

Eastern Kentucky University
Department of Computer Science
INF 321 Computer Forensics I
CRN: XXXXX

I. General Information

Lectures: Wallace 429, W 6:00 pm – 8:45pm
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II. Course Description:

INF 321 Computer Forensics I (A). Formerly CSC 321. Prerequisite: ENG 102, 105(B) or HON 102. Introductory course on computer forensics. Topics include computer forensics concept, digital evidence, law and regulations, computer forensics lab, computer forensic investigation, digital forensics report, court testimony, ethics and codes to expert witness. Credit will not be awarded to students who have credit for CSC 321.

III. Required Text:

(1) Bill Neson, Amelia Phillips, etc., *Guide to Computer Forensics and Investigations*, 4rd Ed, Course Technology Incorporated, 2009, **ISBN-10:** 1435498836; **ISBN-13:** 9781435498839.

IV. Learning Outcomes:

INF 321 common learning outcomes:

In this course, students will demonstrate the ability to:

1. Describe the fundamental concepts of computer forensics
2. Explain laws, regulations, and guidelines that govern the conduct of digital forensic investigations.
3. Describe the physical, hardware and software requirements of computer forensics lab
4. Prepare and plan for digital forensic investigation
5. Explain the importance of and describe the guidelines for writing the reports of digital forensic investigation
6. Prepare for testimony and testify in court as the expert witness
7. Describe and apply ethics and codes to expert witness

V. Course Topics:

1. Introduction to Digital Forensics
2. Digital Evidence
3. Laws Regulating Access to Digital Evidence
4. Digital Forensic Investigation
5. Investigator's Office and Laboratory
6. Digital Forensic Report Writing
7. Expert Testimony in Digital Forensic Investigation
8. Ethics for Expert Witness

Course Outline and Approximate Schedules

Week		Topics
Week 1	Aug. 19	Introduction to Digital Forensics
Week 2	Aug. 26	Digital Evidence
Week 3	Sept. 2	Digital Evidence and Related Laws and Regulations
Week 4	Sept. 9	Laws and Regulations Related to Digital Evidence

Week 5	Sept. 16	Digital Forensic Investigation
Week 6	Sept. 23	Digital Forensic Investigation (Continue)
Week 7	Sept. 30	Forensics Tools Introduction
Week 8	Oct. 7	Review and Mid-Term Test
Week 9	Oct. 14	Investigator's Office and Lab
Week 10	Oct. 21	Investigator's Office and Lab (Continue)
Week 11	Oct. 28	Digital Forensic Report
Week 12	Nov. 4	Digital Forensic Report (Continue)
Week 13	Nov. 11	Ethics for Expert Witness
Week 14	Nov. 18	Ethics for Expert Witness (Continue)
Week 15	Nov. 25	Expert Testimony
Week 16	Dec. 2	Expert Testimony and Review
Week 17	Dec. 9	Final Exam

VI. Course Requirements:

Assignments, Lab Projects and Tests

VII. Grading and Evaluation Policies:

Grade Components:

- 25% Assignments
- 25% Lab Projects
- 25% Midterm Test
- 25% Final

Grading Scale

Your final grade will be given using the following scale:

- 90-100 overall AND at least 80% in both exam/quiz and assignment categories ----- A
- 80-89 overall AND at least 70% in both exam/quiz and assignment categories----- B
- 70-79 overall AND at least 60% in both exam/quiz and assignment categories----- C
- 60-69 overall AND at least 60% in both exam/quiz and assignment categories----- D
- 0-59 overall ----- F

Student Progress:

Students are required to check their midterm grade progress report with the instructor. The mid-term grade will be based on the first test and whatever assignments will be due before the mid-term. The tests will be 50% of the mid-term grade and the assignments will be the other 50%.

Late Assignment Policy:

Assignments must be submitted through Blackboard. Each assignment is due at midnight (11:59pm) of the due date. Late assignment will be **reduced 10% points for each day (excluding weekends and holidays)** that it is late, up to half of the total points of the assignment. **No assignment that is late for more than three days is accepted.**

VIII. Official E-mail:

An official EKU e-mail is established for each registered student, each faculty member, and each staff member. All university communications sent via e-mail will be sent to this EKU e-mail address.

IX. Department Attendance Policy:

Attendance will be taken during lectures and labs. Unexcused absences in excess of 10% of the scheduled lecture/lab meetings **will result in a one letter grade reduction for the course**. Unexcused absences in excess of 20% of the scheduled lecture/lab meetings **will result in a two letter grade reduction for the course**. Unexcused absences in excess of 30% of the scheduled lecture/lab meetings **will result in a three letter grade reduction for the course**. Students with unusual circumstances should advise the instructor of their situation immediately. Students will be held responsible for all announcements made in class.

X. Classroom Behavior

Behavior conducive for learning is expected in the classroom, which means no excessive talking to other students or sleeping. Also, this includes turning off cell phones and other electronic devices while in class. Electronics devices include laptop computers, unless you are using them to take class notes. If you are using them to take notes you need to get permission from the instructor. Anyone who violates this policy may be asked to leave the classroom for that class period.

XI. Important Dates

The last day to drop the course and other important days can be found at <http://www.eku.edu/compass/deadlines/2010/fall/>

XII. Academic Integrity:

Students are advised that EKU's Academic Integrity policy will strictly be enforced in this course. The Academic Integrity policy is available at www.academicintegrity.eku.edu. Questions regarding the policy may be directed to the Office of Academic Integrity.

Students are expected to do all assignments independently, unless explicitly told otherwise. The official definitions of cheating and plagiarism can be found in the Academic Integrity policy.

XIII. Students with Disabilities:

A student with a "disability" may be an individual with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities such as learning, seeing or hearing. Additionally, pregnancy or a related medical condition that causes a similar substantial limitation may also be considered a disability under the ADA. If you are registered with the Office of Services for Individuals with Disabilities, please obtain your accommodation letters from the OSID and present them to the course instructor to discuss any academic accommodations you need. If you believe you need accommodation and are not registered with the OSID, please contact the office in the Whitlock Building Room 361 by email at disserv@eku.edu or by telephone at (859) 622-2933. Upon individual request, this syllabus can be made available in an alternative format.