**Wayland Mission Statement**

Wayland Baptist University exists to educate students in an academically challenging, learning-focused, and distinctively Christian environment for professional success, and service to God and humankind.

**Contact Information**

**Course**

: MISM 4306 VC01 – Information Systems Security

**Campus**

: WBUonline

**Term/Session**

**:** Fall 2 2025

**Instructor**

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**Office Hours, Building, and Location**

**:** Students may request remote conferences with instructor

**Class Meeting Time and Location**

**:** This class will be conducted entirely on the TestOut website.

**Catalog Description**

**:**

Designed to provide security knowledge mastery of an individual with two years on-the-job networking experience, with emphasis on security. Industry wide topics including communication security, infrastructure security, cryptography, access control, authentication, and operational security. Students have the opportunity at no extra cost to take the Certification Exam [Testout Security Pro] at the completion of the course.

**Prerequisite:**

None

**Textbook Information**

**Required Textbook(s) and/or Required Materials**

**:**

| **BOOK** | **AUTHOR** | **VER** | **YEAR** | **PUBLISHER** | **ISBN#** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Security+ | CompTIA | 8 | 2023 | CompTia | 9781-93508-0442 |

*This course is part of the* ***Pioneer Academic Access Program****. You will have access to an eBook, access code, and interactive learning material on the first day of class through your Blackboard course site. You will be notified via email with access instructions and additional information. If the course requires a physical book you can order at bookstore.wbu.edu. You can choose to opt-out, however if you do you will lose access to* ***EVERY******class/material*** *and have to source through third party vendors.*

**Optional Materials**

**:** None

**Course Outcome Competencies**

**:**

* Describe the vulnerabilities of an information system and establish a plan for risk management
* Demonstrate how to detect and reduce threats in Web security
* Describe the authentication and encryption needs of an information system
* Demonstrate how to secure a wireless network

**Attendance Requirements**

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Students are expected to participate in all required instructional activities in their courses. Online courses are no different in this regard; however, participation must be defined in a different manner. Student “attendance” in an online course is defined as active participation in the course as described in the course syllabus. Instructors in online courses are responsible for providing students with clear instructions for how they are required to participate in the course. Additionally, instructors are responsible for incorporating specific instructional activities within their course and will, at a minimum, have weekly mechanisms for documenting student participation. These mechanisms may include, but are not limited to, participating in a weekly discussion board, submitting/completing assignments in Blackboard, or communicating with the instructor. Students aware of necessary absences must inform the professor with as much advance notice as possible in order to make appropriate arrangements. Any student absent 25 percent or more of the online course, i.e., non-participatory during 2 or more weeks of an 8-week session, may receive an F for that course. Instructors may also file a Report of Unsatisfactory Progress for students with excessive non-participation. Any student who has not actively participated in an online class prior to the census date for any given session is considered a “no-show” and will be administratively withdrawn from the class without record. To be counted as actively participating, it is not sufficient to log in and view the course. The student must be submitting work as described in the course syllabus. Additional attendance and participation policies for each course, as defined by the instructor in the course syllabus, are considered a part of the university’s attendance policy.

**University Policies**

**Academic Integrity**

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[Link to Statement on Academic Integrity](https://www.wbu.edu/academics/writing-center/Academic%20Integrity%20Statement%20Pol%208.4.1%20Attch%20Oct%2020222.pdf)

**Artificial Intelligence:**

1. **Generative AI tools usage encouraged and may be actively assigned in coursework.**
   1. Use of generative AI tools is actively encouraged and incorporated in to specific assignments for this course.
   2. Use of generative AI tools for assignments in brainstorming, content understanding, or revision to work is perfectly acceptable if cited and referenced properly in any submitted work for the course.
   3. Use of generative AI is encouraged as long as students understand the use of generative AI in the course is to be an assistance tool and not the generator of assignments and submitted work. Ultimately, all submitted work must still reflect student’s own work, understanding, and analysis.
   4. Specific parameters for generative AI usage provided by the instructor.
   5. Any use of generative AI tools outside of the approved instructor parameters will be considered a form of plagiarism and academic dishonesty.

**Disability Statement:** In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), it is the policy of Wayland Baptist University that no otherwise qualified person with a disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any educational program or activity in the university. The Disability Services Coordinator and Academic Coach serves as the coordinator of students with disabilities and must be contacted concerning accommodation requests. Office: (806) 291-1057. Documentation of a disability must accompany any request for accommodations.

