

**Module Description, available in: EN**

## Cyber Security Operations

### General Information

**Number of ECTS Credits**

3

**Module code**

TSM\_CyberSecOp

**Valid for academic year**

2024-25

**Last modification**

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**Explanations regarding the language definitions for each location:**

- Instruction is given in the language defined below for each location/each time the module is held.
- Documentation is available in the languages defined below. Where documents are in several languages, the percentage distribution is shown (100% = all the documentation).
- The examination is available 100% in the languages shown for each location/each time it is held.

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<b>Instruction</b>					X E 100%		
<b>Documentation</b>					X E 100%		
<b>Examination</b>					X E 100%		

**Module Category**

TSM Technical scientific module

**Lessons**

2 lecture periods and 1 tutorial period per week

### Entry level competences

**Prerequisites, previous knowledge**

Students should have a basic understanding of the fundamentals of cybersecurity, including network security, system security, and cryptography. Additionally, they should have a good understanding of operating systems, and network architecture. Basic knowledge of OSINT would also be beneficial.

### Brief course description of module objectives and content

This module is designed to provide a practical introduction to Cyber Security Operations. Students will learn about different operational security functions like SOCs, CERTs, DFIR teams, CTI and Hunt teams, Red and Blue teams, and the tools they use to detect and respond to cyber criminal activity. The module provides in depth coverage of digital forensics.

## Aims, content, methods

### Learning objectives and acquired competencies

Upon completion of the module, students should be able to:

- Understand operational cyber security roles and responsibilities within an organization,
- Explain basic concepts of detection, incident response, threat intelligence, and security testing.
- Perform digital evidence preservation and forensic analysis, conduct investigations
- Write forensic/incident reports for different recipients (police, regulators, management, technical peers)
- Restore an organization to a safe and operational state
- Understand how ethical hacking can be used to improve the security of systems

### Contents of module with emphasis on teaching content

**DFIR:** Digital Forensics and Incident Response (DFIR) is the main focus of the module. This includes securing and preserving digital evidence, forensic analysis, reconstructing past events, creating timelines, and performing investigations.

**Detection:** students will be introduced to logging and monitoring systems, intrusion and anomaly detection systems (HIDS and NIDS), and Security Information and Event Management (SIEM) systems, and other operational aspects of detection.

**CTI:** students will be introduced to Cyber Threat Intelligence (CTI), the intelligence process and lifecycle, intel sharing communities, intel / IOC exchange platforms (like MISP), and OSINT.

**Security testing:** The testing component covers a high level overview of penetration/Red-Team testing, security reviews, cyber exercises, and ethical hacking. The use of Bug-Bounty programs to improve security is also explained

### Teaching and learning methods

Lectures with a mix of practical and theoretical exercises.

### Literature

The following material is provided:

- Teacher's slides and notes
- Selected publications (papers, books)
- Relevant videos

## Assessment

### Certification requirements

Module does not use certification requirements

### Basic principle for exams

**As a rule, all the standard final exams for modules and also all resit exams are to be in written form**

### Standard final exam for a module and written resit exam

#### Kind of exam

written

#### Duration of exam

120 minutes

#### Permissible aids

*Aids permitted as specified below:*

#### Permissible electronic aids

Will be communicated to students at the beginning of the module.

#### Other permissible aids

Will be communicated to students at the beginning of the module.

**Special case: Resit exam as oral exam**

**Kind of exam**

oral

**Duration of exam**

30 minutes

**Permissible aids**

*Aids permitted as specified below:*

**Permissible electronic aids**

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**Other permissible aids**

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