

CSIT 161
Introduction to Information Assurance
3 Credits

Community College of Baltimore County
Common Course Outline

Description

CSIT 161 – Introduction to Information Assurance: is a course that provides an overview of the key principles of information assurance as students explore emerging security topics and trends.

Co-requisites: CSIT 101 or CSIT 111 or permission of the program coordinator

Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. define information assurance and related security terms;
2. identify security vulnerabilities, threats, and attacks;
3. discuss security monitoring software tools such as intrusion prevention systems and intrusion detection systems;
4. utilize tools to protect against cyber security threats such as firewalls and virtual private networks;
5. describe legal, ethical, and professional implications in information security;
6. explore risk management strategies;
7. investigate incident response and contingency planning;
8. recognize the importance of physical security;
9. develop an information assurance policy;
10. examine cryptography concepts and methods;
11. apply digital forensics procedures; and
12. identify personnel practices for security in organizations.

Major Topics

- I. Introduction to Information Assurance
- II. Vulnerabilities, Threats, and Attacks
- III. Security Tools
- IV. Legal, Ethical, and Professional Implications in Information Security
- V. Risk Management
- VI. Incident Response and Contingency Planning
- VII. Physical Security
- VIII. Information Assurance Policies
- IX. Cryptography
- X. Digital Forensics
- XI. Personnel Practices for Security in Organizations

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Course Requirements

Grading will be determined by the individual faculty member, but shall include the following, at minimum:

- six assignments
- six quizzes
- one report or project on an emerging information assurance topic
- two exams

Written assignments and research projects: Students are required to use appropriate academic resources in their research and cite sources according to the style selected by their professor.

Other Course Information

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