

Constitution of the Georgetown University Cybersecurity Society

Article I: Name

This organization's name shall be the Georgetown University Cybersecurity Society (GUCS), "The Cyber Society."

Article II: Mission

Mission Statement of the Georgetown University Cybersecurity Society

The Georgetown University Cybersecurity Society (GUCS) is a graduate student-led organization dedicated to fostering an inclusive, supportive, and engaged cybersecurity community at Georgetown University. Established in 2025, our organization's mission is to empower graduate cybersecurity students by providing meaningful opportunities for mentorship, networking, and professional development. Through knowledge-sharing sessions, technical workshops, career development initiatives, and community-building activities, we aim to equip students with the skills, resources, and networks needed to excel in the evolving field of cybersecurity. GUCS strives to bridge the gap between academia and industry, advocating for the needs of graduate students and facilitating a space where innovation, knowledge-sharing, and leadership thrive. Together, our mission is to build a strong graduate cybersecurity community at Georgetown.

Article III: Membership

Section 1: Eligibility

Membership in the Cyber Society shall be open to all current students interested in cybersecurity at Georgetown University, alumni who have

completed the specific Cybersecurity Risk Management program at the School of Continuing Studies (SCS), and the faculty who teach it. We're excited to welcome everyone who shares our passion for cybersecurity and wants to connect, collaborate, and grow together.

Section 2: Rights and Privileges

The Cyber Society shall adhere to the official campus group requirements, which include having an elected President, Treasurer, and Secretary. All other members of the society will have the right to fully participate in activities, attend meetings, and vote on matters presented to the group. We will implement ranked choice voting to promote a fair and inclusive voting process. This approach minimizes the likelihood of ties and ensures everyone's opinions are considered.

Section 3: Dues

No membership dues are required for participation in the Cyber Society as long as members satisfy the eligibility criteria mentioned in Section 1. We ask that all members commit to being active and involved, helping our community thrive through collaboration and shared enthusiasm.

Article IV: Officers

Section 1: Leadership

The Society shall comply with official campus group requirements by electing officers, including a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Cyber Human Resources Officer, Cyber Events Strategist, Social Media Handler, Cyber Outreach & Partnership Officer, and Cyber Professional Development Chair. These officers hold the primary responsibility for the leadership, management, and administration of the Society. They should demonstrate knowledge of the Cyber Society's Constitution and a genuine interest in cybersecurity growth and collaboration. Each officer has specific responsibilities essential to the Society's operations.

Section 2: Officer Roles and Responsibilities

A. President

The President is the primary leader and overseer of all Society activities, ensuring the smooth execution of meetings, discussions, and presentations.

Responsibilities:

1. Facilitate and moderate executive meetings to maintain productive and engaging conversations.
2. Represent the Society in interactions with external stakeholders and university organizations.
3. Collaborate with the Vice President to establish the agenda and strategic direction of the Society.

B. Vice President

The Vice President serves as the President's primary collaborator, offering a second opinion and additional support to ensure the efficient operation of the Society.

Responsibilities:

1. Assist in planning and organizing meetings, discussions, and events.
2. Step into the President's role if they are unavailable.
3. Provide input on Society's decisions and contribute to long-term planning.

C. Secretary

The Secretary documents the Society's activities and ensures the dissemination of information to members.

Responsibilities:

1. Take detailed notes during meetings, including topics discussed, key takeaways, articles or resources used, and any action items.
2. Compile and distribute meeting summaries for the newsletter.
3. Maintain records of participants and contact information for future networking or outreach.

D. Cyber Human Resources Officer

The Cyber Human Resources Officer provides guidance and support to Society members, serving as a knowledgeable resource for cybersecurity-related questions and professional development.

Responsibilities:

1. Serve as a resource for members seeking advice or assistance related to cybersecurity learning and professional development.
2. Address member concerns and promote engagement within the Society.
3. Collaborate with leadership to ensure a welcoming and enriching experience for all members.

E. Cyber Events Strategist

The Cyber Events Strategist plans, organizes, and executes events to enhance member engagement and promote cybersecurity learning.

Responsibilities:

1. Organize and oversee all aspects of Society events, including planning, promotion, and execution.
2. Recruit students and discuss with the Treasurer to secure funding for event success.
3. Collaborate with executive leadership and external partners to enhance event impact and outreach.

F. Treasurer

The Treasurer is responsible for securing financial support and managing the Society's budget to fund events, networking opportunities, and professional development activities.

