1. **Title of the module**

COMP5580 (CO558) Introduction to Cyber Security

1. **Division or partner institution which will be responsible for management of the module**

Division of Computing, Engineering, Mathematical Sciences (CEMS)

1. **The level of the module (Level 4, Level 5, Level 6 or Level 7)**

Level 5

1. **The number of credits and the ECTS value which the module represents**

15 credits (7.5 ECTS)

1. **Which term(s) the module is to be taught in (or other teaching pattern)**

Autumn or Spring

1. **Prerequisite and co-requisite modules**

Prerequisites:

COMP3200 Introduction to Object-Oriented Programming

COMP3370 Computing and the Cloud

COMP3380 Problem Solving with Algorithms

1. **The courses of study to which the module contributes**

BSc Computer Science, including all variants, BSc Computing, BSc Software Engineering all with and without Year in Industry

1. **The intended subject specific learning outcomes.  
   On successfully completing the module students will be able to:**

8.1 Understand foundational security principles and core technology to enforce and maintain security of data and computer systems;

8.2 Make informed choices of the appropriate security measures to put into place for a given network and/or operating system;

8.3 Understand the importance of putting security into the context of a larger system including hardware, software, and human users;

8.4 Understand how cryptography can be used for providing security within applications;

8.5 Understand and implement selected fundamental algorithms used in cryptography.

1. **The intended generic learning outcomes.  
   On successfully completing the module students will be:**

9.1 Able to analyse a problem specification and to design and implement a solution.

9.2 Aware of the relevant professional, ethical and legal issues in this subject area.

9.3 Able to apply relevant fundamental mathematical techniques.

9.4 Able to develop their own time management and organisational skills.

1. **A synopsis of the curriculum**

Cyber security has always been an important aspect of computing systems but its importance has increased greatly in recent years. The curriculum covers areas where cyber security is of major importance, but have different security requirements and may be exposed to different threats and attacks. It also covers techniques and mechanisms used to secure computer systems and data to meet those requirements and protect them. The areas looked at include computer operating systems (and increasingly, distributed operating systems), distributed applications (such as electronic commerce over the Internet),embedded systems (ranging from smart cards to large industrial plant and telecommunications systems), and users. The techniques and mechanisms looked at include cryptography, authentication & authorisation, and access control. Furthermore, the curriculum integrates the legal, ethical, and professional perspectives, for instance, to address concerns about data security, privacy, and societal impact of computing systems.

1. **Reading list (Indicative list, current at time of publication. Reading lists will be published annually)**

Anderson, R., “Security Engineering: A Guide to Building Dependable Distributed Systems” 2nd ed., 2008, Wiley.

BCS Code of Conduct, https://www.bcs.org.uk/

Pfleeger, C.P., Pfleeger, S.L., and Marulies, J., “Security in Computing”, 5th ed., 2015, Prentice Hall.

Cranor, L.F. & Garfinkel, S., “Security and Usability: Designing Secure Systems that   
 People Can Use” 2005, O’Reilly Media.

Stallings, W., “Cryptography and Network Security: Principles and Practice” 7th ed., 2017, Pearson.

Ferguson, N., Kohno, T., and Schneier, B. “Cryptography Engineering: Design Principles and Practical Applications”, 1st ed., 2010, John Wiley & Sons.

Garfinkel, S. and Lipford, H.R., “Usable Security: History, Themes, and Challenges”, 2014, Morgan & Claypool Publishers.

1. **Learning and teaching methods**

Total contact hours: 30

Private study hours: 120

Total study hours: 150

1. **Assessment methods**
   1. Main assessment methods

2 hour written exam (50%)

Two assessments (25% and approximately 15 hrs each)

* 1. Reassessment methods

Like for like.

1. **Map of module learning outcomes (sections 8 & 9) to learning and teaching methods (section12) and methods of assessment (section 13)**

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| **Module learning outcome** | *8.1* | *8.2* | *8.3* | *8.4* | *8.5* | *9.1* | *9.2* | *9.3* | *9.4* |
| **Learning/ teaching method** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lectures | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| *Private study* | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| **Assessment method** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Assessments* | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| *Examination* | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |  |

1. **Inclusive module design**

The Division recognises and has embedded the expectations of current equality legislation, by ensuring that the module is as accessible as possible by design. Additional alternative arrangements for students with Inclusive Learning Plans (ILPs)/declared disabilities will be made on an individual basis, in consultation with the relevant policies and support services.

The inclusive practices in the guidance (see Annex B Appendix A) have been considered in order to support all students in the following areas:

a) Accessible resources and curriculum

b) Learning, teaching and assessment methods

1. **Campus(es) or centre(s) where module will be delivered**

Canterbury

1. **Internationalisation**

The topics addressed by this module relate to a field which is of international importance, given the global role of computers in today's technological innovation. The topics covered by this module are international in nature, being identical worldwide and independent of traditional spoken language.

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**Revision record – all revisions must be recorded in the grid and full details of the change retained in the appropriate committee records.**

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