

Module Code	ACCA5023
Title	Network Operating Systems and Services
Date	06/10/2025
Level	5
Credits	20
Pre-Requisites	None

AIM(S)

To provide students with a sound understanding of the concepts, principles, skills and techniques required to manage and deploy network resources in a Network Operating Systems environment, e.g. Windows, or Linux.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon the successful completion of this module, the student should be able to:

- Apply a systematic understanding of network operating system environments to deploy, manage and maintain critical network services and resources.
- Analyse a given network to produce suitable security audit/disaster recovery strategy.

INDICATIVE CONTENT

- Overview of Directory Services.
- Directory Services administration, e.g. user, computer accounts, group accounts.
- The name resolution process.
- Deployment, configuration and testing of a Domain Name System (DNS) server.
- Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) and its relevance to network deployment.
- Deployment, configuration and testing of a Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) server.
- Identification of the risks and threats to the security of resources and data (digital and physical).
- Disaster prevention and recovery methods.
- Principles and common levels of Redundant Array of Inexpensive Disk (RAID) arrays, e.g. 0, 1, 5, 6, 10.
- Virtualisation.
- Failover clustering and associated principles, e.g. quorum-based decision-making.
- Network load balanced clustering.
- Monitoring programs: use of network monitoring and management tools/protocols.
- Network penetration testing as pertains to the services explored.
- Legal, social and ethical issues.

STUDY TIME ALLOCATION

The study time for the module is divided as follows:

Activity type	Hours	Percentage
Scheduled learning	48	24%
Independent learning	152	76%
Placement learning	0	0%
TOTAL	200	100%

ASSESSMENT

Assessment Component 1

☐ Written exam ☒ Coursework ☐ Practical

Mode of assessment	Volume	Weighting
Coursework	2500 words	50%

Assessment Component 2

☐ Written exam ☒ Coursework ☐ Practical

Mode of assessment	Volume	Weighting
Coursework	2500 words	50%

Assessment Summary

Activity type	Percentage
Written exam	0%
Coursework	100%
Practical	0%
TOTAL	100%

INDICATIVE READING LIST

Module Code	ACCA5XXX	
Module Title	Network Operating Systems and Services	
Classification	Reading List entry	Electronic*
Essential	Bekim Dauti (2019) Windows Server 2019 Administration Fundamentals: A beginner's guide to managing and administering Windows Server environments, 2nd Edition. Packt Publishing	☐
Essential	Evi Nemeth et al. (2017) UNIX and Linux System Administration Handbook. Addison Wesley	☐
Further	ACM	☒
Further	IEEE	☒
Further	Computer Networking	☒
Further	Data Communications	☒