COURSE SYLLABUS

CSE/ISE 312 - Legal, Social, and Ethical Issues in Information Systems, Spring 2018

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Course Description

This course deals with the impact of technology on us as individuals and on our society. Rapid changes in computing technology and in our use of that technology have changed the way we work, play, and interact with other people. These changes have created a flood of new social and legal issues that demand critical examination. For example, technologies such as email, Facebook, Instagram, along with music sharing and wikis create new social, ethical, and legal issues.

Course Objectives

Develop an understanding of how computing and information systems play a role in legal issues and ethical dilemmas. Students will actively discuss the benefits offered by computing technology and the inherent risks and associated problems. An understanding of some social, legal, philosophical, political, constitutional, and economic issues will be gained related to computers.

Textbook


Course Info

Blackboard: https://blackboard.stonybrook.edu

Major Topics Covered:

- Privacy
- Freedom of speech
- Intellectual property
- Internet crime
- Evaluating and controlling technology
- Errors, failures, and risk
- Professional ethics and responsibilities

Assessment Scoring

Position papers/summaries (2) = 20 points (10 points each)
Mid-term = 20 points
Final Exam = 25 points
Presentation = 25 points
Class Attendance & Participation = 10 points
Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each class. No late assignments will be accepted. No more than two unexcused absence are allowed. Documents must be uploaded to Blackboard by 11:59p on the date the assignment is due.

Grading Scale

100-94=A  
83-86= B  
73-76= C  
60-64= D  
90-93= A-  
80-82= B-  
70-72= C-  
Below 60= F  
87-89= B+  
77-79= C+  
65-69= D+

Academic Policies

Academic Integrity: All work must be your own. Safe Assign will be used to verify that your work is your own. In particular, after reading the literature, in your submitted work, you must summarize the materials using your own words. Each student must pursue his or her academic goals honestly and be personally accountable for all submitted work. Representing another person's work as your own is always wrong. Any suspected instance of academic dishonesty will be reported to the Academic Judiciary. For more comprehensive information on academic integrity, including categories of academic dishonesty, please refer to the Academic Judiciary website at: http://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/academic_integrity/index.html

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