**Course Requirements and Grading Criteria**

TestOut Assignments

* Students will complete all assignments in TestOut through section 13.2 (as shown in the Tentative Schedule below)
* Each assignment shown in the Tentative Schedule is made up of a variety of instructional materials such as video lessons, fact sheets, lab sims and a section quiz. Students are expected to complete all instructional materials for each lesson.
* All instructional materials that have not been completed by the last day of term will be assigned a grade of zero and these zeros will be averaged in with all work that has been completed during the term.
* Students may take the TestOut Security Pro Certification test, but it is not required to pass the class.
* TestOut provides a practice test and other materials to help students prepare to take the certification test. These additional preparation materials are not required, and grades earned in these materials are not included in the final term grade.
* Calculation of final term grade:
  + All grades for TestOut instructional materials up through section 13.2 will be averaged and will make up 89.999% of the total term grade.
  + Up to 10% of the term grade is reserved for students who take the TestOut Security Pro Certification test. Students who pass the certification test will receive the full 10%. Students who attempt the test, but do not pass it, will receive a portion of the 10% equal to the score they earn on the test.

**Student Grade Appeals**

**:** Students shall have protection through orderly procedures against prejudices or capricious academic evaluation. A student who believes that he or she has not been held to realistic academic standards, just evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course by using the student grade appeal process described in the Academic Catalog. Appeals may not be made for advanced placement examinations or course bypass examinations. Appeals are limited to the final course grade, which may be upheld, raised, or lowered at any stage of the appeal process. Any recommendation to lower a course grade must be submitted through the Vice President of Academic Affairs to the Faculty Assembly Grade Appeals Committee for review and approval. The Faculty Assembly Grade Appeals Committee may instruct that the course grade be upheld, raised, or lowered to a more proper evaluation.

**Tentative Schedule**

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| **Week** | **Content Covered** |
| 1st week | 01.1 Security Introduction |
| 1st week | 01.2 Security Controls |
| 1st week | 01.3 Use the Simulator |
| 1st week | 02.1 Understanding Attacks |
| 1st week | 02.2 Social Engineering |
| 1st week | 02.3 Malware |
| 1st week | 03.1 Cryptography |
| 1st week | 03.2 Cryptography Implementations |
| 1st week | 03.3 Hashing |
| 2nd week | 03.4 Encryption |
| 2nd week | 03.5 Public Key Infrastructure |
| 2nd week | 04.1 Access Control Models |
| 2nd week | 04.2 Authentication |
| 2nd week | 04.3 Authorization |
| 2nd week | 04.4 Active Directory Overview |
| 2nd week | 04.5 Hardening Authentication |
| 3rd week | 04.6 Linux Users |
| 3rd week | 04.7 Linux Groups |
| 3rd week | 04.8 Remote Access |
| 3rd week | 04.9 Network Authentication |
| 3rd week | 05.1 Enterprise Network Architecture |
| 3rd week | 05.10 Router Security |
| 3rd week | 05.2 Security Appliances |
| 3rd week | 05.3 Screened Subnets |
| 4th week | 05.4 Firewalls |
| 4th week | 05.5 Virtual Private Networks |
| 4th week | 05.6 Network Access Control |
| 4th week | 05.7 Network Device Vulnerabilities |
| 4th week | 05.8 Network Applications |
| 4th week | 05.9 Switch Security and Attacks |
| 4th week | 06.1 Physical Threats |
| 4th week | 06.2 Monitoring and Reconnaissance |
| 4th week | 06.3 Intrusion Detection |
| 4th week | 06.4 Protocol Analyzers |
| 5th week | 06.5 Analyzing Network Attacks |
| 5th week | 06.6 Analyzing Password Attacks |
| 5th week | 07.1 Vulnerability Management |
| 5th week | 07.2 Vulnerability Scanning |
| 5th week | 07.3 Alerting and Monitoring |
| 5th week | 07.4 Penetration Testing |
| 5th week | 08.1 Operating System Hardening |
| 6th week | 08.2 File Server Security |
| 6th week | 08.3 Linux Host Security |
| 6th week | 08.4 Wireless Overview |
| 6th week | 08.5 Wireless Attacks |
| 6th week | 08.6 Wireless Defenses |
| 6th week | 08.7 Data Transmission Security |
| 6th week | 08.8 Web Application Security |
| 6th week | 08.9 Application Development and Security |
| 6th week | 09.1 Incident Response and Mitigation |
| 7th week | 09.2 Log Management |
| 7th week | 09.3 Digital Forensics |
| 7th week | 09.4 Redundancy |
| 7th week | 09.5 Backup and Restore |
| 7th week | 10.1 Host Virtualization |
| 7th week | 10.2 Virtual Networking |
| 7th week | 10.3 Software-Defined Networking |
| 7th week | 10.4 Cloud Services |
| 7th week | 10.5 Mobile Devices |
| 8th week | 10.6 Mobile Device Management |
| 8th week | 10.7 BYOD Security |
| 8th week | 10.8 Embedded and Specialized Systems |
| 8th week | 10.9 Email |
| 8th week | 11.1 Policies, Standards, and Procedures |
| 8th week | 11.2 Change Management |
| 8th week | 11.3 Automation and Orchestration |
| 8th week | 12.1 Risk Management Processes and Concepts |
| 8th week | 12.2 Vendor Management |
| 8th week | 12.3 Audits and Assessments |
| 8th week | 13.1 Data Classification and Compliance |
| 8th week | 13.2 Personnel Policies |

**Additional Information**

None