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12.15.2009 | Business  The University of Dayton and the Advanced Technical Intelligence Center (ATIC) are partnering to open a new front in the battle against computer hackers and others looking to attack computer and network infrastructures.

Starting in January, students in the University of Dayton masters in business administration program have the option of taking a new three-course sequence in cyber-security management.

University and ATIC faculty will teach the classes. The first class will be at the University of Dayton. The second and third classes will be on ATIC's Beavercreek, Ohio, campus.

University of Dayton School of Business Administration Dean Matthew Shank said the partnership will help fill "an important need for computer network and information security management." Shank also hopes the partnership between the School of Business Administration and ATIC positions the Dayton area as a leader in cyber-security management.

After taking the cyber-security management classes and successfully completing the University of Dayton MBA program, graduates will be qualified to work in classified industry and government positions. Many of the acquired skills also are useful in the non-classified sector, according to Dave Salisbury, associate professor of management information systems at the University of Dayton.

"This program sequence equips professionals with both management skills and relevant government and industry network security standards for defending computer networks and information from attack," Salisbury said. "This field represents a growing need both in the Dayton area and nationally, and employment opportunities are readily available for individuals who complete the program."

Individuals interested in the new cyber-security management classes must obtain admission to the University of Dayton masters in business administration program and must be eligible for U.S. government security clearance. Anyone seeking enrollment for the spring semester beginning Jan. 4, 2010, should contact University of Dayton MBA Program Director Janice Glynn at 937-229-3733 or MBA@udayton.edu.

ATIC is a nonprofit corporation established in 2006 to provide training and education necessary for developing the advanced technical intelligence workforce of the future.

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