CYBR-204 – Governance, Compliance and Cyber Law

Technology

Effective Term & Year: Fall 2027
Course Outline Review Date: 2032-03-01

Program Area: Information Technology

Description:

This course examines governance, compliance, and legal principles that support cybersecurity programs and organizational risk management. Students explore governance frameworks, regulatory requirements, privacy legislation, cybercrime laws, and legal considerations related to cybersecurity operations. Students evaluate legal, regulatory, and organizational requirements and their application to cybersecurity decision-making and professional practice.

Program Information:

This course is required for the Second Year of the Cybersecurity Operations program.

Delivery Methods: Hybrid – On-campus (Face-to-Face) and Online

Credit Type: College of the Rockies Credits

Credits: 3

Instructional Activity and Hours:

Activity	Hours
Classroom, Directed Studies or Online Instruction	60
Seminar/Tutorials	
Laboratory/Studio	
Practicum/Field Experience	
Co-op/Work Experience	

Other	
Total	60

Course Requisites:

Prior Learning and Recognition: Yes

Students are able to request formal recognition of their prior learning or experience outside the classroom. Challenge examination, portfolio-assisted assessment, work-based assessment or a combination of assessments that is appropriate to identify, assess, and recognize prior skills, competencies, and knowledge to achieve course credit. Tuition fees apply, refer to Policy 2.5.5 Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) or contact an education advisor for more information.

Course Transfer Credit:

For information about receiving transfer credit for courses taken at either British Columbia or Alberta institutions, please see https://www.bctransferguide.ca/ or https://transferalberta.alberta.ca . For more transfer credit information, please visit https://www.cotr.bc.ca/Transfer

All requests for course transfer credit from institutions in British Columbia or elsewhere should go to the College of the Rockies Enrollment Service office.

Textbook Resources:

Textbook selection varies by instructor and may change from year to year. At the Course Outline Effective Date the following textbooks were in use:

Please see the instructor's syllabus or check COTR's online text calculator https://textbook.cotr.bc.ca/ for a complete list of the currently required textbooks.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- apply information security governance frameworks and organizational policies to support cybersecurity programs and risk management activities;
- interpret cybersecurity compliance requirements, standards, and regulatory obligations that affect organizational security practices;

- analyze privacy, data protection, and cybercrime legislation and their implications for cybersecurity operations;
- evaluate legal requirements related to digital evidence, forensic investigations, e-discovery, chain of custody, and data retention;
- assess legal and regulatory considerations associated with intellectual property, contracts, third-party relationships, and incident response activities; and
- recommend governance, compliance, and legal controls that support organizational security objectives and regulatory requirements.

Course Topics:

- Information Security Governance
- Cybersecurity Policies, Standards, and Frameworks
- Regulatory Compliance and Risk Management
- Privacy and Data Protection Legislation
- Cybercrime Law and Enforcement
- Digital Evidence and Forensic Legal Considerations
- E-Discovery, Data Retention, and Chain of Custody
- Intellectual Property and Technology Law
- Contracts, Third-Party Risk, and Incident Response
- Governance, Risk, and Compliance (GRC) Practices

See instructor's syllabus for the detailed outline of weekly readings, activities and assignments.

Evaluation and Assessments

Assessment Type: On-Campus (face-to-face) and Online, or Hybrid

Assessment Type	% of Total Grade
Assignments (x2)	40%
Midterm	20%
In-progress	10%
Final Exam	30%
Total	100%

Grade Scheme

A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D	F
>=90	89-85	84-80	79-76	75-72	71-68	67-64	63-60	59-55	54-50	<50

Evaluation Notes: A grade of “D” grants credit, but may not be sufficient as a prerequisite for sequential courses.

Evaluation Notes Comments:

Please see the instructor’s syllabus for specific classroom policies related to this course, such as details of evaluation, penalties for late assignments and use of electronic aids.

Exam Attendance:

Students must attend all scheduled exams at the appointed time and place. Instructors may approve an alternate exam to accommodate an illness or personal crisis. Department heads will consider other written requests. Any student who misses a scheduled exam without prior approval will receive a “0” on the exam.

Academic Policies:

College of the Rockies policies related to courses can be found at https://cotr.bc.ca/about-us/college-policies/ and include the following:

- Policy 2.1.4 Course Audit
- Policy 2.4.1 Credential Framework
- Policy 2.4.3 Students with Documented Disabilities
- Policy 2.4.4 Student Rights, Responsibilities and Conduct
- Policy 2.4.8 Academic Performance
- Policy 2.4.9 Student Feedback and Concerns
- Policy 2.4.11 Storage of Academic Works
- Policy 2.5.3 Student Appeal
- Policy 2.5.5 Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)

Course Changes:

The College of the Rockies updates course outlines regularly to meet changing educational, employment and marketing needs. The instructor will notify students in writing of any updates to this outline during the semester. The instructor reserves the right to revise, add or delete material while meeting the learning outcomes of this course outline.