Students will learn skills in digital forensics including how to analyze a device, retrieve "deleted" information, and methods of digital concealment.

**Prerequisites:** IT 238 and IT 351  
**Credits:** 4

The purpose of this course is to guide students toward becoming skilled computer forensics investigators. This course gives students a solid foundation by introducing computer forensics to those who are new to the field. This course covers current and past operating systems and a range of computer hardware, from basic workstations to high-end network servers. Although this course introduces a few forensics software tools, we will also review and discuss other currently available tools. This course also introduces students to relevant certification exams in digital forensics that may be pursued beyond the course.

**Students will be able to . . .**

- Identify the relevant processes, objectives, and goals of digital forensics.

- Analyze the legal ramifications of digital forensics investigations.

- Assess the tools and procedures necessary to investigate and evaluate a perpetrator’s computer assets from a digital forensics perspective.

**Assessments**

- Rubric-based assignments, projects, and/or exams.

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Analyze digital concealment and recovery techniques and related technologies including hardware, software, and networked computers and systems.

Utilize digital concealment and recovery techniques and related technologies.

Rubric-based assignments, projects, and/or exams.

Graded hands-on exercises utilized to determine student competency with commercially-available digital forensics tools/suites.

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University Policy on Academic Integrity

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- cheating on tests;

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