

Reflective Essay

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Going into the Information Science major, with a concentration in Security m showed to be a very informative and enlightening educational journey. This jump started my interest in the career to become a Security Analyst. The courses that I have taken throughout the years I have been at the University of South Florida really prepared me for this role as there was a lot of knowledge that I was able to implement in my current job. The courses were so helpful that it has brought me to the decision to further advance my knowledge and move forward with more education to get my master's degree in information science in the future.

The field I chose in the Information Science field was Security, as it is a very in demand career currently as there are many cyber security threats around in this tech advanced world. The courses I have taken have prepared me and it begins with how to prevent these attacks from happening by making sure there are no vulnerabilities. With that I am keener to keep the company safe by bringing employees' attention to the best security practices.

The aspects of the program that I liked was that the professors were really excited about the topics they were teaching. Made the coursework easier to understand and they were readily available to help. What I disliked was that I never took an in-person class, more due to COVID-19 pandemic that occurred 2019-2021 and classes were mostly online. When I finished those courses, the only courses left available were online, so I was not able to experience that. What I think would improve the program

would be more implementation of coding / tech courses, to be able to teach students how to better identify threats and take a more offensive approach to handling them and it seemed to of been based more on defense, on how to prevent these issues from occurring.

I plan to further my education and get my master's degree in information science in the future. I do not plan to immediately go back to school and will take a few years off before I pursue my Masters. I have also not yet decided on whether I will continue it at University of South Florida or another University depending on what courses are offered.

In conclusion, I have gathered a lot of information from the courses that I have taken during my time at the University of South Florida that have benefited me in my current career. I really did enjoy this program and has convinced me to further pursue my education and go for my master's degree in information science to gain more information on the topic.

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