

El Paso Community College

Syllabus

Part II

Official Course Description

SUBJECT AREA	Information Technology Systems
COURSE RUBRIC AND NUMBER	ITSY 2300
COURSE TITLE	Operating System Security
COURSE CREDIT HOURS	3 3 : 1
	Credits Lec Lab

I. **Catalog Description**

Provides instruction in how to safeguard computer operating systems by demonstrating server support skills and designing and implementing a security system. Identifies security threats and monitor network security implementations. Uses best practices to configure operating systems to industry security standards.

Prerequisite: ITSC 1301. (3:1).

II. **Course Objectives**

Upon satisfactory completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- A. Describe network security risks
- B. Identify proper security design
- C. Discuss monitoring solutions
- D. Identify sources of computer threats
- E. Evaluate potential practices to protect network systems
- F. Evaluate tools to protect network systems
- G. Evaluate technologies to protect individual network systems
- H. Establish an operating system security plan
- I. Utilize system and application security tools
- J. Implement procedures to secure network systems
- K. Monitor and evaluate audit logs
- L. Set system administrator alerts
- M. Develop an organizational operating system security plan
- N. Evaluate security policies and procedures
- O. Establish users lists
- P. Install software updates and patches

III. **THECB Learning Outcomes (WECM)**

1. Identify network security risks, security design, and monitoring solutions.
2. Identify sources of computer threats, evaluate potential practices, tools, and technologies to protect individual network systems.
3. Establish and sustain an operating system security plan utilizing systems and application security tools.
4. Implement procedures to secure and monitor audit logs and set system administrator alerts.
5. Develop an organizational operating system security plan that provides for periodic reviews of security policies, procedures, authorized users list, and software update patches.

IV. Evaluation

- Six exams will contribute 35% to the final grade.
- Eight assignments and eight quizzes will contribute 25 % to the final grade.
- A comprehensive final exam will contribute 40% to the final grade.

The final grade will be based on the percentage of total points earned:

Percentage	Letter Grade
90 – 100	A
80 – 89.99	B
70 – 79.99	C
60 – 69.99	D
0 – 59.99	F

V. Disability Statement (American with/Disabilities Act [ADA])

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VI. 6 Drop Rule

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