



**FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY  
UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**  
*Proposal for a Course Change*

<b>DO NOT TYPE IN THIS BOX</b>	
Bulletin #:	<u>6</u>
Academic Year:	<u>2022-23</u>

**PART I. FILL OUT THIS SECTION COMPLETELY**

1. School/College College of Engineering and Computing  
 Div./Dept. in Which Taught Knight Foundation School of Computing and Information Sciences
2. 

<u>CNT</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>403</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>3</u>
Alpha Prefix	1st Digit	Last 3 Digits	"C"-lec-lab "L"-Lab	Cr. Hrs.
3. Present Course Title Computing and Network Security

**PART II. FILL OUT CHANGE INFORMATION ONLY**

Change Effective 1 / 1 / 2024

- 4a. New Course Title \_\_\_\_\_
- b. New Abbreviated course Title (for computer class schedules, transcripts)    
LIMITED TO 25 Characters (including spaces)
- 5a. 

_____	_____	_____	<u>N/A</u>	
New Alpha Prefix	New 1st Digit	New Last 3 Digits	Change "C"-lec-lab "L"-Lab	
- 5b. Change Credit Hours: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_
6. New Catalog Description/Major Topics (not to exceed 200 characters including spaces in the box below)  
*College of Medicine and College of Law: Attach description not exceeding 1,000 characters including spaces.*

7. New Prerequisite(s): CGS 3767
8. New Corequisite(s): \_\_\_\_\_
9. Explain Reclassification Request:  

CNT4403 does not require second level programming knowledge. Hence, changing the prerequisite from "(COP3804 or COP3307 or COP2270) and CGS3767" to "CGS3767" will allow students to enroll in CNT4403 early and expedite their minor completion.

10. Did you attach a copy of the course justification and course syllabus that contains the changes you are requesting? NO  YES

11. Does this proposed change impact the assessment process of a program or certificate? If yes, then send notification to [assessment@fiu.edu](mailto:assessment@fiu.edu). NO  YES

PROPOSAL REQUESTED BY:

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College/School Dean	<u>John Volakis</u>			<u>/</u>	<u>/ 20 23</u>
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Submit one original form. Attach one copy of the course justification and a draft of the course syllabus reflecting any changes requested in this Proposal for a Course Change. The syllabus should include the course description, objectives, learning outcomes, major topics, and textbooks. Where applicable, please ensure that the changes you are requesting are included in the syllabus and supporting documentation.



To: Mary Cossio  
Faculty Senate

From: Dean or Assoc. Dean and College Curriculum Cmte. Chair

**Subject: Memo in Lieu of Curriculum Chair and Dean Signatures for Bulletin #6**

Date: March 25, 2023

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As instructed by the Faculty Senate, this memo will serve as approval of the attached proposals for Bulletin #6 by our Curriculum Committee Chair, Alexander Afanasyev, and the Dean for College of Engineering and Computing (John L. Volakis), in lieu of physical signatures. The proposals in this Bulletin were approved by our Curriculum Committee on March 23, 2023.

**Justification for the prerequisite change of  
CNT 4403 Computing and Network Security**

CNT4403 does not require second level programming knowledge.

Hence, changing the prerequisite from "(COP3804 or COP3307 or COP2270) and CGS3767" to "CGS3767" will allow students to enroll in CNT4403 early and expedite their minor completion.

Please note that the corequisite remains unchanged (CGS4285).

# Knight Foundation School of Computing and Information Sciences

**Course Title:** Computing and Network Security

**Date:** 3/22/2023

**Course Number:** CNT 4403

**Number of Credits:** 3

<b>Subject Area:</b> Security	<b>Subject Area Coordinator:</b> Amin Kharraz <b>email:</b> ak@cs.fiu.edu
<b>Catalog Description:</b> Fundamental concepts and principles of computing and network security, symmetric and asymmetric cryptography, hash functions, authentication, firewalls and intrusion detection, and operational issues.	
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<b>References:</b> "Introduction to Computer Security" by Matt Bishop Addison Wesley (ISBN: 0321247442)	
<b>Prerequisites Courses:</b> <a href="#">CGS 3767</a>	
<b>Corequisites Courses:</b> <a href="#">CGS 4285</a>	

Type: Required (CY, IT)

Prerequisites Topics:

- Java programming
- Fundamental concepts of operating systems
- Shell scripting
- Basic network concepts, including TCP/IP

Course Outcomes:

1. Be familiar with basic concepts in information security
2. Master the concepts related to applied cryptography, including symmetric cryptography and asymmetric cryptography
3. Be familiar with public key infrastructure
4. Master the theory and common types of access control
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6. Be familiar with runtime communication techniques such as intrusion detection systems
7. Be familiar with policy and operational issues in security
8. Be exposed to vulnerabilities, attacks, auditing, and forensics

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**Outline**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Number of Lecture Hours</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
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<b>Topic</b>	<b>Class time</b>	<b>Student performance measures</b>

**Theoretical Contents**

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**Grading Category Weights**

15% Assignments & in-class exercises

10% Virtual labs

10% Quizzes

5% Discussion Forums

30% Midterm exam

30% Final exam

**Grading Scale**

Letter	Range (%)	Letter	Range (%)	Letter	Range (%)
A	93 or above	B	83 - 86	C	73 - 76
A-	90 - 92	B-	80 - 82	D	60 - 72
B+	87 - 89	C+	77 - 79	F	59 or less