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This program explores cybercrime from an interdisciplinary perspective that merges the disciplines of criminal justice, computer science, philosophy, and information technology. Students will receive a foundational understanding of crime and criminal justice and more in-depth understanding about cybersecurity, cyber law, and digital forensics. In addition, students will receive a basic introduction to information technology.

While many crimes have decreased over the past 25 years, the one group of crimes that has increased dramatically is cybercrimes. Careers responding to cybercrime have grown tremendously over the past decade. While many of these careers require in-depth understanding about computer engineering and computer science, many careers also require a broader orientation grounded in the social sciences. Across the country there are 350,000 current vacancies in cybersecurity-related careers. Roughly ten percent of those vacancies are in Virginia.

Cybersecurity experts across the world agree that academic programming should be interdisciplinary in nature. While many universities have difficulty developing interdisciplinary majors, the IDS degree at ODU provides a national model that can be used to develop a cybercrime major grounded in the social sciences. ODU’s current cybersecurity and cyber operations majors fill the employment gap for technologically-driven careers. The cybercrime major will fill the employment gap in the area of policy- and legal-driven careers.

Lower-Division General Education

Written Communication * 6
Oral Communication 3
Mathematics 3
Language and Culture 0-6
Information Literacy and Research (can be met by PHIL 290G) 0-3
Human Creativity 3
Interpreting the Past 3
Literature 3
Philosophy and Ethics (can be met by PHIL 355E) 0-3
The Nature of Science 8
Impact of Technology (met by IT 360T) 0
Human Behavior (met in the major by CRJS 215S) 0

Interdisciplinary Studies Core

IDS 300W Interdisciplinary Theory and Concepts (grade of C or higher required) ** 9

Select one of the following:

ENGL/IDS 307T Digital Writing
CYSE 368 Cybersecurity Internship **
IDS 493 IDS Electronic Portfolio Project **

Cybercrime Core

CRJS 405 Cybercrime and Cybersecurity 12
CYSE/CRJS 406 Cyber Law
CYSE 407 Digital Forensics

Select two from the following:

CRJS 320 Law and Social Control
CRJS 323 Police in American Society
CRJS 340 White-Collar Crime
CRJS 415 Courtroom As a Social System
CRJS 421 Deviant Behavior
CRJS 462 Substantive Criminal Law

Total Hours 80-94

* Grade of C or better required in both written communication courses and in ENGL 110C before declaring major. ENGL 231C is recommended as the second written communication course.

** Junior standing and completion of IDS 300W are required for enrollment in IDS 368 and IDS 493.

+ Other courses may be substituted with the approval of the program coordinator.

Electives

Elective courses may be taken for the remainder of the minimum 120 credits required for the degree.

Upper Division General Education

- Option A. Approved Minor, 12-24 hours; also second degree or second major
- Option B. Interdisciplinary Minor, 12 hours specified by the department, 3 of which may be in the major area of study
- Option C. International business and regional courses or an approved certification program, such as teaching licensure
- Option D. Two Upper-Division Courses from outside the College of Arts and Letters or from the Social Science Component within the College of Arts and Letters that are not required by the major (6 hours).

Requirements for Graduation

Requirements for graduation include a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 overall and in the major, 120 credit hours, which must include both a minimum of 30 credit hours overall and 12 credit hours of upper-level courses in the major program from Old Dominion University, completion of ENGL 110C, ENGL 231C or ENGL 221C or ENGL 231C, and the writing intensive (W) course in the major with a grade of C or better, and completion of Senior Assessment.
CYBERSECURITY Courses

CYSE 100. Cyber Explorers and University Orientation. 1 Credit.
This course provides an introduction to cyber hygiene and orientation to university life.

CYSE 300. Introduction to Cybersecurity. 3 Credits.
This course provides an overview of the field of cybersecurity. It covers core cybersecurity topics including computer system architectures, critical infrastructures, cyber threats and vulnerabilities, cryptography, information assurance, network security, and risk assessment and management. Students are expected to become familiar with fundamental security concepts, technologies and practices, and develop a foundation for further study in cybersecurity. Prerequisite: MATH 162M or permission of the instructor.

CYSE 301. Cybersecurity Techniques and Operations. 3 Credits.
This course introduces tools and techniques used to secure and analyze large computer networks and systems. Students will explore and map networks using a variety of diagnostic software tools, learn advanced packet analysis, configure firewalls, write intrusion detection rules, perform forensic investigation, and practice techniques for penetration testing. Prerequisite: MATH 162M or permission of the instructor.

CYSE 368. Cybersecurity Internship. 1-6 Credits.
This course allows students to volunteer to work in an agency related to cybersecurity. Students must volunteer for 50 hours per course credit and complete course assignments. Prerequisite: approval by the Director of the Center for Cybersecurity Education and Research.

