

University of North Texas at Dallas
Spring 2015
SYLLABUS

Social Issues in Computer Science CSCE4010 3 credit hours			
Department of	Information Science	Division of	Liberal Arts and Science
Instructor Name:	Dr. Nassim Sohaee		
Office Location:	Founders Hall - 230		
Office Phone:	972-338-1573		
Email Address:	nassim.sohaee@untDallas.edu		
Office Hours:			
Virtual Office Hours:			
Classroom Location:			
Class Meeting Days & Times:	On line class		
Course Catalog Description:	The effect of computer science and engineering on the home and workplace, with emphasis on the role of computer professional in modern society.		
Prerequisites:	None		
Co-requisites:	None		
Required Text:	Sara Baase, "A Gift of Fire – Social, Legal, and Ethical issues for computing and Internet", Fourth Edition, Pearson Prentice Hall.		
Recommended Text and References:	none		
Access to Learning Resources:	UNT Dallas Library: phone: (972) 780-3625; web: http://www.unt.edu/unt-dallas/library.htm UNT Dallas Bookstore: phone: (972) 780-3652; e-mail: 1012mgr@fheg.follett.com		
Course Goals or Overview:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students should analyze a broad perspective on the social and ethical impacts and implications of information technology. • Students should discuss specific knowledge about major issues in several different areas of the field of Computer Ethics. • Students should apply in-depth knowledge of at least one significant ethical issue generated by information technology. • Students should develop skills in clarifying and ethically analyzing realistic cases that involve information technology. 		

Course Outline

By the end of the semester, each student will have a solid foundation in conceptual and formal models, efficiency, and levels of abstraction as used in the field of computer science. This schedule is subject to change by the professor. Any changes to this will be communicated in class and/or posted on Black Board Learn.

	Content	Reading	Assignment
Week 1	Course Introduction		
Week 2	Unwrapping gifts	Chapter 1	
Week 3	Privacy	Chapter 2	Title and one page summary
Week 4			
Week 5	Freedom of speech	Chapter 3	
Week 6			
Week 7	Intellectual Property	Chapter 4	
Week 8			
Week 9	Spring Break		
Week 10	Crime	Chapter 5	
Week 11			
Week 12	Work	Chapter 6	Position Paper
Week 13			
Week 14	Evaluation and controlling Technology	Chapter 7	Peer Mark Assignment
Week 15	Errors, Failure and Risks	Chapter 8	
Week 16	Professional Ethics and Responsibility	Chapter 9	

Course Evaluation Methods

This course will utilize the following instruments to determine student grades and proficiency of the learning outcomes for the course.

quizzes	100	Top 100 questions
Discussion Board	40	Total of 8 discussion board each 5 points.
Title and one page Summary	10	
Position Paper	100	
Peer mark assignment	30	
Total	280	

Grade Determination:

A = 90% or better

B = 80 - 89 %

C = 70 - 79 %

D = 60 - 69 %

F = less than 60%

University Policies and Procedures

Students with Disabilities (ADA Compliance):

The University of North Texas Dallas faculty is committed to complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Students' with documented disabilities are responsible for informing faculty of their needs for reasonable accommodations and providing written authorized documentation. Grades assigned before an accommodation is provided will not be changed as accommodations are not retroactive. For more information, you may visit the Student Life Office, Suite 200, Building 2 or call Laura Smith at 972-780-3632.

Student Evaluation of Teaching Effectiveness Policy:

The Student Evaluation of Teaching Effectiveness (SETE) is a requirement for all organized classes at UNT. This short survey will be made available to you at the end of the semester, providing you a chance to comment on how this class is taught. I am very interested in the feedback I get from students, as I work to continually improve my teaching. I consider the SETE to be an important part of your participation in this class.

Assignment Policy:

The UNT Dallas cheating policy will be adhered to. Any student caught cheating will receive a grade of F for this course, and further disciplinary action will be taken. Cheating includes, but is not limited to, all forms of plagiarism and misrepresentation. See the UNT Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities web page for more information.

Exam Policy:

Exams should be taken as scheduled. No makeup examinations will be allowed except for documented emergencies (See Student Handbook).

Academic Integrity:

Academic integrity is a hallmark of higher education. You are expected to abide by the University's code of Academic Integrity policy. Any person suspected of academic dishonesty (i.e., cheating or plagiarism) will be handled in accordance with the University's policies and procedures. Refer to the Student Code of Academic Integrity at http://www.unt.edu/unt-dallas/policies/Chapter%2007%20Student%20Affairs,%20Education,%20and%20Funding/7.002%20Code%20of%20Academic_Integrity.pdf for complete provisions of this code.

In addition, all academic work submitted for this class, including exams, papers, and written assignments should include the following statement:

On my honor, I have not given, nor received, nor witnessed any unauthorized assistance that violates the UNTD Academic Integrity Policy.

Bad Weather Policy:

On those days that present severe weather and driving conditions, a decision may be made to close the campus. In case of inclement weather, call UNT Dallas Campuses main voicemail number (972) 780-3600 or search postings on the campus website www.unt.edu/dallas. Students are encouraged to update their Eagle Alert contact information, so they will receive this information automatically.

Attendance and Participation Policy:

The University attendance policy is in effect for this course. Class attendance and participation is expected because the class is designed as a shared learning experience and because essential information not in the textbook will be discussed in class. The dynamic and intensive nature of this course makes it impossible for students to make-up or to receive credit for missed classes. Attendance and participation in all class meetings is essential to the integration of course material and your ability to demonstrate proficiency. Students are responsible to notify the instructor if they are missing class and for what reason. Students are also responsible to make up any work covered in class. It is recommended that each student coordinate with a student colleague to obtain a copy of the class notes, if they are absent.

Diversity/Tolerance Policy:

Students are encouraged to contribute their perspectives and insights to class discussions. However, offensive & inappropriate language (swearing) and remarks offensive to others of particular nationalities, ethnic groups, sexual

preferences, religious groups, genders, or other ascribed statuses will not be tolerated. Disruptions which violate the Code of Student Conduct will be referred to the Office of Student Life as the instructor deems appropriate.