CSCI 1800: Cybersecurity and International Relations
Response Paper 2

**Security Strategies**
**Due: 11:59pm Wednesday, March 8th**

**Overview:** Cybersecurity and International Relations is a course designed to encourage computer scientists to think about policy and international relations issues, and to encourage political and social scientists to consider issues rooted in technology.

Respond to one of the following prompts. Papers should be structured around a central thesis. A thesis statement declares what you wish to assert. It should be arguable, provable through text evidence, surprising and specific.

**Guidelines:**
- 3-4 pages double spaced. 1 inch margins, 12 point font in Times New Roman.
- Please write banner ID and the prompt you choose. Do not write your name.
- Strong argument throughout, with an original thesis (not restating an author’s position) that incorporates the student’s knowledge of the subject.
- Correct citations when referring to the text. In-line citations or footnotes are fine. You may use MLA, Chicago, or Turabian styles. Make sure to use a consistent citation style, and include a bibliography. Plagiarism will not be tolerated.
- Academic language - avoid colloquial or informal language.
- Use of outside sources is allowed. Your paper should incorporate at most three sources. At least one of them must be a required/optional reading from the Security section.
- Please do not LaTeX your papers; we will deduct points.
- Students will be graded on the grading rubric found [here](#).
- Short papers aim to have students think critically about the readings, not regurgitate facts or opinions. Feel free to use the Writing Center and other resources to receive help as well.

**Prompts:**
1. Is the attribution problem surmountable and if so how should it be addressed?
2. Do cyber threats represent an existential threat to the United States and its allies?
3. In addition to attack attribution, what are other differences and similarities between nuclear and cyber deterrence?
4. Pick two nations or a contested region of your choice, and discuss how the development of cyber operations may complicate or influence the security balance.
5. Choose your own topic! You **must** get your topic approved by a TA (either over email or in person) before beginning on work your paper if doing a topic not listed above.