CYBERSECURITY, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity
Cybersecurity (CYBR) is an emerging, rapidly expanding science that addresses problems in the fundamental understanding of the design, development, implementation and lifecycle support of secure information systems. The need for secure information systems has become a paramount concern as the computer-enabled, internet-connected, digital-based global society of the 21st century continues to emerge. The lack of adequately secure information systems has been cited as one of the likely impediments to the emergence of the digital society.

Cyber Operations Track (Optional)
The University of Nebraska at Omaha’s undergraduate Cybersecurity degree program is one of the few National Security Agency (NSA) certified National Centers of Academic Excellence in Cyber Operations (CAE-CO). As a result, UNO’s College of Information Science and Technology (IS&T) is able to offer undergraduate students majoring in Cybersecurity the option to pursue a specialized Cyber Operations (CO) track and complete the requirements set out by the NSA’s CAE-CO program. Students already enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity degree program have very few additional requirements to meet in order to complete the Cyber Operations track.

Writing in the Discipline
All UNO students are required to take a writing-in-the-discipline course within their major. Cybersecurity degree students must take CIST 3000.

Student Groups
NULLify is UNO’s student-led computer security group. Contact the group at unonullify@gmail.com.

Visit NULLify on Facebook at nullifyuno.

Degree Requirements
Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity
A minimum of 120 credit hours is required for a Bachelor of Science degree in Cybersecurity (BSIA). Thirty of the last 36 hours must be University of Nebraska at Omaha courses. Registering for courses without having taken the stated prerequisites could result in administrative withdrawal.

To obtain a BSIA, a student must fulfill the University General Education, College, and Departmental requirements. Some courses may satisfy requirements in more than one area, but credit is awarded only once, thereby reducing the total number of credit hours for the degree to 120. (This total does not include prerequisites.)

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21    | Computer Science Core courses                           | 21      
30    | Cybersecurity Core courses                              | 30      
15    | Cybersecurity Elective courses                          | 15      
7     | Elective/prerequisite courses                           | 7       
Total  | Credits | 120     |

Prerequisite / Free Electives
Select one of the following: 3-4

CSCI Electives
CSCI 3660 | THEORY OF COMPUTATION (NSA Cyber Operations Track)
CSCI 4220 | PRINCIPLES OF PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

Computer Science Core Courses
CSCI 1620 | INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTER SCIENCE II
CSCI 2250 | LOW-LEVEL PROGRAMMING
CSCI 3320 | DATA STRUCTURES
CSCI 3550 | COMMUNICATION NETWORKS
CSCI 3710 | INTRODUCTION TO DIGITAL DESIGN AND COMPUTER ORGANIZATION
CSCI 4350 | COMPUTER ARCHITECTURE
CSCI 4500 | OPERATING SYSTEMS

Cybersecurity Core Courses
CYBR 1100 | INTRODUCTION TO INFORMATION SECURITY
CYBR 3350 | SECURITY ADMINISTRATION - LINUX
CYBR 3370 | SECURITY ADMINISTRATION - WINDOWS
CYBR/CIST 3600 | INFORMATION SECURITY, POLICY AND AWARENESS
CYBR 3570 | CRYPTOGRAPHY
CYBR 4360 | FOUNDATIONS OF CYBERSECURITY
CYBR/CSCI 4380 | COMPUTER AND NETWORK FORENSICS
CYBR 4450 | HOST-BASED VULNERABILITY DISCOVERY
CYBR 4460 | NETWORK-BASED VULNERABILITY DISCOVERY
CYBR 4580 | CERTIFICATION AND ACCREDITATION OF SECURE SYSTEMS (CAPSTONE)

Cybersecurity Elective Courses
Select 15 hours from the following:

CYBR Electives
CYBR 2980/4980 | SPECIAL TOPICS IN CYBERSECURITY
CYBR 4430 | QUANTUM COMPUTING AND CRYPTOGRAPHY
CYBR 4440 | INDUSTRIAL CONTROL SYSTEM SECURITY
CIST/CYBR 4540 | COMPUTER SECURITY MANAGEMENT
CYBR 4950 | INTERNSHIP IN CYBERSECURITY
CYBR 4990 | INDEPENDENT STUDY IN INFORMATION ASSURANCE

CSCI Electives
CSCI 3660 | THEORY OF COMPUTATION (NSA Cyber Operations Track)
CSCI 4220 | PRINCIPLES OF PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES
**Graduate level courses required for Cyber Operations track.** Graduate

These courses also apply towards the Cybersecurity elective requirements.