CYSE 406. Cyber Law. 3 Credits.
This course tackles two major cyber law subjects. The first part of the course examines various U.S. laws and legal considerations that impact the digital and cyberspace worlds from traditional civil, and to a lesser extent, traditional criminal perspectives. The second part will familiarize cyber operations professionals about the extent of and limitations on their authorities to ensure operations in cyberspace are in compliance with U.S. law, regulations, directives and policies. The course will also introduce students to miscellaneous cybersecurity topics such as the Federal Acquisition Requirements. Prerequisite: junior standing.

CYSE 407. Digital Forensics. 3 Credits.
This course introduces the basic concepts and technologies of digital forensics. Students will learn the fundamental techniques and tools utilized for collecting, processing, and preserving digital evidence on computers, mobile devices, networks, and cloud computing environments. Students will also engage in oral and written communication to report digital forensic findings and prepare court presentation materials. Prerequisites: declared major and junior standing.

CYSE 495/595. Topics in Cybersecurity. 1-3 Credits.
The advanced study of selected cybersecurity topics designed to permit small groups of qualified students to work on subjects of mutual interest. These courses will appear in the course schedule, and will be more fully described in information distributed to academic advisors. Prerequisite: permission of the instructor.

CYSE 496/596. Topics in Cybersecurity. 1-3 Credits.
The advanced study of selected cybersecurity topics designed to permit small groups of qualified students to work on subjects of mutual interest. These courses will appear in the course schedule, and will be more fully described in information distributed to academic advisors. Prerequisite: permission of the instructor.

CYSE 497/597. Tutorial Work in Special Topics in Cybersecurity. 1-3 Credits.
Independent reading and study on a topic to be selected under the direction of an instructor. Conferences and papers as appropriate. Prerequisites: senior standing and approval of the Director of the Center for Cybersecurity Education and Research.

CYSE 498/598. Tutorial Work in Special Topics in Cybersecurity. 1-3 Credits.
Independent reading and study on a topic to be selected under the direction of an instructor. Conferences and papers as appropriate. Prerequisites: senior standing and approval of the Director of the Center for Cybersecurity Education and Research.

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES Courses

IDS 300W. Interdisciplinary Theory and Concepts. 3 Credits.
An examination of the history, concepts and application of interdisciplinary study. This course includes an analysis of similarities and differences in academic disciplines and the application of interdisciplinary approaches to a specific topic of study. (This is a writing intensive course.) Prerequisite: a grade of C or better in ENGL 211C, ENGL 221C or ENGL 231C.

IDS 307T. Digital Writing. 3 Credits.
This course introduces students to issues of writing in various digital environments like web pages, email, blogs, wikis, and discussion boards. It also introduces fundamentals of hypertext authoring, digital and visual rhetoric, and image manipulation. Prerequisites: ENGL 110C and ENGL 211C or ENGL 221C or ENGL 231C.

IDS 368. Internship in Interdisciplinary Studies. 1-6 Credits.
An opportunity to integrate service and applied learning experience with interdisciplinary perspectives. Prerequisite: junior standing and permission of individualized interdisciplinary studies program coordinator.

IDS 397. Independent Study. 1-6 Credits.

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IDS 400/500. Study Abroad. 0 Credits.

IDS 466W. Introduction to Mitigation and Adaptation Studies. 3 Credits.
Students will be introduced to the science underpinning mitigation of human-induced changes in the Earth system, including but not limited to climate change and sea level rise, and adaptation to the impacts of these changes. The course will cover the environmental hazards and the opportunities and limitations for conservation, mitigation and adaptation. Cross listed with BIOL 466W and OEAS 466W. Prerequisite: BIOL 291 or permission of instructor.

IDS 467. Sustainability Leadership. 3 Credits.
In this class, students will discover what makes a leader for sustainability. They will consider a range of global and local crises from a leadership point of view in the context of sustainability science, which addresses the development of communities in a rapidly changing social, economic, and environmental system-of-systems environment. The course will be based on taking a problem-motivated and solution-focused approach to the challenges considered. The course includes a service learning project focusing on a leadership experience in solving a real-world environmental problem. Prerequisite: BIOL 466W or OEAS 466W or IDS 466W.

IDS 493. IDS Electronic Portfolio Project. 3 Credits.
The preparation of an electronic portfolio integrating the student's academic study, work experiences, skill identification and work products. Alternative formats are used for varying uses of the portfolio. Prerequisites: IDS 300W and senior standing.

IDS 495. Topics in Integrative Studies. 3 Credits.
Focused study of selected topics linking perspectives, research and applications from a variety of disciplines. Emphasis is on disciplinary synthesis. Prerequisite: IDS 300W.

IDS 497. IDS Individualized Senior Project. 3 Credits.
This course is a vehicle for the execution of the senior project requirement of the Interdisciplinary Studies Program. The project will be negotiated between the student, faculty sponsors, and the program. Open only to individualized integrative studies majors. Prerequisites: IDS 300W, permission of the instructor and an approved individualized integrative studies curriculum plan.