Bossier Parish Community College  
Master Syllabus

Course Prefix and Number:  CIT 115  
Credit Hours:  3-3-0

Course Title:  Network Defense

Course Prerequisite:  None.


Course Description:  This course provides students with a foundation in network security fundamentals. The course focuses on how to develop effective security strategies, including basic principles of encryption. This course is required toward the CNSS 4011-4016 certifications.

Learning Outcomes:
At the end of this course, the student will:
   A. recognize the basic concepts that are fundamental to ethical hacking;
   B. identify specific types of network attacks and their countermeasures;
   C. describe known vulnerabilities in existing software; and
   D. explain the steps to take and policies to follow when a security-related incident is detected on a network.

To achieve the learning outcomes, the student will or will be able to:
(The letter designations at the end of each statement refer to the learning outcome(s).)
   1. discuss important issues related to ethical and unethical hacking (A);
   2. recognize techniques used in network reconnaissance (B);
   3. identify key concepts related to scanners, sniffers programs, software vulnerabilities, principles of cryptography, encryption, and password cracking (B);
   4. list techniques used to protect networks from various types of attacks (B);
   5. recognize principles related to threats such as spoofing, session hijacking, hacking of network equipment, Trojan horses, denial-of-service attacks, buffer overflows, and programming exploits (B);
   6. identify countermeasures to address vulnerabilities in various programming languages (B);
   7. identify vulnerabilities in existing software programs such as mail programs, web applications, and operating systems (C);
   8. recognize fundamental processes related to incident handling (D);
   9. identify the emergency steps that follow an incident. (D)
Course Requirements:
1. A student must successfully complete the course with an average of 70% or above on the combined learning outcomes.
2. Each student is expected to attend classes regularly; excessive unexcused absences constitute grounds for suspension (refer to the student handbook for attendance policies).

Course Grading Scale:
- 90 – 100 = A
- 80 – 89  = B
- 70 – 79  = C
- 60 – 69  = D
- 0   – 59  = F

Attendance Policy: The college attendance policy is available at http://www.bpcc.edu/catalog/current/academicpolicies.html

Course Fees: This course is accompanied with an additional fee for supplemental materials.

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