Note:

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COURSE SYLLABUS

BMIS 341
INFORMATION SECURITY PLANNING

COURSE DESCRIPTION

A comprehensive, end-to-end view of information security policies and frameworks from the raw organizational mechanics of building to the psychology of implementation. It presents an effective balance between technical knowledge and soft skills, and introduces many different concepts of information security in clear simple terms such as governance, regulator mandates, business drivers, legal considerations, and much more. With step-by-step examples and real-world exercises, this course is a must-have resource for students, security officers, auditors, and risk leaders looking to fully understand the process of implementing successful sets of security policies and frameworks.

RATIONALE

In order for students to fully grasp information systems security, they must have a thorough understanding of system capabilities, functionality, and how to best protect the system. Operation of a healthy organization requires reliable business processes that protect information, legal compliance, and keep costs low. Properly designed and implemented information security policies and frameworks mitigate risks that increase with the expansion of global interactivity and connectivity. To mitigate these risks, security plans must be implemented, audited, and maintained.

I. PREREQUISITES

For information regarding prerequisites for this course, please refer to the Academic Course Catalog.

II. REQUIRED RESOURCE PURCHASE

Click on the following link to view the required resource(s) for the term in which you are registered: http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/liberty.htm

III. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS FOR LEARNING

A. Computer
B. Internet access (broadband recommended)
C. Microsoft Word
   (Microsoft Office is available at a special discount to Liberty University students.)

IV. MEASURABLE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:
A. Evaluate the key components of information security policy planning guidelines.
B. Evaluate information security policy regulations and framework.
C. Analyze industry specific sector requirements pertinent to policy development.
D. Select current business information security policies to obtain best practices.
E. Apply guidelines and best practices during the development of a security policy.

V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

A. Textbook readings

B. Course Requirements Checklist

After reading the Syllabus and Student Expectations, the student will complete the related checklist found in Module/Week 1.

C. Discussion Board Forums (8)

The student will participate in 8 weekly activities by completing the assigned readings. During the weekly Discussion Board Forum assignments on information security planning, the student will post 1 thread of at least 300 words and 2 replies. Each reply should contain at least 100 words in length.

D. Reflection and/or Application Papers (7)

The student is asked to select a topic of his/her choosing that pertains to the concepts from the assigned module/week. Once a topic has been selected, the student will write a 3–4-page paper which will describe why this topic is important with respect to information security planning, how this topic will assist a firm with competing in the global business environment, and state what they have learned about the topic. Additionally, in Modules/Weeks 3 and 5, the student will have an opportunity to apply course-based material to the information security planning and policy development process.

E. Research Project

In Module/Week 8, the student will prepare a research project that is between 7–8 pages, not including the title and reference pages.

VI. COURSE GRADING AND POLICIES

A. Points

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B. Scale

A = 900–1010   B = 800–899   C = 700–799   D = 600–699   F = 0–599

C. Late Assignment Policy
If the student is unable to complete an assignment on time, then he or she must contact the instructor immediately by email.

Assignments that are submitted after the due date without prior approval from the instructor will receive the following deductions:

1. Late assignments submitted within one week of the due date will receive a 10% deduction.
2. Assignments submitted more than one week late will receive a 20% deduction.
3. Assignments submitted two weeks late or after the final date of the class will not be accepted.
4. Late Discussion Board threads or replies will not be accepted.

Special circumstances (e.g. death in the family, personal health issues) will be reviewed by the instructor on a case-by-case basis.

D. Disability Assistance

Students with a documented disability may contact Liberty University Online’s Office of Disability Academic Support (ODAS) at LUOODAS@liberty.edu to make arrangements for academic accommodations. Further information can be found at www.liberty.edu/disabilitysupport.

VII. Bibliography

**COURSE SCHEDULE**

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DB = Discussion Board

**NOTE:** Each course week (except Module/Week 1) begins on Tuesday morning at 12:00 a.m. (ET) and ends on Monday night at 11:59 p.m. (ET). The final week ends at 11:59 p.m. (ET) on Friday.