**Cyber Operations track:**

have the following additional requirements to meet in order to complete the

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Total Credits 86-87

1. NOTE: CSCI 1200 and CSCI 1204 count toward the Natural and Physical Sciences requirement.
2. NOTE: CIST 2100 counts toward Social Science requirement.
3. NOTE: CIST 3110 counts toward Humanities requirement.
4. NOTE: CYBR 1100 counts toward Global Diversity requirement.
5. Note: MATH 1950 is required for this degree program. This course will also satisfy UNO’s General Education Quantitative Literacy requirement. Students who do not place into MATH 1950 are responsible for prerequisite courses MATH 1220, MATH 1320, and MATH 1330. MATH 120/STEM 1120, MATH 1130, and MATH 1530 will not serve as prerequisites for MATH 1950. These courses will satisfy the General Education Quantitative Literacy requirement; however, they do not satisfy the Math requirement for the degree program. Students are highly encouraged to consult with their academic advisor before enrolling in a particular course.

**Cyber Operations Track (Optional)**

Students already enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity degree have the following additional requirements to meet in order to complete the Cyber Operations track:

- PSCI 4250 Intelligence and National Security*
- PSCI 4260 International Law*
- CSCI 3660 Theory of Computation *
- CYBR 8410 Distributed Systems and Network Security**
- CYBR 8420 Software Assurance **
- CSCI 8620 Mobile Computing and Wireless Networking**
- CYBR 8480 Secure Mobile and Internet of Things Development**
- CYBR 8000 Center of Academic Excellence - Cyber Operations Completion Certificate**

*These courses also apply towards the Cybersecurity elective requirements.

**Graduate level courses required for Cyber Operations track. Graduate level courses can be taken with special permission.

**Minor Offered**

- Cybersecurity Minor (http://catalog.unomaha.edu/undergraduate/college-information-science-technology/school-interdisciplinary-informatics-si2/cybersecurity-minor)

**CYBR 1100 INTRODUCTION TO INFORMATION SECURITY (3 credits)**

This course emphasizes our current dependence on information technology and how its security in cyberspace (or lack thereof) is shaping the global landscape. Several historical and contemporary global events that have been influenced by the exploitation of information technology motivates topics on cyber crime, malware, intrusion detection, cryptography, among others, and how to secure one’s own data and computer system. Several aspects of this course are geared towards developing an understanding of the “cyberspace” as a new medium that breaks all geographical boundaries, while highlighting noticeable influences on it from social, political, economic and cultural factors of a geographical region.

**Distribution:** Global Diversity General Education course

**CYBR 2250 LOW-LEVEL PROGRAMMING (3 credits)**

This course will teach the cybersecurity (CYBR) students low-level programming in the ‘C’ and assembly languages, and the interrelationship between these two programming paradigms. The student will learn the various control structures in ‘C’ and how they are implemented in machine code, memory allocation and management, and the basics of allocation classes such as static versus automatic variables. The students will also learn assembly language in the ‘C’ environment and will be able to write useful, functional, stand-alone assembly language programs with no help from external libraries.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** CSCI 1620. Not open to non-degree graduate students.

**CYBR 2980 SPECIAL TOPICS IN CYBERSECURITY (1-3 credits)**

This course provides a format for exploring subject areas in Cybersecurity and related fields for sophomore undergraduate students. Specific topics vary, in keeping with research interests of faculty and students. Examples include network configuration, network security, forensics, regulatory compliance, web services and applications, vulnerability assessments, cloud computing security, and other issues in Cybersecurity.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Instructor permission required. Not open to non-degree graduate students.

**CYBR 3350 SECURITY ADMINISTRATION - LINUX (3 credits)**

This course covers topics a system administrator would encounter in their profession. The student will learn how a system administrator fulfills various organizational information resource management requirements using the a Linux-based Operating System. Topics will include; installation; creating and maintaining file systems; user and group administration; backup and restore processes; network configuration; various system services; simple security administration; and updating and maintaining the system.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** CSCI 1620 or CSCI 1840 or Instructor Permission.

