

Department of Information Technology	LP: Sub Code Rev. No: 00
B.E/B.Tech/M.E/M.Tech: IT PG Specialisation : -- Sub. Code / Sub. Name : IT16013 / Cyber Forensics Unit : I	Regulation: 2016 Date: 12.11.2019

**Unit Syllabus: INTRODUCTION**

The Scope of Computer Forensics - Windows Operating and File Systems –Handling Computer Hardware – Anatomy of Digital Investigation.

**Objective:**

Students will understand the fundamentals of Computer Forensics and computing Investigations.

Session No *	Topics to be covered	Ref	Teaching Aids
1	The Scope of Computer Forensics – Introduction – Types of Computer Forensics Evidence Recovered – What skills must a computer Forensics Investigator Possess?	2- Ch 1; pg 1-11	BB/LCD
2	The importance of computer forensics – A History of computer forensics – Training and Education	2- Ch 1; pg 12-24	BB/LCD
3	Windows Operating and File Systems – Physical and Logical Storage – File Conversion and Numbering Formats – Operating Systems	2- Ch 2; pg 32- 49	BB/LCD
4	Windows Registry – Microsoft Windows features	2- Ch 2; pg 50- 72	BB/LCD
5	Handling Computer Hardware – Hard Disk Drives – Cloning a PATA or SATA Hard disk	2- Ch 3; pg 80- 92	BB/LCD
6	Removable memory	2- Ch 3; pg 93- 108	BB/LCD
7	Anatomy of Digital Investigation – A Basic Model for Investigators	1- Ch 1; pg 1 -8	BB/LCD
8	Understanding the scope of the Investigation	1- Ch 1; pg 8 -13	BB/LCD
9	The Art of Documentation	1- Ch 1; pg 13 -20	BB/LCD
<b>Content beyond syllabus covered (if any):</b>			

\* Session duration: 50 minutes

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Unit : II

**Unit Syllabus : INVESTIGATIVE SMART PRACTICES**

Forensics Investigative Smart Practices –Time and Forensics –Incident closure

**Objective:** Students will understand the fundamentals of Computer Forensics and computing Investigations.

Session No *	Topics to be covered	Ref	Teaching Aids
10	Forensics Investigative Smart Practices - The Forensic process –	3- Ch 10; pg	LCD
11	Forensic Investigative smart practices - Time	3- Ch 10; pg	LCD
12	Time and Forensics - What is time? - Network Time Protocol – Timestamp data – Keeping track of time	3- Ch 11; pg	LCD
13	Clock models and time bounding: The foundations of Forensic time – MS-DOS 32 -bit Timestamp: Date and Time	3- Ch 11; pg	LCD
14	Date Determination – Time Determination – Time Inaccuracy	3- Ch 11; pg	LCD
15	Incident closure – Forensic Investigative smart practices	3- Ch 12; pg	LCD
16	Investigation – Communicative Findings Characteristics of a good Cyber forensic report contents	3- Ch 12; pg	LCD
17	Retention and Curation of Evidence	3- Ch 12; pg	LCD
18	Investigation Wrap – up and Conclusion Investigator's role as an expert witness summary	3- Ch 12; pg	LCD
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Unit : III

**Unit Syllabus :****LAWS AND PRIVACY CONCERNS**

Laws Affecting Forensic Investigations –Search Warrants and Subpoenas–Legislated Privacy Concerns –The admissibility of Evidence –First Response and Digital Investigator

**Objective:** Students will recognize the legal underpinnings and critical laws affecting forensics.

<b>Session No *</b>	<b>Topics to be covered</b>	<b>Ref</b>	<b>Teaching Aids</b>
19	Laws Affecting Forensic Investigations – Constitutional Implications – of Forensic Investigation – The right to privacy – The expert witness -	1- Ch 2; pg 23 -31	LCD
20	Search Warrants and Subpoenas – Distinguishing between warrants and Subpoenas – What is a search and when is it legal? - basic elements of obtaining a warrant	1- Ch 3; pg 35- 42	LCD
21	The plain view doctrine – The Warrantless search - Subpoenas	1- Ch 3; pg 43- 50	LCD
22	Legislated Privacy Concerns – General Privacy – Financial Legislation	1- Ch 4; pg 55 - 61	LCD
23	Privacy in Health Care Education – Privileged Information	1- Ch 4; pg 62 - 66	LCD
24	The admissibility of Evidence – What makes evidence admissible? – keeping evidence authentic	1- Ch 5; pg 71- 83	LCD
25	Defining the scope of the search – when the constitution doesn't apply	1- Ch 5; pg 84- 88	LCD
26	First Response and Digital Investigator-Forensics and Computer Science – Controlling the scene of the crime	1- Ch 5; pg 91- 99	LCD
27	Handling evidence	1- Ch 5; pg 100- 108	LCD
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Unit : IV

