This assignment will require students to

select a type of cybercrime discussed in the

course, locate a minimum of five scholarly articles identifying an issue associated with the selected topic, and prepare an assessment of this issue inclusive of recommended policy initiatives. Detailed instructions pertaining to this assignment are available via Canvas. This assignment is due on Sunday April 28th

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Textbook

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Clough, J. (2015). Principles of Cybercrime (2nd Edition). Cambridge University Press.

Holt, T., Bossler, A., and Seigfried Spellar.

K. (2015). Cybercrime and Digital Forensics: An Introduction.

Routledge.

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Each student is required to select a topic for research. The topic must be relevant to this course (and preferably of personal interest).  Students may choose from the range of topics covered in the course, or may select a topic that interests them but falls outside of this range. However, an important consideration in selecting a topic for this assignment is that it must facilitate the assessment or development of policy recommendations.

Grading

Introduction (10%): Your introduction should be a kind of mini-outline for your paper that tells the reader what it is about. This should include an introduction to the topic, a statement of the problem, and what you will be covering. The last sentence of your introduction should also contain a transitional ‘hook’ which moves the reader to the first paragraph of the paper.

Discussion of Challenges (40%): This is the body of your paper, where you will thoroughly assess your selected topic.  You will need present a particular form of cybercrime or the criminalization of some form of cybercrime, including a clear description of your selected activity and its background. This presentation of the issue must be your own (i.e., not taken directly from another source), but may be informed by the assigned readings, other academic sources, legal cases, or current events.  You are required to incorporate at least five scholarly articles in your assessment.  Scholarly articles are generally based on academic research, are peer-reviewed, and appear in academic journals or books that are published by academic presses.  Although the use of other resources (e.g., some websites) may be used at the instructor’s discretion, students should make every effort to incorporate scholarly research in this assignment.

Discussion of Solutions (30%): Discuss some of the ways that the identified challenges could be improved through policy to better address the issue you are examining. This may include potential partnership, cooperation, resource sharing, and laws that could/should be implemented.  You may cite current policy initiatives, or feel free to recommend your own.

Conclusion (10%): Your conclusion should summarize what you have written in your paper. Specifically, your conclusion should a) restate your main idea(s); b) summarize the subpoints of your paper; and c) leave the reader with an interesting final impression.

Formatting/Structure (5%): Your paper is expected to have an appropriate flow with natural transitions and continuity. You are to include a title page that has an appropriate title and your identification information.  Also, you are to include an APA style reference list at the conclusion of your paper. If you are unsure of how to do that, please consult me.

Grammar/Spelling (5%): The content of an assignment is important; however, the content is irrelevant if it is not able to be understood by the audience. Care should be taken to properly articulate your content with appropriate grammar and spelling.