Minot State University continues to expand competency-based cybersecurity learning opportunities that are incorporated through traditional lecture, seminar, mentor, and theory-based lessons. These competency-based programs create working knowledge skills while building students' leadership and analysis expertise. The use of labs, collaboration tools, applications, hardware, virtual environments, cloud configurations, and course discussions allow the development of technical and critical project management skills. Our program creates innovators, entrepreneurs, and leaders.

Interactivity between departments and disciplines is a continuing focus for our programs. As technology use expands across majors, so does the need to increase student cybersecurity skills and knowledge.

To help meet this need, students at Minot State University studying Management Information Systems and Cybersecurity Operations have formed a new technology club, SWIFT (Students With Interest in Future Technologies). The club's specialized subgroups focus on various tech interests, allowing members to dive into cybersecurity competitions as well as other tech fields. SWIFT is inclusive, welcoming students from all majors, and actively expands its connections with local schools, non-profits, businesses, and industry professionals. It also boosts opportunities for undergraduate research, internships, and collaborations with state, federal, and military bodies. Our ambition goes beyond producing cybersecurity graduates; we aim to nurture future industry leaders.