ACIS 4684 & 5584
Online Case Discussions

Purpose:
Cases offer a unique opportunity to practice decision making related to information security in complex situations. They also offer many opportunities to consider different alternatives and debate the pros and cons of various decisions. In this assignment, you will have an online discussion with other students.

Groups of 6-7 persons are randomly assigned by the system for each case.

Deliverables:
1. **Initial Posting. Due 02:30 PM on case due date.**
You must load your answers to all of the questions to the case discussion forum by 02:30 PM on the case due date.
    1. This replaces the case summaries. **No case summaries please**.
    2. Initial posting will be worth 4 points.
        • You will not be able to see other people's posts in your group until after you have posted your answers. (If you are the first person, please check the forum again later).
        • Answers should be thoughtful but relatively short. Answers that bring outside material should clearly indicate the source of the material.

2. **Group Discussion. Due 11:59 PM on Friday of the week the case is discussed.**
After you have posted your answers, you will see the answers from the other students in your assigned group (who have posted to that point). You must then continue the discussion on at least 3 of the elements discussed by others in your group.
    • Once you have access to them, you should read your groupmates' posts.
    • At that point, you can reply to them or start a new thread within your group to enhance the discussion of those 3 points.
    • You can for example explain why you agree or disagree with what someone has said or you can provide more insights into that particular question.
    • The key point is that discussions should be insightful and help everyone learn more from the case.
    • Good discussions will stimulate further thoughts and discussions.
    • Statements like "I agree" are not considered a discussion and will be marked down. Please see the discussion rubric for details.
    • Discussions that bring outside material should clearly indicate the source of the material.
    • Everyone should participate in at least 3 discussion points.
    • This discussion is worth up to 4 points. Since you have 3 cases left, you can make 12 points (on 10) for case discussions. This grade is labeled case discussion participation on Canvas.

Note: Answers should be offered in complete sentences and well-formed thoughts. A list of bullet points is not a sufficient answer.

Note: You can provide your initial posting at any time before the due dates.

Case Discussion Rubrics
Initial Posting of Case Answers (4 Points)

	Excellent	Competent	Insufficient	Inadequate
Problem Analysis Identification of the problem or issue at the core of the case of interest and its/their causes.	1 Problem or issue of interest accurately defined; causes clearly identified.	0.7 Problem accurately defined; missing some relevant causes OR causes well identified but problem not well identified.	0.3 Missing either a clear identification of the problem or possible causes.	0 No analysis of the problem or issue of interest offered.
Solutions and Recommendations Discussion of what can be done in the context of the vase to solve/avoid the issues of interest and recommendation of what should be done.	1.5 Recommends appropriate solution(s) relevant to the identified problem and offers logical reasoning for the recommendation.	1 Recommends appropriate solution(s) but has limited logical reasoning for the recommendation or solutions are not directly relevant to identified problem.	0.5 Recommends solution(s) that is (are) not most appropriate; or, offers incorrect reasoning for the recommendation(s).	0 No solutions and/or recommendations are discussed.
Lessons Learned Identification of what can be learned from the case that is applicable to other organizations/ situations.	1.5 Provides 2-3 thoughtful lessons learned that can be applied in other situations.	1 Provides too few thoughtful lessons learned; OR, lessons learned too focused on the case (less applicable in other situations).	0.5 Provides too few lessons learned that are not directly stemming from case or not applicable in other situations.	0 No lessons learned provided.

Note: Initial postings that are submitted late (past midnight on Fridays) will receive a *25% penalty* of the received grade *per day*. No submissions are possible past the end of the module.

Discussion of Case within Assigned Group (4 points)

	Excellent	Competent	Insufficient	Inadequate
Extent of Discussion Level of involvement in the case discussion with groupmates.	1.5 Involved in at least 3 further case question discussions (threads). Multiple comments offered (back and forth with groupmates).	1 Involved in at least 3 further case questions discussion but only lightly (no back and forth, just initial response).	0.5 Involved in only 1 or 2 further case question discussion.	0 No case discussion beyond initial posting.
Quality of discussion Quality of the discussion offered in terms of stimulating thoughts and provoking further discussions.	1.5 **Provocative**: attempts to stimulate further thought & discussion.	1 **Substantial**: meets requirements but does not require further analysis of the subject or provoke further discussion.	0.5 **Superficial**: provides obvious responses that indicates lack of reasoning (e.g., light comments provided like "I agree with X").	0 **Unstimulating**: rambling and/or no consistency; repeats previous comments by others; lacks involvement with topic.
Integration of Material Integration of class, outside sources, or work experiences in discussion.	1 Leverages class materials, additional outside sources, or work experience.	0.7 Leverages mostly comments from others with some class, outside, or work experience insights.	0.3 No real insights from class, outside or work experiences included beyond what has been offered previously by groupmates.	0 No integration of any class, outside or work insights.

Note: Discussions cannot be submitted past the deadline.