

MBA 6800

Directed Readings

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Class Description:

This graduate course requires the student to read **three** books and discuss each book in turn with the instructor during individual appointments. The student is responsible for setting up individual appointments with the instructor during the course of the semester. There will be three **separate** appointments.

Campus Closure:

In the event of an extended campus closure, please look at your Weber State email in order for instructions on how we will continue the class via email and the online course system.

Grading Policies:

Grades will be determined on the basis of the instructor's evaluation of how well the student has absorbed the content of the directed readings and has been able to effectively communicate that knowledge.

Students with Disabilities:

Any student requiring accommodations or services due to a disability must contact Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) in Room 181 of the Student Service Center on the Ogden campus. SSD can also arrange to provide materials (including this syllabus) in alternative formats if necessary.

Books:

You must read three books from the following list (you may not pick a book that you have already read):

- James Bamford, *The Shadow Factory: The Ultra-Secret NSA from 9/11 to the Eavesdropping on America* (Doubleday, 2008).
- Mark Bowden, *Worm: The First Digital World War* (Atlantic Monthly Press, 2011).
- David Brin, *The Transparent Society: Will Technology Force Us to Choose Between Privacy and Freedom?* (Perseus Books, 1999).
- Joseph Menn, *Fatal System Error: The Hunt for the New Crime Lords Who are Bringing Down the Internet* (PublicAffairs, 2010).
- Kevin D. Mitnick, *Ghost in the Wires: My Adventures as the World's Most Wanted Hacker* (Little, Brown and Company, 2011).
- Kevin Poulsen, *Kingpin: How One Hacker Took Over the Billion-Dollar Cybercrime Underground* (Crown, 2011).
- David Rice, *Geekonomics: The Real Cost of Insecure Software* (Addison-Wesley, 2010).
- Bruce Schneier, *Beyond Fear: Thinking Sensibly About Security in an Uncertain World* (2006).
- Bruce Schneier, *Liars and Outliers: Enabling the Trust that Society Needs to Thrive* (2012).
- Bruce Schneier, *Schneier on Security* (Wiley, 2008).
- Bruce Schneier, *Data and Goliath: The Hidden Battles to Collect Your Data and Control Your World* (W. W. Norton, 2015).
- Simon Singh, *The Code Book: The Science of Secrecy from Ancient Egypt to Quantum Cryptography* (2000).
- Cliff Stoll, *The Cuckoo's Egg: Tracking a Spy Through the Maze of Computer Espionage* (any edition).
- Kim Zetter, *Countdown to Zero Day: Stuxnet and the Launch of the World's First Digital Weapon* (Crown, 2014).
- You may also choose any book related to information assurance or information security of your choice, **subject to the instructor's approval.**