

Common Course Outline
CRJU 118
Computer-Related Crime
3 Credits

Community College of Baltimore County

Description

CRJU 118 – 3 credits - Computer-Related Crime explores the types and extent of current computer crime, criminal typology and the motivation of offenders. The criminal justice system response to computer related crime will also be explored through the issues of computer forensics for evidence collection, constitutional protections afforded computer users and the procedural law that governs cyber crime detection and prosecution.

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Prerequisites: ACLT 052 or ACLT 053

Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. identify the current extent and trends of computer crime activity;
2. describe the various forms of cyber-terrorism;
3. analyze the motivations of computer crime criminals;
4. present an overview on the emergence of computer and internet law;
5. describe the detection, collection and preservation of digital evidence (computer forensics) as preparation for legal criminal proceedings; and
6. summarize the current procedural safeguards regarding the prosecution of computer crimes.

Major Topics

- I. Computer Crimes and their Detection
 - a. Theft of information and business fraud
 - b. Employee access to classified and controlled information
 - c. Child molestation and other sexual offenses
 - d. Obscenity, defamation and “hate” crimes
 - e. Other computer-related crimes
- II. Cyber-terrorism
 - a. Types of cyber-terrorism
 - b. International vs. domestic cyber-terrorism
 - c. Tools, techniques, and response to cyber-terrorism
- III. Computer Crime Criminal Motivations
 - a. Typologies
 - b. International vs. domestic computer criminals

- c. Groups vs. individuals
- IV. Computer and Internet Law
 - a. Computer crime legal issues
 - b. Internet and privacy legal issues
- V. Compute Forensics
 - a. Investigation of computer crime
 - b. Collection and preservation of evidence
- VI. Procedural Safeguards
 - a. Overview of federal and state law
 - b. Current trends in computer law

Course Requirements

Students are required to utilize academically-appropriate sources.

Grading/Exams: Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty member but will include the following:

1. At two (2) testing instruments to include examinations and/or tests.
2. Written assignments; The individual faculty member will determine specific number of written assignments; minimum of one such assignment such as:
 - Summaries of current events and their relation to course material;
 - Research project (topics may include any subject related to the course)

Other Course Information

This course is a Criminal Justice Studies elective course.