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Cybersecurity Essentials and Digital Safety

C-07 · 3 days (configurable 1–5 days) · Informatics · Security · Years: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, PG

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OVERVIEW

Threat models, password and identity hygiene, secure coding basics, phishing simulation, incident response drill.

Relevant to every branch, and it is the natural first step for students considering the Cyber Security specialisation.

HOURS AND CREDIT POSITION

Contact hours: 24 Guided project: 6 Self-study: 0 Notional total: 30

Credit claim: 1

30 notional hours ÷ 30 hours per credit (NSQF track, UGC Micro-credentials Guidelines §5.3.3) = 1 credits.

COURSE OUTCOMES

- CO1. Construct a threat model for an application, naming its assets and attack surfaces (K4)
- CO2. Apply password, MFA and session hygiene to harden personal and organisational accounts (K3)
- CO3. Identify phishing attempts and demonstrate the correct reporting response (K2)
- CO4. Demonstrate how injection and XSS attacks work and how input handling defeats them (K3)
- CO5. Conduct a structured incident-response drill from detection to post-mortem (K4)

COURSE CONTENT — MODULES

Hours shown are the recommended format; module time scales proportionally when the engagement runs 1–5 days.

Module 1 — Thinking like an attacker (4h recommended)

Theory: Threat models, attack surfaces, the CIA triad in plain language

Lab: Threat-model a familiar app in teams

Output: Threat model diagram

Module 2 — Identity hygiene (4h recommended)

Theory: Passwords, managers, MFA, session theft, account recovery

Lab: Audit and harden a set of demo accounts

Output: Hardening checklist applied

Module 3 — Phishing and social engineering (4h recommended)

Theory: Recognition patterns, pretexts, reporting; a live simulation

Lab: Phishing simulation and debrief

Output: Simulation analysis note

Module 4 — Secure coding basics (4h recommended)

Theory: Injection, XSS, secrets in code, dependency risk — by demonstration

Lab: Exploit then fix a deliberately vulnerable app

Output: Before/after fix log

Module 5 — Network and device safety (4h recommended)

Theory: Public Wi-Fi, HTTPS, updates, encryption at rest

Lab: Inspect real traffic with and without TLS

Output: Traffic capture comparison

Module 6 — Incident response drill (4h recommended)

Theory: Detection, containment, communication, the honest post-mortem

Lab: Tabletop incident drill in teams

Output: Incident report + capstone quiz

ASSESSMENT SCHEME (100 MARKS)

Continuous lab exercises — 40 marks

Capstone project & demonstration — 40 marks

Quiz & viva voce — 20 marks

CO-PO MAPPING

CO1 !' PO2 (strength 2)

Threat modelling is security's analytical core.

CO2 !' PO12 (strength 2)

Identity hygiene is a lifelong daily practice.

CO3 !' PO1 (strength 2)

Recognition is the first defence for every user.

CO4 !' PO3 (strength 2)

Seeing an exploit work makes the defence real.

CO5 !' PO10 (strength 2)

Incident response is communication under pressure.

EVERY PARTICIPANT RECEIVES

- Certificate of completion
- Course material
- LMS access
- Interview question bank
- Mock interview & viva practice
- Optional nasscom NSQF assessment (priced per candidate on your quotation)

FEE

12,000 per student, incl. GST

Excludes the optional nasscom assessment where offered. Final pricing on your college's quotation.

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