### Unit Syllabus : DATA ACQUISITION AND REPORT WRITING

Data Acquisition –Finding Lost Files –Document Analysis –Case Management and Report Writing –Building a Forensics Workstation.

**Objective:** Students will recognize the legal underpinnings and critical laws affecting forensics.

Session No *	Topics to be covered	Ref	Teaching Aids
28	Data Acquisition- Order of Volatility – Memory and Running Processes – Acquiring media	1- Ch 7; pg 111- 127	LCD
29	Finding Lost files- File recovery	1- Ch 8; pg 131- 141	LCD
30	The deleted file – data carving	1- Ch 8; pg 141- 148	LCD
31	Document Analysis – File identification – understanding metadata	1- Ch 9; pg 151- 171	LCD
32	Mining the temporary files – identifying alternate hiding places of data	1- Ch 9; pg 172-182	LCD
33	Case Management and Report Writing – Managing a case –	1- Ch 17; pg 379-388	LCD
34	Writing reports	1- Ch 17; pg 389-392	LCD
35	Building a Forensics Workstation– What is a forensic workstation? – Commercially available forensic workstations	1- Ch 19; pg 423-428	LCD
36	Building a Forensics Workstation from scratch	1- Ch 19; pg 429-239	LCD
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Unit :V

### Unit Syllabus : TOOLS AND CASE STUDIES

Tools of the Digital Investigator-Licensing and Certification –Case Studies: E-mail Forensics –Web Forensics  
–Searching the Network –Excavating a Cloud –Mobile device Forensics.

**Objective:** Students will apply the tools and methods to uncover hidden information in digital systems.  
Students will learn about current licensing and certification requirements to build the career in digital forensic.

Session No *	Topics to be covered	Ref	Teaching Aids
37	Tools of the Digital Investigator – Software tools – Working with “Court-Approved” tools	1- Ch 18; pg 395-412	LCD
38	Hardware tools – nontechnical tools	1- Ch 18; pg 413-420	LCD
39	Licensing and Certification – Digital Forensic Certification-Vendor – Neutral Certification Programs - Vendor – Neutral Specific Programs – Digital Forensic Licensing Requirements	1- Ch 20; pg 441-453	LCD
40	Case Studies: E-mail Forensics – Email technology – Information Stores – the Anatomy of an E-mail – An approach to Email analysis	1- Ch 10; pg 185-209	LCD
41	Web Forensics –Internet Addresses – Web browsers – Web servers – Proxy servers	1- Ch 11; pg 213-242	LCD
42	Searching the Network- An eagle’s eye view – Initial response – Proactive collection of evidence – Post – incident Collection of evidence – Router and switch forensics	1- Ch 12; pg 247-274	LCD
43	Excavating a Cloud - What is cloud computing? – Shaping the cloud – the implications of cloud forensics – on virtualization – Constitutional issues	1- Ch 13; pg 277-302	LCD
44	Mobile device Forensics – Challenges of mobile device forensics – how cell phone works – data storage on cell phones	1- Ch 14; pg 307-316	LCD
45	Acquisition and storage –legal aspects of mobile device forensics	1- Ch 14; pg 317-323	LCD
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**TEXT BOOKS:**

1. Michael Graves, —Digital Archaeology: The Art and Science of Digital Forensics, Addison-Wesley Professional, 2014.
2. Darren R. Hayes, —Practical Guide to Computer Forensics Investigation, Pearson, 2015.

**REFERENCES:**

3. Albert J. Marcella and Frederic Guillosoy, —Cyber Forensics: From Data to Digital Evidence, Wiley, 2015.
4. Bill Nelson, Amelia Phillips and Christopher Stuart, —Guide to Computer Forensics

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