computer-Related Crime. Second Edition. Carolina Academic Press.
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- Yar, Majid. 2013. Cybercrime and Society. Second Edition. Sage Publications.