

# POLICY STATEMENT

**INSTRUCTOR**

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**TEXTS**

Penetration Testing: A Hands-On Introduction to Hacking by Georgia Weidman -- ISBN-10: 1593275641, No Starch Press; 1 edition (June 8, 2014)

**GRADES**

The number of points you accumulate during the semester determines your final grade. You can earn points in the following areas:

11 Quizzes @ 20 pts. each	220 points
18 Projects (approximately)	300 points
Final Exam	80 points
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Total (estimated)	600 points

Your final letter grade is determined from your total points as shown below:

<u>Points</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Pass/No Pass Grade</u>
90% or more	A	P
80% - 89.9%	B	P
60% - 79.9%	C	P
50% - 59.9%	D	NP
49.9% or less	F	NP

This course allows "Pass/No Pass" grading, if that option is requested on or before the deadline set by the Scheduling Office.

**FINAL EXAM**

The final exam covers all material for the semester. No notes or aids are permitted during the final exam.

**PROJECTS**

Projects are posted on my Website: [samsclass.info](http://samsclass.info)

There will be approximately 18 required projects. Projects submitted late lose 5 points, unless they are more than 2 weeks late in which case they are worth nothing. There will be extra-credit projects as well, which are not required but which will increase your score if you do them correctly.

Since this is a hands-on computer course, you should plan on spending at least 3-6 hours per week of computer time in addition to normal study time outside of class.

**WARNING ABOUT HACKING**

**OBEY THE LAW!** Don't enter computer systems without the permission of the owners, or disrupt networks. The hacking skills taught in this course are only safe and legal when used on your own computers, or on computers you have permission to use. If you break the law, you face possible criminal prosecution and prison time, and neither your instructor nor CCSF will be able to save you.

In addition, students who commit computer crimes may receive a point loss or other penalty, up to and including an immediate final grade of F and being banned from the computer labs. If a situation arises where you are uncertain about the ethics involved, please talk to your instructor.

**ETHICS AND  
CHEATING**

Security professionals are held to high standards of ethics, like police officers. Lying, copying others' work and passing it off as your own, and performing cybercrimes will not be tolerated in this class. Offenders will be punished by losing points, or by immediate expulsion and a final grade of F, at the discretion of the instructor. If you are unsure whether something is unethical, please discuss it with your instructor before submitting questionable work for credit.

Students who demonstrate serious irresponsibility or immaturity may be expelled at any time.

**CHEATING**

If a student is found to be cheating on any test or homework, that student may suffer a loss of points, or a larger penalty, including expulsion from the class.

Cheating includes- but is not limited to- submitting another student's work under your name. It is acceptable to help other students by answering questions about how to do the homework, but each student must do their own work.

If a situation arises where you are uncertain about the ethics involved, please talk to me.

**CLASS  
ATTENDANCE**

Class attendance is recommended but not required. I reserve the right to drop any student who has missed three quizzes. However, under normal circumstances, I do NOT drop students from the class rolls. It is the student's responsibility to file the paperwork needed to drop or withdraw from this class. If you simply stop attending class, you will probably receive a failing grade for the course.

**ACCESSIBILITY**

If you need classroom or testing accommodations because of a disability, have emergency medical information to share with me, or need special arrangements in case the building needs to be evacuated, please contact me at [sbowne@ccsf.edu](mailto:sbowne@ccsf.edu)

**CHANGES**

I reserve the right to change any of these policies as necessary during the semester and will inform you of any changes