
College of Arts and Sciences

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Dear Members of the Center of Excellence Review Committee,

The criteria to become a Center of Excellence require that there are full-time faculty with a focus in Information Assurance with varying combinations of number of courses taught, research, and graduate advising. The following faculty in the Department of Information and Computer Science meet the strictest interpretation of the criteria (i.e., "Full-time faculty may be defined as a professor dedicated to teaching three IA courses per semester, or two IA courses with research, or one IA course with research and with advisees at Master and Doctoral Level.").

Milton Luoma, M.S., J.D.,, directs the Computer Forensics program, teaches CFS380 Digital Evidence Analysis and CFS 484 Computer Laws, advises graduate students, and conducts research.

Given that faculty in the Department of Information and Computer Science support a B.A.S. in Computer Forensics, a B.S. in Computer Science, a B.A. in Computer Information Systems, and a M.S. in Computer Science, many faculty have workloads that include but are not purely focused on information assurance. Many of these courses involve topics specified in National Training Standard for Information Systems Security (INFOSEC) Professionals (http://www.cnss.gov/Assets/pdf/nstissi_4011.pdf). Every year, the following faculty would teach at least one course in the indicated topics.

Sue Fitzgerald, Ph.D., teaches ICS 382 Computer Security, advises graduate students, and conducts research.

Jigang Liu, Ph.D., teaches courses in Computer Security, advises graduate students, and conducts research.

Michael Stein, Ph.D., teaches courses in Computer Security, Computer Networks, advises graduate students, and conducts research.

Kuodi Jian, Ph.D., teaches courses in Computer Organization and Architecture, advises graduate students, and conducts research.

The following faculty members normally teach the indicated courses at least once in two years.

Larry Gottschalk, M.S., teaches courses that involve security issues in database systems, advises graduate students, and conducts research.

Brahma Dathan, Ph.D., teaches courses that involve security issues in distributed systems, advises graduate students, and conducts research.

The following are adjunct faculty members who teach one or two classes per year as indicated.

1. Warren Sheaffer, Adjunct Faculty Member (Information and Computer Sciences), Teaches Computer and Operating Systems Fundamentals I, every Fall and Spring Semester.
2. Jeffrey Boleman, Adjunct Faculty Member (Information and Computer Sciences), Teaches Computer and Operating Systems Fundamentals II, every Fall and Spring Semester.
3. Eric Lucero, Adjunct Faculty Member (Information and Computer Sciences), Teaches Introduction to Computer Forensics, in Spring semesters.
4. Donny Cheung, Adjunct Faculty Member (Information and Computer Sciences), Teaches Introduction to Computer Forensics, in Fall semesters.
5. Darlene Tester, Adjunct Faculty Member (Information and Computer Sciences), Teaches Computer Forensics Internship/Capstone, in Spring semesters.

We are very proud of our B.S. in Computer Forensics and of our M.S. students with projects and career interests in that area. Please feel welcome to contact me if I can provide any additional information. I can be reached at becky.omdahl@metrostate.edu, 651-793-1443.

Sincerely,



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