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Education

The Pennsylvania State University

University Park, PA

Master of Science in Cybersecurity Analytics and Operations, GPA 4.00

August 2026

Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity Analytics and Operations, GPA: 3.58

May 2025

Research and Publications

Published Paper

JITST, March 2026

Almutairi, S., & Olajide, F.

A Context-Driven Framework for Selecting Risk Management Approaches in Cybersecurity Projects.

Journal of Internet Technology and Secured Transactions, 13(1), 2025.

DOI: 10.20533/jitst.2046.3723.2025.0112

Submitted Manuscripts

Almutairi, S., & Olajide, F.

“Continuous Risk Reduction in Cloud Migration Projects: An Agile Risk Burndown Pattern Aligned with Systems Security Engineering.”

Submitted for review in the Journal of Internet Technology and Secured Transactions.

Almutairi, S.

“From Sectoral Fragmentation to National Coherence in Data Protection Governance: Comparative Lessons from Kuwait, the GDPR and Saudi Arabia’s PDPL.”

Submitted for review in the Journal of Data Protection and Privacy.

Additional Research Output

Preprint

SSRN, Sept 2025

Kuwait’s Fragmented Data Protection Framework: Toward Reform Through Comparative Analysis with the GDPR and Saudi Arabia’s PDPL.

Available at: https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=5464634

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant, Penn State University

Dec 2025 – May 2026

Courses:

SRA 211: Threat of Terrorism and Crime

IST 442: Information Technology in an International Context

Professor: Dr. Funminiyi Olajide

- Support instruction, grading, and student learning in undergraduate courses
- Assist in course delivery and academic engagement across SRA 211 and IST 442

Teaching Assistant, CYBER 100: Computer Systems Literacy, Penn State University

Aug 2025 – Dec 2025

Professor: Edward Glantz

- Assisted with teaching, grading, and student support
- Assist in course delivery and academic engagement with first-year students

Learning Assistant, CYBER 100: Computer Systems Literacy, Penn State University

Jan 2023 – Dec 2023

Professor: David Fusco

- Supported over 100 students through review sessions, grading, and office-hour tutoring
- Helped students strengthen foundational computing and cybersecurity knowledge

Professional Experience

Cybersecurity Intern, Kuwait Finance House, Kuwait

June 2024 – July 2024

- Contributed to the evaluation of security architecture and risk mitigation measures
- Supported incident monitoring and response within a live SOC environment
- Gained hands-on experience in compliance, threat detection, and financial sector regulations

Service and Professional Activities

Graduate Academic Integrity Committee, J. Jeffrey and Ann Marie Fox Graduate School

Sept 2025 – August 2026

- Inaugural member representing the College of Information Sciences and Technology
- Review academic integrity cases and help determine appropriate outcomes through fair and principled evaluation

Awards & Honors

Dean's List

- Summer 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Summer 2023, Spring 2024, Summer 2024, Fall 2024
- Awarded to students who achieved 3.5+ GPA during the semester.

Kuwait Ministry of Higher Education Merit Bachelors and Masters Scholarship

- Awarded to students who have secured admission from the top schools in their respective field.

Skills & Certifications

Certifications:

- ISC2 Certified in Cybersecurity (CC) *Issued July 2025*
- NSA/DHS Certificate – Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense *Issued June 2025*

Technical Skills:

- Splunk, R, FTK Imager, Microsoft Sentinel, Nessus, Kerberos, GitHub, Wireshark, Metasploit, Nmap, Snort
- Operating Systems: Windows, Linux, Mac
- Frameworks: NIST CSF, CBK CSF, ISO/IEC 27000 Series, NIST SP 800 Series, COBIT 2019, CORF

Languages:

- Arabic (Native), English (Fluent)