

Course Outline

1. Document Information

Degree Program	Computer Science
Course Number	CS 409
Course Title	Ethical Hacking
Semester Hours	3
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2. Catalog Description

This course will explore the various means that an intruder has available to gain access to computer resources. We will investigate weaknesses by discussing the theoretical background, and whenever possible, actually performing the attack. We will then discuss methods to prevent/reduce the vulnerabilities. This course is targeted specifically for Certified Ethical Hacking (CEH) exam candidates, matching the CEH exam objectives with the effective and popular Cert Guide method of study.

3. Textbooks

- Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH) Cert Guide Network Defense, Michael Gregg. Pearson IT Certification. ISBN-10: 0789751275 • ISBN-13: 9780789751270

4. References

5. Course Learning Outcomes

- Analyze security vulnerabilities of a network and develop a set of solutions for specific networking scenarios.
- Identify security tools including, but not limited to intrusion detection and firewall software.
- Exhibit an understanding of the threats posed by viruses to networks through the development of appropriate protection plans.

- Find and utilize available online resources as they pertain to developing a secure system.
- Develop comprehensive plans for network security using a full range of available tools.
- Prepare students for Ethical Hacking Certification (CEH) exam.

6. Assessment of the Contribution to Student Outcomes

Outcome	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Assessed	X	X	X		X	X	X

7. Prerequisites by Topic

CS 202 or equivalent.

8. Major Topics Covered in the Course

1. Ethical hacking basics (5 lectures)
2. Technical foundations of hacking (2 lectures)
3. Footprinting and scanning (2 lectures)
4. Enumeration and system hacking (3 lectures)
5. Linux distros and automated assessment tool (2 lectures)
6. Trojans and backdoors (1 lecture)
7. Sniffers, session hijacking, and denial of service (3 lectures)
8. Web server hacking, web applications, and database attacks (2 lectures)
9. Wireless technologies, mobile security, and mobile attacks (3 lectures)
10. IDS, firewalls, and honeypots (2 lectures)
11. Buffer overflows, viruses, and worms (2 lectures)
12. Cryptographic attacks and defenses (8 lectures)
13. Physical security and social engineering (5 lectures)

NOTE: When course is taken as 500-level credit (CS 591 "Special Topics"), there will be additional requirements such as a research project.