ICT740 APPLIED CYBERSECURITY T326 BRIEF

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Information contained within this Subject Outline applies to students enrolled in the trimester as indicated

1. General Information

1.1 Administrative Details

Associated HE Award(s)	Duration	Level	Subject Coordinator
Master of Information Technology (MIT)	1 trimester	Postgraduate	Dr Md Monir Hossain monir.hossain@koi.edu.au P: +61 (2) 9283 3583 L: 7-11, 11 York Street. Consultation: via Moodle or by appointment.

1.2 Core/Elective

This subject is:
- a core subject for the Master of Information Technology (MIT) Cybersecurity
- an elective subject for the Master of Information Technology (MIT) General
- an elective subject for the Master of Information Technology (MIT) Data Analytics

1.3 Subject Weighting

Indicated below is the weighting of this subject and the total course points

Subject Credit Points	Total Course Credit Points
4	MIT (64 Credit Points)

1.4 Student Workload

Indicated below is the expected student workload per week for this subject

No. Timetabled Hours/Week*	No. Personal Study Hours/Week**	Total Workload Hours/Week***
3 hours/week plus supplementary online material	7 hours/week	10 hours/week

* Total time spent per week at lectures and tutorials
** Total time students are expected to spend per week in studying, completing assignments, etc.
*** Combination of timetable hours and personal study

1.5 Mode of Delivery Classes will be face-to-face or hybrid. Certain classes will be online (e.g., special arrangements).

1.6 Pre-requisites **MIT General -** Nil
MIT Cybersecurity - Nil
MIT Data Analytics - Nil

1.7 General Study and Resource Requirements

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- Students are expected to attend classes with the weekly worksheets and subject support material provided in Moodle. Students should read this material before coming to class to improve their ability to participate in the weekly activities.
- Students will require access to the internet and their KOI email and should have basic skills in word processing software such as MS Word, spreadsheet software such as MS Excel and visual presentation software such as MS PowerPoint.
- Computers and WIFI facilities are extensively available for student use throughout KOI. Students are encouraged to make use of the campus Library for reference materials.

Software resource requirements specific to this subject: MS Imagine, Office 365, Guided exploitation of attacks suites, Virtual Box with Kali Linux.

1.8 Academic Advising

Academic advising is available to students throughout teaching periods including the exam weeks. As well as requesting help during scheduled class times, students have the following options:

- Consultation times: A list of consultation hours is provided on the homepage of Moodle where appointments can be booked.
- Subject coordinator: Subject coordinators are available for contact via email. The email address of the subject coordinator is provided at the top of this subject outline.
- Academic staff: Lecturers and Tutors provide their contact details in Moodle for the specific subject. In most cases, this will be via email. Some subjects may also provide a discussion forum where questions can be raised.
- Head of Program: The Head of Program is available to all students in the program if they need advice about their studies and KOI procedures.
- Vice President (Academic): The Vice President (Academic) will assist students to resolve complex issues (but may refer students to the relevant lecturers for detailed academic advice).

2. Academic Details

2.1 Overview of the Subject

This subject provides students with practical techniques to help achieve digital security. The mechanisms and prominent techniques used to tackle sophisticated attacks will be highlighted. Digital security for operating systems, databases, and servers will be covered including designs, implementations, and configurations to apply security measures and principles to protect these systems. The subject also examines the framework of cybersecurity, safety principles and guidelines. Practical experience will be gained using a range of tools designed to enforce security and privacy. Students will perform guided exploitation attacks in practical sessions to experiment with popular practices in hacking.

2.2 Graduate Attributes for Postgraduate Courses

Graduates of postgraduate courses from King's Own Institute will achieve the graduate attributes expected from successful completion of a postgraduate degree under the Australian Qualifications Framework (2nd edition, January 2013). Graduates at this level will be able to apply advanced body of knowledge from their major area of study in a range of contexts for professional practice or scholarship and as a pathway for further learning.