**CYBR 3370 SECURITY ADMINISTRATION - WINDOWS (3 credits)**

This course covers topics a system administrator would encounter in their profession. The student will learn how a system administrator fulfills various organizational information resource management requirements using the Windows Operating System. Topics will include; installation; creating and maintaining file systems; user and group administration; backup and restore processes; network configuration; various system services; simple security administration; and updating and maintaining the system.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** CSCI 1620 or CSCI 1840 or Instructor Permission.
CYBR 3450 NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING (3 credits)
The course will provide overview of the topics in natural language processing such as word and sentence tokenization, syntactic parsing, semantic role labeling, text classification. We will discuss fundamental algorithms and mathematical models for processing natural languages and how these can be used to solve practical problems. We will touch on such applications of natural language processing technology as information extraction and sentiment analysis. (Cross-listed with CSCI 3450).
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): Prereq: CSCI 2030 with C- or better; Co-req: CSCI 3320 with C- or better; Students should be comfortable w/ scripting (Python is the language extensively used in natural language processing tools including NLTK). Not open to non-degree graduate students.

CYBR 3570 CRYPTOGRAPHY (3 credits)
The course will provide a broad overview of the concepts, fundamental ideas, vocabulary, and literature base central to the study and development of cryptography and cryptanalysis. This course will explore historical development of cryptography, as well as methods used to defeat it. In addition, the course will cover the mathematical foundations of cryptography today, as well as some current uses of such cryptography, such as public key infrastructures, the Internet Key Exchange protocol, and more.
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): CSCI 3320 or ISQA 3300. Not open to non-degree graduate students.

CYBR 3600 INFORMATION SECURITY, POLICY AND AWARENESS (3 credits)
This course will cover the planning and development for information governance, security policies and procedures, and security awareness. (Cross-listed with CIST 3600)
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): CIST 2100; CIST 3110, which may be taken concurrently.

CYBR 4000 CENTER OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE-CYBER OPERATIONS COMPLETION CERTIFICATE (0 credits)
This course is utilized to provide a specific designation for students that have completed the Center of Academic Excellence - Cyber Operations coursework. It is a zero credit hour class used to designate the completion of this focus area in the cybersecurity curriculum.
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): Instructor Permission. The program committee will work w/ the UG advisors to verify that the student has fulfilled the requirements for this designation. If the student has fulfilled (or will soon) all the requirements, they may register for this class.

CYBR 4360 FOUNDATIONS OF CYBERSECURITY (3 credits)
Contemporary issues in computer security, including sources for computer security threats and appropriate reactions; basic encryption and decryption; secure encryption systems; program security, trusted operating systems; database security, network and distributed systems security, administering security; legal and ethical issues. (Cross-listed with CYBR 8366, CSCI 8366).
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): CSCI 3320 or CSCI 8325 OR ISQA 3400 OR By instructor permission

CYBR 4380 COMPUTER AND NETWORK FORENSICS (3 credits)
Computer forensics involves the preservation, identification, extraction and documentation of computer evidence stored on a computer. This course takes a technical, legal, and practical approach to the study and practice of incident response, computer forensics, and network forensics. Topics include legal and ethical implications, duplication and data recovery, steganography, network forensics, and tools and techniques for investigating computer intrusions. This course is intended as a second course in information assurance for undergraduate students as well as other qualified students. It is also intended as a foundation course for graduate digital forensics studies. (Cross-listed with CSCI 4380, CYBR 8386)
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): CYBR 1100, CIST 3600, CSCI 3550 or ISQA 3400, CYBR 3350 or CYBR 3370; or instructor permission.

CYBR 4390 MOBILE DEVICE FORENSICS (3 credits)
Mobile device forensics is the science of recovering digital evidence from a mobile device under forensically sound conditions using accepted methods. The aim of this course is to introduce students to acceptable approaches for collecting, analyzing and reporting data from a mobile device forensics investigation. Topics include: an introduction to digital and mobile device forensics, mobile forensics standards, acquisition methods (manual, logical, physical and provider-side), Android and iOS filesystem analysis, decoding approaches, application data analysis, and report writing. Students will be required to perform several investigations in a controlled lab environment, including acquiring forensically sound evidence and analyzing these using industry standard tools. (Cross-listed with CYBR 8396).
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): CSCI 4380/8386 - Computer and Network Forensics or Instructors Permission

CYBR 4430 QUANTUM COMPUTING AND CRYPTOGRAPHY (3 credits)
The course builds an understanding of exciting concepts behind quantum computing and quantum cryptography. In doing so it will introduce the principles of qubits, superposition, entanglement, teleportation, measurement, quantum error correction, quantum algorithms, quantum key exchange, quantum encryption, and secure quantum channels that are built using these principles. It will also discuss advantages of quantum computing and cryptography over classical computing and cryptography and limitations thereof. The students will come out with a working understanding of the field of quantum computing and quantum cryptography. During the course, students will also implement several of the quantum algorithms. (Cross-listed with CYBR 8436)
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): Co-requisites: CYBR 3570 or CSCI 4560; or Instructor permission.

