

Course Syllabus – Spring 2009

CS 436/636/736 Computer Security

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Course Session	Monday and Wednesday 7:00 – 8:15 PM Room CH405
Prerequisite	CS 303 Algorithms and Data Structures CS 330 Computer Organization and Assembly Language Programming
Description	Study of computer security including assurance, authorization, authentication, key distribution, encryption, threats including phishing and key logging, and related distributed computing issues. Theory and practical applications.
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Computer Security Fundamentals: Confidentiality, Integrity, Availability2. Concepts: Assurance, Threats, Trust3. Basics of cryptography, digital signatures, identity4. Policies and Mechanisms for Security5. Authentication, Authorization, Access Control6. Kinds of Security, Intrusions7. Covert channels, kinds of attack, highlights of network security
Textbook	<i>Introduction to Computer Security.</i> Dieter Gollman, Wiley Press. ISBN 0-470-86293-9, 2006.
Reference	<i>Security Engineering: A Guide to Building Dependable Distributed Systems.</i> Ross Anderson. Wiley Press. ISBN 0-471-38922-6, 2001. (online at: http://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/~rja14/book.html)

Grading Policy	CS 436	CS 636	CS 736
Tests(1)	30%	25%	25%
Homework(6)	30%	20%	20%
Final Exam	30%	25%	25%
Projects / Papers		20%	20%
Attendance/Participation	10%	10%	10%

Final Exam will be held at its normally scheduled time.

Students enrolled in CS 636 and CS 736 will have additional questions on tests and exams. They will have one Graduate Project and one Graduate paper not assigned to undergrads.

Expect programming assignments as part of the work for this class. Submitted programs should be documented and must compile and function.

- Late Submission**
1. All assignments are due at the beginning of class on the due date. Any assignment turned in after this deadline is late. Late assignments will lose 10% per UAB M-F business day late, up to a maximum of 50%. (If the University is open for class, it counts as a day.)
 2. Every assignment must be turned in (even if late) to pass this course. Failure to submit any assignment prior to final exam date will result in a grade of 'F' for the course.

- Class Attendance**
1. Attendance is mandatory for this course. Roll will be taken and included in the grading procedure. Students are expected to supplement their reading and contribute to course conversation.
 2. There will be NO make-up exams. Students who anticipate an excused absence on the date of an exam should make **prior arrangement** to sit for the exam at another time.
 3. Early final exams will not be given.

Academic Honesty Students who plagiarize code (in whole or part), get others to write programs, or are found cheating on a quiz/exam, will be reported for academic dishonesty. Anyone who is caught cheating will receive a 0 on a given test or assignment. A second offense will result in an F for the semester grade. This includes both the provider and the receiver of the information. Any student who violates the university's academic honesty policy will be reported for academic discipline. All university and department policies related to students are included here by implication.

Specific instructions regarding collaborative homework assignment may be given. Read instructions and follow accordingly.

- Add/Drop Policy**
1. A student can drop the course through January 14, 2009.
 2. A student can add the course through January 13, 2007.
 3. A student can withdraw with a “W” by March 6, 2009. (436)
 4. A student can withdraw with a “W” by April 27, 2009. (Grad)
 5. For more details please see Registration / Academic Records office.

Email

Every student will be required to use his/her official email address that is blazerid@uab.edu. New students must login and configure their email addresses. For more details on obtaining *blazerid* and configuring email please see: <http://www.uab.edu/blazerid/>. All email communications will be made using this address. Additional instructions or announcements will be sent by email, so check your email often. Email is the best way to contact the instructor.

Class Date	Topic
Jan 7.	Security and Risk - Chapter One
Jan 12.	Risk / Threat Analysis – Chapter One
Jan 14.	Security Foundations – Chapter Two
Jan 19.	*NO CLASS* Martin Luther King Day
Jan 21.	Identity & Authentication – Chapter Three
Jan 26.	Access Control – Chapter Four
Jan 28.	(Guest Lecture)
Feb 2.	Access Control Hacks (case / current events) (non-book)
Feb 4 .	Reference Monitors – Chapter Five
Feb 9.	Bell LaPadula Model – Chapter Eight
Feb 11.	Security Models – Chapter Nine
Feb 16.	Phishing & Identity Theft (non-book)
Feb 18.	Crime & Control (non-book)
Feb 23.	OS Wars (Unix) – Chapter Six – (student lecture – How does OS do X?) (Grad Project #1 due – Hardening Unix)

- Feb 25. OS Wars (Windows) – Chapter Seven
(student lecture – How does OS do X?)
(Grad Project #1 due – Hardening Windows)
- Mar 2. Mid-Term Review
Mar 4. **** MID-TERM EXAM ****
- Mar 9. ****SPRING BREAK****
Mar 11. ****SPRING BREAK****
- Mar 16. Security & Risk Assessment – Chapter Ten
Mar 18. Penetration Testing (Guest Lecture)
- Mar 23. Introduction to Cryptography (guest lecture)
Mar 25. Cryptography – Chapter Eleven Homework #3
- Mar 30.
Apr 1. Distributed System Authentication – Chapter Twelve
- Apr 6. Network Administration (firewalls / LAN / WAN) – Chapter Thirteen
Apr 8 . System Administration (OS) Homework #4
- Apr 13. Information Warfare & Espionage
Apr 15. Database Administration - Chapter Seventeen
- Apr 20. Software Security – Chapter Fourteen Homework #5
Apr 22. Presentations Grad Project #2 “Secure this network”
(Undergrad paper “Assessment & Roles” due)
- Apr 27. Last Day of Class: Q & A
- Apr 30. ** FINAL EXAM ****

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Course webpage: <http://www.cis.uab.edu/cs436/>