King's Own Institute's generic graduate attributes for a master's level degree are summarised below:

	KOI Postgraduate Degree Graduate Attributes	Detailed Description

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	Knowledge	Current, comprehensive and coherent knowledge, including recent developments and applied research methods
	Critical Thinking	Critical thinking skills to identify and analyse current theories and developments and emerging trends in professional practice
	Communication	Communication and technical skills to analyse and theorise, contribute to professional practice or scholarship, and present ideas to a variety of audiences
	Research and Information Literacy	Cognitive and technical skills to access and evaluate information resources, justify research approaches and interpret theoretical propositions
	Creative Problem Solving Skills	Cognitive, technical and creative skills to investigate, analyse and synthesise complex information, concepts and theories, solve complex problems and apply established theories to situations in professional practice
	Ethical and Cultural Sensitivity	Appreciation and accountability for ethical principles, cultural sensitivity and social responsibility, both personally and professionally
	Leadership and Strategy	Initiative, leadership skills and ability to work professionally and collaboratively to achieve team objectives across a range of team roles Expertise in strategic thinking, developing and implementing business plans and decision making under uncertainty
	Professional Skills	High level personal autonomy, judgement, decision-making and accountability required to begin professional practice

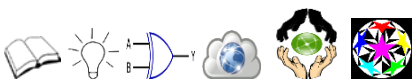
Across the courses, these skills are developed progressively at three levels:

- **Level 1 Foundation –** Students learn the skills, theories and techniques of the subject and apply them in stand-alone contexts
- **Level 2 Intermediate –** Students further develop skills, theories and techniques of the subject and apply them in more complex contexts, beginning to integrate the application with other subjects
- **Level 3 Advanced** – Students have a demonstrated ability to plan, research and apply the skills, theories and techniques of the subject in complex situations, integrating the subject content with a range of other subject disciplines within the context of the course

Generally, skills gained from subjects in the Graduate Certificate and Graduate Diploma are at levels 1 and 2 while other subjects in the Master's degree are at level 3.

2.3 Subject Learning Outcomes

Listed below, are key knowledge and skills students are expected to attain by successfully completing this subject:

Subject Learning Outcomes	Contribution to Graduate Attributes
a) Investigate computer security systems, and generate and present a proposal to address security problems	
b) Identify and analyse security vulnerabilities and propose justifiable technical solutions and potential remedy actions based on findings	
c) Compare different types of security systems on the basis of functionalities, architectures, configurations, and ethical challenges	

d) Communicate cybersecurity vulnerabilities and solutions to non-technical audiences to make informed decisions	

2.4 Subject Content and Structure

Below are details of the subject content and how it is structured, including specific topics covered in lectures and tutorials. Reading refers to the text unless otherwise indicated.

Weekly Planner:

Week (beginning)	Topic covered in each week's lecture	Reading(s)	Expected work as listed in Moodle
Week 1 26 October	Introduction to information security: CIA Principles, Threats, Attacks, Frameworks, Regulations, Standards y	Textbook chapter	Tutorial activities on virtual machine installation with Kali Linux and lab environment configuration. Formative not graded
Week 2 02 November	Endpoint Vulnerabilities, Attacks, and Defenses	Textbook chapter	Tutorial activities on Kali Linux Basic 10 Linux Commands The tutorial is graded
Week 3 09 November	Identity and Access Management (IAM)	Textbook chapter	Tutorial activities on Kali Linux Tutorial activities on managing users, groups, resource access permissions, and password security The tutorial is graded
Week 4 16 November	Infrastructure Threats and Security Monitoring	Textbook chapter	Tutorial activities on Kali Linux Tutorial activities on cracking the password using various tools like Hydra, Ncrack, Patator, and others The tutorial is graded
Week 5 23 November	Infrastructure Security: Firewall and IDS/IPS	Textbook chapter	Tutorial activities on Kali Linux Tutorial activities on setting and configuring the firewall using UFW. The tutorial is graded **Assessment 2: Quiz (In-class)**
Week 6 30 November	Vulnerability Management	Textbook chapter	Tutorial activities on Kali Linux Tutorial activities on finding information on the host/network using NMAP The tutorial is graded

