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Description

This course will introduce data communications, telecommunications, networks, LANs, WANs, Enterprise Networks, and Network Equipment. More importantly, the course will introduce you to the business application of these technologies

Professor

- Bradley J. Prince, Ph.D.
- Please email me at bprince@westga.edu and use the subject line “CISM 4330” so that I will know which class your question is referring to. If there is an absolute emergency (computer shut down during a quiz, accident, hospitalization, etc.) please call 256-405-9864 and leave me a message.
- Office Hours:
  - Tuesday - 9:30 - 2:30
  - Wednesday - 9:30 - 3:30 (Our online class is scheduled from 11:00 - 12:15. Periodically, we may meet during this time but in general I will be in my office.)

Communication

Email me at bprince@westga.edu anytime you have a question. Monday-Friday (excluding holidays), I make an attempt to respond in 24 hours and promise to respond within 48 hours. If you haven't heard back from me after 2 days, please try again. I may have let your email slip.

As for weekends, I believe there are very few emergencies in education/academia that can’t wait until Monday morning.

I will grade and return submissions within one week.
Materials and Prerequisites

- CISM 3330
- http://www.coursesmart.com/IR/1259166/9781118086834?__hdv=6.8

Course Instruction

Exams

There are two exams in this course ~ a midterm and a final exam. They will be held in class and are independent (meaning the final is not cumulative). Each exam is worth 20% of your final grade.

Chapter Activities

There are 12 chapter activities that are assigned. Each of these is worth 5 points of your final grade. These activities are often "hands on" and will require the use of a computer and the Internet to complete.
Evaluation

The course grade will be determined on a 10-point scale. Grades will be rounded up if above “0.5”. For example: 89.5 will be given an “A” while and 89.4999 will be given a “B”.

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Course Policies

- Any students with special needs or requirements are encouraged to contact me privately.
- Make-up exams will be offered only for legitimate excuses.
- Activities WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED LATE.
- It is YOUR responsibility to keep up with the due dates and the work. WORK AHEAD!!!

Students Rights and Responsibilities

Please carefully review the information at the following link:
http://www.westga.edu/assetsDept/vpaa/Common_Language_for_Course_Syllabi.pdf

The document at this link contains important information pertaining to your rights and responsibilities in this class. Because these statements are updated as federal, state, university, and accreditation standards change, you should review the information each semester.

Credit Hour Policy (3 credit hours)

For approximately fifteen weeks, students in this class will generally spend 150 minutes with direct faculty instruction (either face-to-face or online) and work about 360 minutes outside of the classroom each week. This out-of-class work may include, but is not limited to, readings, assignments, projects, group work, research, and test preparation.
Americans with Disabilities Act

The Office of Disability Services will help you understand your rights and responsibilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act and provide you further assistance with requesting and arranging accommodations.

If you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability or chronic illness, or if you need to make special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please notify your instructor using the course email system by the end of the second full week of class and attach a PDF copy of your SAR (Available from the Office of Disability Services).

Course Learning Objectives

1) Illustrate how a computer network operates. (MIS 1)
2) Explain voice and data systems. (MIS 1)
3) Identify common network topologies. (MIS 1)
4) Predict how bandwidth affects the home and office. (MIS 1)
5) Describe common business applications of telecommunications. (BBA 3, and MIS 1)

Important Notes

- I reserve the right to modify any part of this document. Appropriate prior notice will be given to students in the event of modification.
- The University of West Georgia Academic Honesty Policy will be enforced. You can read this policy at this link.
- Your UWG e-mail account will be the official communication method at UWG. You can access this through http://myuwg.westga.edu. You are responsible for
checking this e-mail account on a regular basis and making sure your account is NOT full so that my emails are able to come through.