F21AN Advanced Network Security

COURSE DETAILS
Course Code: F21AN
Full Course Title: Advanced Network Security
SCQF Level: 11
SCAF Credits: 15
Available as Elective: Yes

DELIVERY LEVEL
Undergraduate: Yes  Postgraduate Taught: Yes  Postgraduate Research: No
Additional Information:

COURSE AIMS
- Improve students’ critical analysis skills in computer network security and allow them to identify network security threats in a systematic way.
- Provide the student with in-depth understanding of penetration testing concepts and methodologies.
- Give practical experience of exploiting vulnerabilities in common computer system architectures.
- Impart a deep understanding of common techniques to implement countermeasures.

LEARNING OUTCOMES – SUBJECT MASTERY
At the end of this course, the students will be able to:
- Identify and explain vulnerabilities of network protocols.
- Design and implement countermeasures to protect a network from unauthorised network access.
- Identify threats and implement measures to protect against threats in wireless networks.
- Test and evaluate the security of an IT infrastructure.

LEARNING OUTCOMES – PERSONAL ABILITIES
- Ability to critically appraise the security of an IT infrastructure.
- Showing teamwork skills and being an effective member of a penetration testing team.
- Develop a set of ethical best practices needed for a security career.
- Ability to make decisions regarding how to secure a system in absence of a complete picture of its configuration.

SYLLABUS
- Wireless Security: Wired Equivalent Privacy (WEP) vulnerabilities, Wireless Protected Access (WPA) and IEEE802.11i
- Penetration testing: penetration testing process: Reconnaissance, Scanning, Gaining access, Maintaining
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- access, and Covering tracks.
  - Digital Forensics: introduction, EnCase and open source tools.
  - Privacy and P3P.

Information on Pre-requisites:

A good understanding of fundamental computer security topics such as might be obtained by taking F21 CN Computer Network Security is pre-requisite.

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