

Fall 2026 Registration is open from June 29th - August 14th

Upon submission of the Enrollment Agreement form, students will be registered for their courses by our Student Success Team.

- **First semester students** will be enrolled in either CYBR 505 (6 units) **or** CYBR 501 & CYBR 502 (3 units each, 6 units total) during their first term.
- **Returning students** will be enrolled in both CYBR 501 & CYBR 502 (3 units each, 6 units total) **or** both CYBR 510 & CYBR 512 (3 units each, 6 units total) **or** both CYBR 514 & CYBR 516 (3 units each, 6 units total).

Note: Unless otherwise specified, you may purchase or rent the textbook(s) from any vendor of your choice. Please make sure the ISBN, book title, and edition match. Textbooks with “Digital Inclusive Access” are available through Canvas under “eTextbooks” and are charged for a fee. See the [Textbook Information](#) section on the Student Success Center website for more details. Please note, these textbooks will not be available via the USD Torero Bookstore.

The 14-week/6-unit course (CYBR 505) begins on: (September 1, 2026 - December 7, 2026)	
The 1st 7-week/3-unit courses (CYBR 501, 510 & 514) begin on: M&W (August 31 , 2026) T&R (September 1, 2026)	The 2nd 7-week/3-unit courses (CYBR 502, 510 & 516) begin on: M&W (October 26, 2026) T&R (October 22, 2026)

Course	Dates	Required Text
CYBR 505: Computational Roots of Cyber Security	09/01/2026 to 12/7/2026 ONLINE COURSE	** Available through Digital Inclusive Access: Please note there is a fee for this etextbook and you'll need to opt-out before the specified deadline if you prefer to use another vendor. See the "Textbook Information" section on your Student Success Center for details. 1. Fox, R. (2025). <i>Information Technology: An Introduction for Today's Digital World (3rd ed.)</i>. Chapman & Hall Copyright. Print ISBN: 978-1032867205 eText ISBN: 978-1040356470 or available through VitalSource

CYBR 501: Introduction to Cybersecurity Concepts and Tools	08/31/2026 to 10/21/2026	** Available through Digital Inclusive Access - Please note there is a fee for this etextbook and you'll need to opt-out before the specified deadline if you prefer to use another vendor. See the "Textbook Information" section on your Student Success Center for details. 1. Kim, D. & Solomon, M. G. (2023). <i>Fundamentals of information systems security</i>. 4th Edition. Jones & Bartlett Publishers. Print ISBN: 9781284220735 eText ISBN: 9781284238815 or available through VitalSource 2. CompTIA Security Pro (Embedded in Canvas Course)
CYBR 502: Cybersecurity Network Defense	10/26/2026 to 12/16/2026	** Available through Digital Inclusive Access - Please note there is a fee for this etextbook and you'll need to opt-out before the specified deadline if you prefer to use another vendor. See the "Textbook Information" section on your Student Success Center for details. 1. Wilson, R. (2023). <i>Hands-on ethical hacking and network defense</i>. 4th ed. Cengage Learning. Print ISBN: 978-0357509753 eText ISBN: 979-8214344966 or available through VitalSource 2. CompTIA Hands-on Ethical Hacking and Network Defense (Embedded in Canvas Course)
CYBR 510: Security Test Engineering	08/31/2026 to 10/21/2026 OR 09/01/2026 to 10/20/2026	** Available through Digital Inclusive Access - Please note there is a fee for this etextbook and you'll need to opt-out before the specified deadline if you prefer to use another vendor. See the "Textbook Information" section on your Student Success Center for details. 1. Freund, Jack & and Jones, Jack. (2014). <i>Measuring and Managing Information Risk: A FAIR Approach</i>. 1st edition. Butterworth-Heinemann, USA. Print ISBN: 9780124202313 eText ISBN: 9780127999326 or available through VitalSource 2. Merkow, Mark S. & Raghavan, Lakshmikanth. (2011). <i>Secure and Resilient Software: Requirements, Test Cases, and Testing Methods</i>. 1st Edition. Auerbach Publications, USA. Print ISBN: 9781040077641

		eText ISBN: 9781439866221 Or available through VitalSource
CYBR 512: Incident Detection and Handling	10/26/2026 to 12/16/2026 TO 10/22/2026 to 12/15/2026	** Available through Digital Inclusive Access - Please note there is a fee for this etextbook and you'll need to opt-out before the specified deadline if you prefer to use another vendor. See the " Textbook Information " section on your Student Success Center for details. 1. Luttgens, J., Pepe, M., Mandia, K. (2014). <i>Incident Response & Computer Forensics</i> . 3rd Edition. McGraw-Hill. Print ISBN: 9780071798686, 0071798684 eText ISBN: 9780071798693, 0071798692 or available through VitalSource
CYBR 514: Cyber Engineering Research I	09/01/2026 to 10/20/2026	No Textbooks Required
CYBR 516: Cyber Engineering Research II	10/22/2026 to 12/15/2026	No Textbooks Required
Key for dates: Course A Course B Semester Long		

REGISTRATION POLICY & PROCEDURES:

Students will be manually enrolled for each semester (including Spring, Summer, and Fall terms) by your Program Coordinator once you have filled out the MSCSE Enrollment Agreement. Once registered for a semester, students will receive an email confirmation of the registration. It is the student's responsibility to notify the Program Coordinator if they do not wish to be enrolled in a semester. In that case, a Leave of Absence would be required. For drop and withdrawal policy and deadlines, view the academic calendars found on the [MSCSE Student Success Center](#). Reach out to your Program Coordinator, Imari Washington, with any questions.

COMPTIA LAB FEE COSTS:

CompTIA Security Pro - \$159

CompTIA Ethical Hacker Pro - \$179

CompTIA Cyber Defense Pro - \$169

*Please note: CompTIA Courses will be used across several classes but students will only be charged once as a lab fee for each course

TEXTBOOK INFORMATION

***RECOMMENDED FOR ENTIRE PROGRAM:**

American Psychological Association (2019). *Publication manual of the American psychological association*, (2020) (7th ed.). ISBN-13: 978-1433832178, ISBN-10: 1433832178.

Unless otherwise specified, students may select any vendor they prefer (such as Amazon.com, Half.com, Alibris.com, etc.) to purchase their course materials. In the event a specific vendor is required, it will be specified in the course materials list. The best way to ensure that you have the correct book is to search by the ISBN number(s) listed on the book list.

Physical copies of books are **not** on hand at the USD Torero Store. The USD Torero online store does offer price comparison for different online vendors for some books.

VITALSOURCE ELECTRONIC TEXTBOOK ACCESS:

VitalSource is an online bookshelf program that is used to access eBooks for your courses and allows for Canvas course integration. Students will be charged for the textbook(s) through their USD student account after the 4-day course launch opt-out period. All students will have access to their textbook(s) for the first 4 days of the course's launch. During this period, you may choose to opt-out of VitalSource if you choose to purchase the textbook(s) through another source. The electronic text purchased through your student account is the guaranteed lowest price available. Your purchase provides you with access for the entire course, and can be extended beyond the course end date if you opt to purchase extended access.

For questions about textbook requirements, please reach out to your Program Coordinator, Imari Washington, for details.