Week (beginning)	Topic covered in each week's lecture	Reading(s)	Expected work as listed in Moodle
Week 7 07 December	Fundamentals of Cryptography	Textbook chapter	Tutorial activities on Kali Linux Tutorial activities on Hashing Algorithm and Symmetric cryptography using OpenSSL. The tutorial is graded
Week 8 14 December	Advanced Cryptography	Textbook chapter	Tutorial activities on Kali Linux Tutorial activities on Asymmetric cryptography and Digital Signature using OpenSSL The tutorial is graded
Week 9 04 January	Wireless Network Attacks and Defences	Textbook chapter.	Tutorial activities on Kali Linux Tutorial activities on SQL injection attack The tutorial is graded **Assessment 3: due (Report)**
Week 10 11 January	Cloud and Virtualisation Security	Textbook chapter	Tutorial activities on Kali Linux Tutorial activities on cloud security using the AWS Educate platform. The tutorial is graded **Assessment 3: Oral Assessment**
Week 11 18 January	Information Security Management (Asset and Risk)	Textbook chapter	Tutorial activities on Kali Linux Tutorial activities on Packet Inspection using Wireshark The tutorial is graded
Week 12 25 January	Incident Management and Security Operations	Textbook chapter	Revision **Assessment 4: due**
Week 13 01 February	Study review week and Final Exam Week		
Week 14 08 February	- Final Exam Week - Continuing students - enrolments for T127 open		Please see the exam timetable for the exam date, time and location
Week 15 15 February	- Student Vacation begins - New students - enrolments for T127 open		
Week 16 22 February	e) Results Released f) Review of Grade Day for T326 – see Sections 2.6 and 3.2 below for relevant information.		

Week (beginning)	Topic covered in each week's lecture	Reading(s)	Expected work as listed in Moodle
	g) Certification of Grades NOTE: More information about the dates will be provided at a later date through Moodle/KOI email.		
T127 01 March 2027			
Week 1 01 March	Week 1 of classes for T127		

2.5 Teaching Methods/Strategies

Briefly described below are the teaching methods/strategies used in this subject:

- *Lectures* (1 hours/week) are conducted in seminar style and address the subject content, provide motivation and context and draw on the students' experience and preparatory reading.
- *Tutorials* (2 hours/week) include class discussion of case studies and research papers, practice sets and problem-solving and syndicate work on group projects. Tutorials often include group exercises and so contribute to the development of teamwork skills and cultural understanding. Tutorial participation is an essential component of the subject and contributes to the development of many of the graduate attributes (see section 2.2 above). Tutorial participation contributes towards the assessment in many subjects (see details in Section 3.1 for this subject). Supplementary tutorial material such as case studies, recommended readings, review questions etc. will be made available each week in Moodle.
- *Online* teaching resources include class materials, readings, model answers to assignments and exercises and discussion boards. All online materials for this subject as provided by KOI will be found in the Moodle page for this subject. Students should access Moodle regularly as material may be updated at any time during the trimester
- *Other contact* - academic staff may also contact students either via Moodle messaging, or via email to the email address provided to KOI on enrolment.

2.6 Student Assessment

Assessment is designed to encourage effective student learning and enable students to develop and demonstrate the skills and knowledge identified in the subject learning outcomes. Assessment tasks during the first half of the study period are usually intended to maximise the developmental function of assessment (formative assessment). These assessment tasks include weekly tutorial exercises (as indicated in the weekly planner) and low stakes graded assessments (as shown in the graded assessment table). The major assessment tasks where students demonstrate their knowledge and skills (summative assessment) generally occur later in the study period. These are the major graded assessment items shown in the graded assessment table.

