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SAMPLE 4-YEAR PLAN: CYBERSECURITY B.S.

Northern Kentucky University

This is an example of one way a student can complete this program in four years. Students may be required to complete additional pre-requisite courses based on placement.

MAJOR: Cybersecurity

FIRST YEAR	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	<p><i>Get to know your fellow students by attending departmental social events and student research talks. Make sure you allow time in your programming courses for experimentation and fun; that is the best way to learn.</i></p> <p>*INF 120 is recommended but not required to fulfill this Gen Ed. Students who test out of this course can take a different science course.</p>	CIT 130 Information Technology Fundamentals	3	CIT 171 Introduction to Linux
Gen Ed: Communication; Written I		3	CSC 260 Object-Oriented Programming I	3
Gen Ed: Scientific and Quantitative Inquiry; Mathematics and Statistics MAT 185 Introductory Discrete Mathematics		3	CSC 260L Object-Oriented Programming Lab (<i>recommended</i>)	0-1
Gen Ed: Scientific and Quantitative Inquiry; Natural Sciences without lab INF 120 Elementary Programming*		3	Gen Ed: Scientific and Quantitative Inquiry; Natural Sciences with lab	4
Gen Ed: Self and Society; Individual and Society I		3	INF 201 Foundations of Informatics Professionals	1
INF 100 Orientation to the College of Informatics		1	INF 284 Introduction to Networks and Data Communication	3
			INF 286 Intro to Web Development	3
TOTAL		16	TOTAL	15-16
SECOND YEAR	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
<p><i>Speak with your advisor and professors about possible co-op and research opportunities. Think carefully as you choose a minor. Try out for the cyber defense team.</i></p>	ASE 230 Server-Side Programming	3	CIT 371 Unix Systems	3
	BIS 101 Fundamentals of Business Computing	3	CSC 360 Object Oriented Programming II	3
	CIT 285 Cybersecurity Fundamentals	3	Gen Ed: Communication; Written II	3
	Gen Ed: Communication; Oral	3	Gen Ed: Self and Society; Individual and Society II	3
	Gen Ed: Culture and Creativity I	3	STA 205 Statistical Methods	3
	TOTAL	15	TOTAL	15
THIRD YEAR	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
<p><i>Make a point to read professional publications such as Communications of the ACM and Information Week, to stay abreast of new developments in the field. Consider becoming a mentor to newer students.</i></p>	BIS 300 Management Information Systems	3	CIT 430 Computer Forensics	3
	CSC 350 Database Programming	3	CSC 362 Computer Systems	3
	CSC 364 Data Structures and Algorithms	3	CSC 460 Operating Systems	3
	CYS 310 Cybersecurity Risk Management	3	Major Guided Elective	3
	Gen Ed: Culture and Creativity II	3	PHI 310 Information Ethics	3
	TOTAL	16	TOTAL	15
FOURTH YEAR	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
<p><i>Attend programs run by Career Services to get your resume in shape and polish your interviewing skills.</i></p>	BIS 382 Principles of Information Security	3	CIT 485 Advanced Cybersecurity	3
	CSC 482 Computer Security	3	Experiential Learning Component	0
	CYS 444 Software Security	3	Gen Ed: Cultural Pluralism	3
	Gen Ed: Global Viewpoints	3	Major Guided Elective	3
	MAT 483 Cryptology	3	Minor or elective	3
			Minor or elective	3
TOTAL	15	TOTAL	15	
		GRAND TOTAL OF CREDITS	120	

Notes:

This degree plan is for students who are admitted with ALEKS or ACT score placing the student in Calculus A (MAT 128). Students with a lower score will need to take additional mathematics such as MAT 119 (required for CSC 360).

A secondary area of study (minor, second major, or focus area) is required for graduation.

A total of 45 credits in 300-level or above courses is required for graduation.

A total of 120 credits is required for graduation.

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