

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Securing Networks

Reference	CM3157	Version	1
Created	March 2024	SCQF Level	SCQF 9
Approved	July 2016	SCQF Points	15
Amended	August 2023	ECTS Points	7.5

Aims of Module

The module curriculum emphasises core security technologies, the installation, troubleshooting and monitoring of network devices to maintain integrity, confidentiality and availability of data and devices, and competency in the technologies that are used to secure network infrastructure.

Learning Outcomes for Module

On completion of this module, students are expected to be able to:

- 1 Assess methodologies that can be used to evaluate the security of computer networks.
- 2 Demonstrate the use of appropriate tools and techniques to protect networks against security threats.
- 3 Review social and ethical issues arising through the operation of network security technologies.
- 4 Make adjustments to the security solutions to effectively protect against network-based attacks.

Indicative Module Content

Risk Assessment, Incident analysis and threat modelling. Network Security Monitoring: SIEM, traffic monitoring. Attacks and Mitigation at Layer 2 (MAC/ARP spoofing, overflow attacks, VLAN storms and STP attacks). Intrusion Detection and Prevention Systems (IDS/IPS): IDS/IPS signatures and alarms, signature and anomaly-based detection, honeypots. Firewall Technologies: DMZ, Access Control Lists (ACLs), Zone-Based Policies. TCP/IP protocol stack: Security at the Application, Transport, Internet and Link layers.

Module Delivery

The module is based on a series of lectures supplemented by lab work on both simulated and real network equipment.

Indicative Student Workload

	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	30	N/A
Non-Contact Hours	120	N/A
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	150	N/A
<i>Actual Placement hours for professional, statutory or regulatory body</i>		

ASSESSMENT PLAN

If a major/minor model is used and box is ticked, % weightings below are indicative only.

Component 1

Type: Coursework Weighting: 100% Outcomes Assessed: 1, 2, 3, 4

Description: A coursework task incorporating a substantive practical component and a written report in which students must showcase their proficiency in secure network management for a given scenario.

MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR**Explanatory Text**

The calculation of the overall grade for this module is based on 100% weighting of component 1 (C1). An overall minimum grade of D is required to pass this module.

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
A	The student needs to achieve an A in C1.
B	The student needs to achieve an B in C1.
C	The student needs to achieve an C in C1.
D	The student needs to achieve an D in C1.
E	The student needs to achieve an E in C1.
F	The student needs to achieve an F in C1.
NS	Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination

Module Requirements

Prerequisites for Module	None.
Corequisites for module	None.
Precluded Modules	None.

INDICATIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY

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3	Shimeall, T., & Spring, J. (2019). Introduction to Computer and Network Security: Navigating Shades of Gray. Wiley
4	Anderson, R. (2020). Security Engineering: A Guide to Building Dependable Distributed Systems (3rd ed.). Wiley