Final grades are awarded by the Board of Examiners in accordance with KOI's Assessment and Assessment Appeals Policy. The definitions and guidelines for the awarding of final grades are:

- *HD High distinction* (85-100%): an outstanding level of achievement in relation to the assessment process.
- *D Distinction* (75-84%): a high level of achievement in relation to the assessment process.
- *C Credit* (65-74%): a better than satisfactory level of achievement in relation to the assessment process.
- *P Pass* (50-64%): a satisfactory level of achievement in relation to the assessment process.
- *F Fail* (0-49%): an unsatisfactory level of achievement in relation to the assessment process.
- *FW:* This grade will be assigned when a student did not submit any of the compulsory assessment

items.

Provided below is a schedule of formal assessment tasks and major examinations for the subject.

Assessment Type	When Assessed	Weighting	Learning Outcomes Assessed
Assessment 1: Weekly Tutorial	Week 2- Week 11	15%	a,b,c,d
Assessment 2: Quiz (In-class)	Week 5	20%	a, d
Assessment 3: Vulnerability Testing- Individual Assessment- 3000 words and Oral Assessment	Week 9	Report: 25% Oral assessment:10% Total: 35%	b, c
Assessment 4: Security Countermeasure & Hardening- Individual Assessment - 2000 words	Week 12	30%	b, c

Requirements to Pass the Subject:

To gain a pass or better in this subject, students must gain a *minimum of 50%* of the total available subject marks.

2.7 Prescribed and Recommended Readings

Provided below, in formal reference format, is a list of the prescribed and recommended readings.

Prescribed Text:

Ciampa, M. 2024. CompTIA Security+ Guide to Network Security Fundamentals. 8th ed. Boston: Cengage Learning. ISBN: 9798214000787.

Recommended Readings:

Ahmadi, S., 2024. Challenges and Solutions in Network Security for Serverless Computing. International Journal of Current Science Research and Review, 7(01), pp.218-229. DOI: https://doi.org/10.47191/ijcsrr/V7-i1-23.

Alatawi, M.N., Alsubaie, N., Ullah Khan, H., Sadad, T., Alwageed, H.S., Ali, S. and Zada, I., 2023. Cyber security against intrusion detection using ensemble-based approaches. Security and Communication Networks, 2023. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1155/2023/8048311.

Atlam, H.F. and Wills, G.B., 2020. *IoT security, privacy, safety and ethics. Digital twin technologies and smart cities*, pp.123-149. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-18732-3_8.

Bernot, Ausma; Khan, Muhammad Arif; Shahzad, Khurram; et al., Vol. 11 Issue 1 2025, Cyber vulnerabilities and technical regulation of China-made CCTV IoT surveillance cameras in Australia, Journal of Cybersecurity. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1093/cybsec/tyaf039.

Calder, A., 2020. Cyber security : Essential principles to secure your organisation. ProQuest Ebook

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Central https://ebookcentral.proquest.com. DOI: https://doi.org/10.2307/j.ctv10crcbg.

Charles J. Brooks, Christopher Grow, Philip Craig, Donald Short, 2018. *Cybersecurity Essentials.* ISBN: 9781119362395.

Conklin, W. A., White, G. B., Cothren, C., Williams, R., and Davis, R. 2022. Principles of Computer Security: CompTIA Security+ and Beyond. 6th ed. New York: McGraw-Hill Education. ISBN: ISBN: 9781260474329.

Easttom, C. 2023. Computer Security Fundamentals. 5th ed. Indianapolis: Pearson IT Certification. ISBN: 9780137984817.

Gupta, C. P., & Goyal, K. K., 2020. *Cybersecurity: A self-teaching introduction*. ProQuest Ebook Central https://ebookcentral.proquest.com. ISBN: 9781683924982.

Ilau, Marius-Constantin; Baldwin, Adrian; Caulfield, Tristan; et al., Vol. 11 Issue 1 2025, Modelling and simulating organizational ransomware recovery: structure, methodology, and decisions, Journal of Cybersecurity. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1093/cybsec/tyaf035.

