

ECE 803 - SECURITY FOR CIS
MSC IN INTELLIGENT CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEM
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Lectures: TBA
Tutorials: TBA
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Main References:

- NIST Special Publication 800-82, Guide to Industrial Control System Security, <http://nvlpubs.nist.gov/nistpubs/SpecialPublications/NIST.SP.800-82r2.pdf>, May 2015
- SANS Institute Secure Architecture for Industrial Control Systems, <https://www.sans.org/reading-room/whitepapers/ICS/secure-architecture-industrial-control-systems-36327>, September 2015
- SANS Institute Industrial Control System Cyber Kill Chain, <https://www.sans.org/reading-room/whitepapers/ICS/industrial-control-system-cyber-kill-chain-36297>, October 2015.
- Hacking Exposed: Industrial Control Systems, C E Bodungen, B L Singer, A Shbeeb, S Hilt and K Wilholt, McGraw Hill, 2017.

Course Purpose & Objectives: The aim of the course is to cover the underlying principles and techniques used in securing CIS and to give examples of how they are applied in practice.

Learning Outcomes: At the end of the course, a student will have an understanding of the themes and challenges of CIS security and the current state of the art. The student will have developed a critical approach to the analysis of CIS security and will be able to bring this approach to bear on future decisions regarding security. Specific learning outcomes include:

- An appreciation of the main threats, attack techniques and defences relevant to the security of CIS
- An ability to identify potential vulnerabilities and propose countermeasures
- An ability to design secure CIS

Topics Overview – Course Content:

1. A general introduction to Cyber Security
2. Anatomy of attacks – including the two stage kill chain and possible interventions to detect, deny, disrupt attacks; an introduction to the CWE, CVE and CAPEC nomenclature
3. Introduction to Industrial Control Systems (ICS) – the effect of interdependences and consideration of non-IP protocols
4. Risk Assessment & Risk Management
5. ICS Security Architecture

6. Security Controls including the ICS-CERT top 7 controls
7. Case studies – Stuxnet, Ukraine 2015 and 2016, and TRITON
8. Future Trends and Research Topics:
 - (a) Intrusion Detection and Machine Learning
 - (b) Diversity as Defence
 - (c) Security Metrics

Evaluation Methods – Grade Distribution:

Homework (40%) During Course
Final Exam (60%) TBA

Academic Honesty: It is acceptable to work together in small groups for study and discussing the lab assignments. However, work that you turn in under your name must be your own. **Cheating will not be tolerated; neither during homework nor during exams.** Note that all rules set by the University of Cyprus and the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering apply.