COURSE SYLLABUS
MIS 7455 – CYBER ETHICS IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
SPRING 2016

Course Description

Business ethics and computer ethics issues and concepts in an online environment, including relevant topics such as privacy, freedom of expression, intellectual property, software development and testing, and related IT management decisions. PREREQUISITE: 9 hours of graduate credit or permission of instructor.

Business Information Assurance (BIA) Certificate

Students taking this course as part of the requirements for the BIA certificate MUST be sure to apply early for the certificate similarly to applying for a Masters degree program. If you wait until you are finishing your coursework, you may not receive the certificate due to the time requirements for checking credentials by the end of your final course.

Course Objectives

• To provide basic concepts of ethics in information technology in organizations
• To expand the foundational ethics concepts to new issues related to the online environment
• To develop capabilities in making ethical business decisions regarding issues in cyberspace

Required Text

None. Online resources will be used.

Evaluation

Numerous activities will be assigned during the course, some as individual projects and some as team projects. Point values will be assigned to every activity. Final grades will be determined by the percentage of points earned out of the total points possible. Grading scale:

A = at least 90% of total points earned
B = 80 to 89% of total points earned
C = 70 to 79% of total points earned
D = 60 to 69% of total points earned
F = less than 60% of total points earned

Note: Points must be earned DURING the course at the designated times/dates. Options are provided for replacing assignment points missed during the semester, as long as they are approved by the instructor and completed within one week of the date of the assignment where points were missed. Replacement points are evaluated in the same way as the original assignment, with the same quality expected. Earlier submissions will receive more points than those that are a week late.
Schedule of Class Activities

The schedule of class meetings is provided separately and will be provided in eCourseware, with most activity instructions described in either a Dropbox site or a Discussion site. Some activities will be announced in class and may be due at the end of that class meeting. The instructor may make changes in the assignments as circumstances dictate. Changes will usually be announced in class or by email. Any student not attending class is responsible for obtaining this change information.

Attendance

Students are expected to attend all class meetings, arrive on time, and stay until the scheduled ending time. Assignments due online must be turned in online by the due time, as the system will not allow late submissions. In special cases, the instructor may approve a late submission. However, assignments approved for late submission have only 7 days in which to submit late. Penalty for a late submission will increase each day it is late.

Conduct

Your instructor will adhere to university policies related to cheating and class conduct. (Refer to the Student Handbook sections on Academic Misconduct and Classroom Misconduct for information.) One item specifies that students are not to cause disturbances in the classroom. This includes talking with other students while someone is presenting information or any other noticeable behavior that could cause another student to miss some information. Any behavior that is distracting for other students or for your instructor is not allowed. Examples of disturbances or distracting behavior are provided by the UM Judicial Affairs site at:


In accordance with UM policy, wireless devices may not be visible, turned on, or in use during the class period without prior approval of the instructor. Students must be prepared to participate in all discussions, maintain eye contact with other speakers, etc., throughout each class period.

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