CYBR 4440 INDUSTRIAL CONTROL SYSTEM SECURITY (3 credits)
The objective of this course is to research vulnerabilities into, and provide guidance for securing, industrial control systems (ICS). ICS is a general term that encompasses several types of control systems, including supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) systems, distributed control systems (DCS), and other control system items such as Programmable Logic Controllers (PLC). The student will learn to identify network and device vulnerabilities and potential countermeasures to these weaknesses. (Cross-listed with CYBR 8446)
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): CSCI 3550.

CYBR 4450 HOST-BASED VULNERABILITY DISCOVERY (3 credits)
The class will cover security issues at an implementation and hardware level. The students will learn assembly language and the use of a reverse assembler and debugger. This will allow the student to analyze various packing algorithms for computer viruses, the viruses themselves, operating system hooking, fuzzing, and other machine code, host-based exploits. The class will be using both Windows and Linux as operating systems. (Cross-listed with CYBR 8456.)
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): Permission of the instructor and CSCI 3710.

CYBR 4460 NETWORK-BASED VULNERABILITY DISCOVERY (3 credits)
The course is an advanced class in which the students learn various techniques for testing for and identifying security flaws in network software and web applications. Internet technologies such as HTTP, DNS, DHCP, and others are examined in the context of cyber security. Students are expected to participate in numerous hands-on experiments related to Information Assurance with respect to web technologies. (Cross-listed with CYBR 8466)
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): Instructor Permission
CYBR 4540 COMPUTER SECURITY MANAGEMENT (3 credits)
The purpose of this course is to integrate concepts and techniques from security assessment, risk mitigation, disaster planning, and auditing to identify, understand, and propose solutions to problems of computer security and security administration. (Cross-listed with CIST 4540, CYBR 8546, ISQA 8546)
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): IASC 4360 or permission of the instructor.

CYBR 4580 CERTIFICATION AND ACCREDITATION OF SECURE SYSTEMS (CAPSTONE) (3 credits)
This is the BSIA capstone course where students extend and apply their knowledge in defining, implementing, and assessing secure information systems. Students will demonstrate their ability to specify, apply, and assess different types of countermeasures at different points in the enterprise with a special focus on system boundaries. Students will complete and defend a Certification and Accreditation package.
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): CIST 3600 or CYBR 3600; CIST 4360; CYBR 3350 or CYBR 3370; and CIST 4540 or CYBR 4540 may be taken prior to or concurrently. Not open to non-degree graduate students.

CYBR 4950 INTERNSHIP IN CYBERSECURITY (1-3 credits)
The course provides a format for a student to work with a local or national industry partner in a cyber-security oriented position, and to receive credit for this practical experience. The internship may or may not be a paid position, but will definitely be directly related to the Cybersecurity degree program. The class is proposed and organized by the student, with participating faculty supervising and input provided by the industry partner.
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): Instructor Permission.

CYBR 4980 SPECIAL TOPICS IN INFORMATION ASSURANCE (1-3 credits)
The course provides a format for exploring advanced research areas for undergraduate students in Information Assurance and related fields. Specific topics vary, in keeping with research interests of faculty and students. Examples include applied data mining, mobile security, web services and applications, vulnerability assessments, cloud computing security, and other issues in Information Assurance research. (Cross-listed with CYBR 8986)
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): Instructor Permission.

CYBR 4990 INDEPENDENT STUDY IN INFORMATION ASSURANCE (1-3 credits)
The course provides a format for exploring advanced research areas for undergraduate students in Information Assurance and related fields. The class is designed for students that would like to explore specific Information Assurance topics at a greater depth, or topics which are not currently a part of the IA curriculum. The class is proposed and organized by the student, with participating faculty mentoring.
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): Instructor Permission.