Khan, A.R., Kashif, M., Jhaveri, R.H., Raut, R., Saba, T. and Bahaj, S.A., 2022. Deep learning for intrusion detection and security of Internet of things (IoT): current analysis, challenges, and possible solutions. *Security and Communication Networks*, *2022*. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1155/2022/4016073.

Le, D, Kumar, R, Chatterjee, JM, Khari, M, & Mishra, BK (eds), 2019, *Cyber Security in Parallel and Distributed Computing : Concepts, Techniques, Applications and Case Studies*, John Wiley & Sons, Incorporated, Newark. ISBN:9781119488330.

M. Gupta, C. Akiri, K. Aryal, E. Parker, and L. Praharaj, "From ChatGPT to ThreatGPT: Impact of Generative AI in Cybersecurity and Privacy," IEEE Access, vol. 11, pp. 80218–80245, Aug. 2023, DOI: https://doi.org/10.1109/ACCESS.2023.3300381.

Momand, A., Jan, S.U. and Ramzan, N., 2023. A systematic and comprehensive survey of recent advances in intrusion detection systems using machine learning: deep learning, datasets, and attack taxonomy. Journal of Sensors, 2023. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1155/2023/6048087.

Omotunde, H. and Ahmed, M., 2023. A Comprehensive Review of Security Measures in Database Systems: Assessing Authentication, Access Control, and Beyond. Mesopotamian Journal of CyberSecurity, 2023, pp.115-133. DOI: https://doi.org/10.58496/MJCSC/2023/016.

Pfleeger, C. P., Pfleeger, S. L., Coles-Kemp, L 2023. Security in Computing. Netherlands: Addison Wesley Professional. ISBN: 9780137891214.

Schreider, T., 2020. *Cybersecurity law, standards and regulations*, 2nd edition. ProQuest Ebook Central https://ebookcentral.proquest.com. ISBN: 9781944480561.

Stallings, W, & Brown, L 2025, Computer Security: Principles and Practice, 5th edition, Pearson Education Limited, Harlow, United Kingdom. ISBN: 9781292473291.

Wong, A.Y., Chekole, E.G., Ochoa, M. and Zhou, J., 2023. On the security of containers: Threat modeling, attack analysis, and mitigation strategies. Computers & Security, 128, p.103140. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cose.2023.103140.

Useful Websites :

Simmons, A. 2024. Internet of Things (IoT) Examples by Industry in 2024. [online] Dgtlinfra. Available at: https://dgtlinfra.com/internet-of-things-iot-examples/.

Lauzier, J. 2020. Industrial IoT Security: Challenges and Solutions. [online] www.machinemetrics.com. Available at: https://www.machinemetrics.com/blog/industrial-iot-security.

Suggested Periodicals:

- IEEE journals and magazines: http://www.ieee.org/web/publications/journmag/index.html
- ACM Transactions and Information and System Security: https://dl.acm.org/citation.cfm?id=J789
- ACM Computing Surveys: https://csur.acm.org/
- IEEE Security and Privacy: https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/xpl/RecentIssue.jsp?punumber=8013
- National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). Cybersecurity Framework. Available at: https://www.nist.gov/cyberframework
- OWASP Foundation. OWASP Top Ten Project. Available at: https://owasp.org/www-project-top-ten
- SecurityWeek. Cybersecurity News and Information. Available at: https://www.securityweek.com

Conference/ Journal Articles:

Allahrakha, N., 2023. Balancing cyber-security and privacy: legal and ethical considerations in the digital age. Legal Issues in the digital Age, (2), pp.78-121. DOI: https://doi.org/10.17323/10.17323/2713-2749.2023.2.78.121.

Arogundade, O.R., 2023. Network security concepts, dangers, and defense best practical. Computer Engineering and Intelligent Systems, 14(2). DOI: 10.7176/CEIS/14-2-03.

Liu, L., & Xu, M. (2025). A network intrusion detection method based on contrastive learning and Bayesian Gaussian Mixture Model. Cybersecurity, 8(1). DOI: https://doi.org/10.1186/s42400-025-00364-7.

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