About This Program
The Cybersecurity Foundations minor provides students with a comprehensive understanding of cybersecurity concepts and practices. With the increasing demand for cybersecurity professionals across industries, this minor is a great way to supplement your degree and enhance your career prospects. Read more...

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Program Delivery
- Delivery: In person
- Location: Kent Campus
  - Stark Campus

Admission Requirements
Admission to a minor is open to students declared in a bachelor’s degree, the A.A.B. or A.A.S. degree or the A.T.S. degree (not Individualized Program major). Students declared only in the A.A. or A.S. degree or the A.T.S. degree in Individualized Program may not declare a minor. Students may not pursue a minor and a major in the same discipline.

Program Requirements

Minor Requirements
- Minor Prerequisites
  - MATH 11010 ALGEBRA FOR CALCULUS (KMCR)
- Minor Requirements
  - C++ or Python Foundation Track, choose from the following: 11-12
    - C++ Track
      - CS 13001 COMPUTER SCIENCE I: PROGRAMMING AND PROBLEM SOLVING
      - or CS 13011
      - & CS 13012 COMPUTER SCIENCE IA: PROCEDURAL PROGRAMMING and COMPUTER SCIENCE IB: OBJECT ORIENTED PROGRAMMING
      - CS 23001 COMPUTER SCIENCE II: DATA STRUCTURES AND ABSTRACTION
      - CS 23022 DISCRETE STRUCTURES FOR COMPUTER SCIENCE
  - Python Track
    - CS 10051 COMPUTER SCIENCE PRINCIPLES (KMCR)
    - CS 10062 PROGRAMMING FOR PROBLEM SOLVING IN SCIENCES
    - CS 20062 ADVANCED PROGRAMMING WITH PYTHON
    - Minor Electives, choose from the following: 1
      - CRIM 46803 INFORMATION AND CYBER SECURITY
      - CS 32301 HUMAN INTERFACE COMPUTING
      - CS 33211 OPERATING SYSTEMS
      - CS 35201 COMPUTER ORGANIZATION
      - CS 43023 SYSTEMS PROGRAMMING
      - CS 43401 SECURE PROGRAMMING
      - CS 47206 DATA SECURITY AND PRIVACY
      - CS 47207 DIGITAL FORENSICS
      - CS 47221 INTRODUCTION TO CRYPTOLOGY

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 20

1 The following minor electives are recommended for students interested in the below focus areas:
  - Connection security and component security: CS 33211, CS 35101, CS 35201, CS 45203, CS 47221
  - Data security: CS 32301, CS 47205, CS 47206, CS 47207, CS 47221
  - Human security and societal security: CRIM 46803, CS 33201, CS 47206, CS 47207
  - Software security: CS 33211, CS 35101, CS 43203, CS 43401, CS 47207
  - System security: CS 32301, CS 33211, CS 35101, CS 43203, CS 43401, CS 47221

Graduation Requirements
- Minimum Minor GPA: 2.000
- Minimum Overall GPA: 2.000
  - Minimum 6 credit hours in the minor must be upper-division coursework (30000 and 40000 level).
  - Minimum 6 credit hours in the minor must be outside of the course requirements for any major or other minor the student is pursuing.
  - Minimum 50 percent of the total credit hours for the minor must be taken at Kent State (in residence).

Program Learning Outcomes
Graduates of this program will be able to:
1. Understand the essential facts, concepts, principles and theories related to computer science and cybersecurity.
2. Understand Python or C++ programming basics and data structures in Python or C++.
3. Understand the security, privacy and cryptographic techniques and protocols used in computing and information encryption and processing.
4. Understand the development of software with security and potential vulnerabilities in mind, the security aspects of systems that are composed of components and connections and use software.
5. Apply hands-on experience in programming projects for secure scientific data processing.
6. Collaborate with other team members in groups to complete secure scientific data processing projects.

Full Description
The Cybersecurity Foundations minor provides a foundation in computer science and cybersecurity for students in any field — from the natural sciences to social sciences, technology and business — allowing students to work with substantial computing and data-oriented cyber systems. The minor enables students to competitively manage the computing and cybersecurity aspects of their professions and prepares them to meet the cybersecurity needs of industry and government.

Courses in the Cybersecurity Foundations minor provide a thorough understanding of security, privacy and cryptographic techniques and protocols used in computing, communication and data encryption and processing. Students learn programming, data structures and algorithms through either C++ or Python programming language. Python is appropriate for all students, while C++ is more appropriate for students in the natural sciences majors. After these foundational courses, students select electives in such areas as data security, software security, connection security, component security, system security, human security and societal security.