

Reflection

My experience in the Cybersecurity program has been very informative. I only recently switched majors from Graphic Design to Cybersecurity, however, I have learned a lot, as it has now been a few semesters in the field. My experience at ODU in general has also been great. I am coming up to graduation soon and have enjoyed my learning experience. I have learned plenty in my degree program, but the most important would be time management and utilizing time efficiently. Learning time management and efficiency allowed me to optimize time usage and enhance task effectiveness. This is more of a generalized subject matter, but highly important.

There have been many obstacles that I have encountered during my learning experience. I made sure to create a schedule with specific blocks of time for certain tasks. It is important to get work done in a timely manner, but it is also important to avoid and prevent over-commitment. If you run into an issue or stay on an assignment for too long, move on to another task in order to refresh your brain and not stay stagnant. Maybe you can come back to it later. Break up the tasks so they don't seem too daunting. Eliminate distractions in your work environment. Effective time management will improve with practice. A few of the courses that I have taken have included assignments such as research papers. A few of these consist of papers that were over a significant amount of time or even semester-long. This would consist of a long process, starting with picking a topic. In order to utilize time effectively, I would have to break up the process to stay organized. Effective time management is crucial for producing a high-quality and well-researched paper within deadlines. I made sure to

set clear objectives and make an outline. I also prioritized progress over perfection. We also did peer reviews and received feedback.

IDS 493 provides a guide with the goal of creating an electronic portfolio that highlights academic/professional work, and skills. Throughout the course, students will create, review, and edit their ePortfolios. The course addresses various concerns, such as choosing the right web-building platform, displaying artifacts and examples of work/experience, and utilizing digital media to enhance content. The most valuable aspect of this course may be the collaborative portion. This would be the feedback loop we did each week on the progression of the ePortfolio. Receiving feedback from peers is a crucial part of the learning and improvement process. It is important to have an open mind when giving or receiving feedback. Constructive criticism is a valuable aspect of the creation process.

I can acknowledge the fact that there is potential for enhancing my portfolio. I believe I could make it more dynamic and interactive for the viewer given additional time. This could be done by incorporating various types of media to engage the viewer. Being an interdisciplinary thinker in cybersecurity is crucial in many aspects. Issues in Cybersecurity include technology, law, psychology, business, and more. You must learn how to adapt to evolving threats and have effective communication. It is necessary to be a well-rounded individual with the ability to adapt to the ever-changing environment. In terms of future plans, I am actively seeking an internship in the field of cybersecurity.