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CYSE 100

Major and Minor Exploration

If I were to pick another major or minor on campus, I would choose Criminology as the major and Psychology as the minor. Even though my primary major is Cybersecurity, I think both of these fields would connect well with the work I want to do in the future. Cybercrime is becoming more common, and understanding the criminal mindset can help me better prevent, detect, and respond to digital threats. Criminology would give me insight into why people commit crimes, the patterns behind their behavior, and how different types of offenders operate. That kind of knowledge is extremely helpful when dealing with cyber attacks, fraud, or digital investigations.

Pairing that with a minor in Psychology would add another layer of understanding. Psychology focuses on human behavior, motivation, and decision-making, which are all important when trying to predict or interpret why someone might commit certain online offenses. It can also help in areas like social engineering, threat assessment, or analyzing suspicious behavior. In cybersecurity, technical skills are important, but understanding people is just as valuable.

I think this combination would definitely help me in my career. Cybersecurity isn't just about technology it's also about understanding the people behind the screen. Criminology and

Psychology would make me more well-rounded and better prepared for roles that involve digital forensics, cybersecurity analysis, or even working with law enforcement on cyber cases.

As for challenges, balancing multiple subjects could be tough. Criminology and Psychology both require a lot of reading, writing, and critical thinking, which might be a big workload on top of cybersecurity courses. Time management would be important, and I might have to adjust my schedule to handle the extra coursework. But overall, I think the benefits outweigh the challenges, and the combination could really strengthen my future career path.