Cyber Economics & Security
Due: 11:59pm, March 12th

Instructions

Respond to one of the prompts listed below. Structure your response around a central thesis that is falsifiable and argumentative in nature. Your paper must incorporate at least two sources, one of which must be from either the required or optional readings. Be sure to specify which prompt you are writing to.

Alternatively, you can create a prompt of your own. However, you should speak to and get approval from a TA before doing so.

Write your Banner ID at the top of your essay. Do not write your name.

Prompts

1. Do you believe financial institutions, and/or other organizations, will adopt blockchain? Talk about benefits and potential hurdles to adoption.

2. Do you think cryptocurrencies are a viable long-term investment opportunity?

3. Do you believe that country identification capabilities of APTs should be of the highest priority for cyber defense firms moving forward? Why or why not? What would be pros and cons of this prioritization?

4. Do you think sites similar to The Silk Road have a place in society or are too prone to promoting harmful behavior?

5. Do cyber threats represent an existential threat to the United States and its allies?

6. 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.

7. Choose your own topic! You must get your topic approved by a TA (either over email or in person) before beginning on your paper if doing a topic not listed above.
Writing Guidelines

- Write 3-4 pages double spaced. 1 inch margins, 12 point font in Times New Roman.

- The paper should contain a strong argument throughout, with an original thesis (do not simply restate an author’s position) that incorporates the student’s knowledge of the subject.

- Use correct citations when referring to the text. In-line citations or footnotes are fine. You may use MLA, APA, or Chicago styles. Make sure to use a consistent citation style, and include a bibliography. Plagiarism will not be tolerated.

- Use academic language — avoid colloquial or informal language.

- Use of outside sources is allowed.

- Do NOT LaTeX your papers; we will deduct points.

- Students will be graded on the grading rubric found here.