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

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. You must get your topic approved by this form at minimum 1 week before the deadline. If you don’t receive a response within 24 hours, please email the HTA list.

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

Please mark which prompt you are responding to on your paper.

Prompts

1. To what extent has the adoption of blockchain technologies transformed interactions between states and/or non-state actors? Be sure to explain the technology itself in your answer.

2. Where does the responsibility lie to defend, deter, and attribute APTs (advanced persistent threats)? Should it be the government, corporations, individuals or some combination? Consider historical examples of effective use and/or deterrence in your response.

3. What productive role might anonymous and encrypted commerce sites (like The Silk Road) have in a global society? Or do they ultimately only encourage harmful behavior?

4. Pick two states or a contested region of your choice, and discuss how the development of cyber operations may complicate or influence the security balance.

5. Was the Stuxnet operation a prudent decision in the long run or did it lead to unintended consequences?

6. Choose your own topic! You must get your topic approved by this form at minimum 1
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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.