Responsibilities:

1. Identify and reach out to university departments, student government, alumni networks, cybersecurity firms, and local businesses to secure funding, sponsorships, or grants.
2. Develop and manage budgets for Society events, ensuring funds are allocated efficiently.
3. Maintain accurate financial records and oversee reimbursements for approved Society expenses.

G. Social Media Handler

The Social Media Handler manages the Society's online presence across platforms such as Instagram, LinkedIn, and CampusGroups.

Responsibilities:

4. Promote events, workshops, and meetings through engaging posts and graphics.
5. Manage and grow the Society's social media presence to increase visibility and engagement.
6. Collaborate with the Secretary to ensure consistent branding across newsletters and social platforms.

H. Cyber Outreach & Partnership Officer

The Cyber Outreach & Partnership Officer builds and maintains connections with alumni, industry professionals, and other student organizations to expand the Society's network.

Responsibilities:

4. Develop partnerships that support mentorship, sponsorship, and networking opportunities.
5. Represent GUCS in outreach initiatives with external stakeholders.
6. Work with the Events Strategist and Treasurer to secure guest speakers and collaborative events.

I. Cyber Professional Development Chair

The Cyber Professional Development Chair supports the career growth of members through study groups, certification prep, and professional workshops.

Responsibilities:

7. Organize peer-led study groups and certification preparation sessions.
8. Coordinate career development events such as resume reviews, interview prep, and skills workshops.
9. Partner with the Outreach & Partnership Officer to bring in professionals for mentoring or career panels.

Section 3: Elections for leadership positions

Elections for the Cyber Society's leadership positions, including the President, Treasurer, and Secretary, will be conducted annually to ensure a transparent and democratic process. All currently enrolled students who are members of the society will have the right to vote and run for office, regardless of their length of membership.

The current president will announce the elections 3 weeks in advance, with a 1-week nomination period to allow students to declare their candidacy. Each candidate will have the opportunity to present their platform and vision for the Society before voting begins. Voting will be conducted via a secure and anonymous Google Form to guarantee fairness, allowing all students to rank their preferred candidates

after voting closes. Election results will be determined based on the ranked choices after voting closes, and newly elected officers will assume their roles immediately following the election.

The society shall establish a clear tie-breaking protocol to address concerns about repeated ties in elections. It shall implement a series of measures such as conducting a runoff election, using ranked-choice voting, or allowing members to cast additional votes to determine a winner. These measures will promote fairness and ensure that the Society's leadership reflects the true will of its members without leading to anger.

Section 4: Society Members

Membership in the Society is open to all currently enrolled students. Students can join by completing our interest form and signing up through CampusGroups.

While the Society recognizes students' outside commitments, members are expected to stay actively engaged by attending events, participating in discussions, and voting on important matters. Members will be encouraged to provide feedback on the society's operations, event execution, and overall direction. Feedback opportunities will include anonymous surveys and open forums to ensure that every member's voice is heard. Constructive suggestions will help shape future activities, ensuring that the Society evolves to meet the needs and interests of its members.

Article V: Founders & Advisors

Section 1: Founders

The Georgetown University Cybersecurity Society (GUCS) was founded in 2025 by Monica Davila and Zaki Mohammed, serving as Senators of the Cybersecurity Risk Management Program within Georgetown's Graduate Student Government (GradGov). Their vision was to create a dedicated community where graduate students in cybersecurity could collaborate, grow professionally, and shape the future of the field together. They shall be recognized as both Founders and Advisors of the Society.

Section 2: Advisors

Faculty and administrative advisors shall provide guidance, mentorship, and continuity to the Cyber Society. Advisors will:

- Ensure alignment with Georgetown University policies and the Graduate Student Government framework.
- Provide professional insights into cybersecurity education, industry practices, and governance.
- Support leadership transitions and the Society's long-term sustainability.

Advisors will be selected from faculty members teaching within the Cybersecurity Risk Management Program, along with other Georgetown community members committed to the Society's mission.

Article VI: Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the membership, provided that notice of the proposed amendment(s) has been given to the leadership at least a week in advance. During this period, reminders of the proposed amendments will be sent out at least once to ensure that all members are informed and have the opportunity to participate in the voting process.

A regular or special meeting quorum shall consist of half the active members. This requirement ensures that a representative portion of the membership votes on amendments and prevents a small group from making decisions on behalf of the Cyber Society.