CSCI2920 Ethics
Online
Department of Computer Science
Georgia Southwestern State University
Course Syllabus
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TEXTBOOK
Title  A Gift of Fire, Fourth Edition
Author(s)  Sara Baase
Publisher  Prentice Hall, 2013
ISBN  9780132492676

REQUIREMENTS
You are expected to have following computer environment:
• A laptop/desktop computer with Windows Operating System
• Reliable Internet access using browsers such as the Internet Explorer or Firefox (current versions), Java installed, and pop-up blocker turned off.
• Access to GeorgiaVIEW

GVIEW SUPPORT
From GSW website at http://gsu.edu click on link for GeorgiaView at the bottom of the page. You will see a page of Welcome to GeorgiaView@ GSW. Click on Click here to log in to GeorgiaVIEW. Enter your Username and Password and then click OK. Your username is the radar email name (everything before @ sign) and the password is your RAIN PIN.
For more information please visit - http://gsu.edu/GeorgiaVIEW/GaVIEW

CATALOG DESCRIPTION
This course will first cover some types of ethical theory and codes of ethics for computer professionals. It will then discuss such topics as the responsibility and liability of software creators and software vendors, computers and privacy, computers and the distribution of power in our society, and ownership of software. (1-0-1)
GOALS

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to
- understand ethical theory and codes of ethics for computer professionals
- understand the responsibility and liability of software creators and software vendors
- understand computers and privacy, computers and the distribution of power in society, and the ownership of software.

COURSE OUTLINE

- Privacy
- Freedom of Speech
- Intellectual Property
- Crime (Hacking, Identity Theft and Credit-Card Fraud, Scams and Forgery)
- Work (The Impact on Employment, Employee Monitoring)
- Evaluating and Controlling Technology
- Errors, Failures, and Risk
- Professional Ethics and Responsibilities

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to understand the ethical issues encountered by information technology vendors and clients, and by corporate managers responsible for developing, implementing, and using information technology systems for competitive advantage.

ASSIGNMENTS

For each chapter covered, the student is expected to review the online notes, read the chapter, complete the questions at the end of the chapter and any other additional assignments given for that chapter.

EVALUATION

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STUDENTS WITH DOCUMENTED DISABILITIES

A student requesting classroom accommodations or modifications due to a documented disability must notify me within the first two weeks of the semester. If the student has not already done so, he or she must contact the Office of Disability Services located in room 101 of Sanford Hall. The phone number is 229-931-2661.
COMMUNICATION WITH STUDENTS

The student’s GSW email account is the official method of communication between them and the university. So it is crucial that you check your email frequently.

PARTICIPATION

Each student is required to log in to the class at least once a week to check for mail and changes to the schedule. All changes in the due dates and class assignments will be posted on the class web page. Failure to log in is not an acceptable excuse for missing quizzes and tests.

There will be two discussion questions per section. Pay close attention to discussion opening and closing dates. No late discussions will be accepted. A portion of your course grade is based on participation. If you do not participate, you are missing an opportunity to discuss things that may not be clear to you, to ask me questions, and to interact with your colleagues and me. For each unit, you will be required to create at least three meaningful posts. One of these posts (or messages on the appropriate discussion board) is to respond to the topic(s) that are given. The other two posts should comment on a classmate’s response to a topic. This comment must be substantial, i.e. add to the discussion, seek clarification or question the logic and analytical process of the original message. In other words, comments such as I agree! or Great job! will not satisfy the comment requirement.

There is also an assignment for each section. The Assignments are a critical part of this course. Assignments follow the course units. All assignments are due at 11:00 PM on the dates that they are due. No late submissions will be accepted. You may complete assignments early and turn them in before the due date. Submit the assignment using the Vista Assignment Drop Box. The assignments have been designed to enhance your learning through requiring independent research as well as testing your mastery of the objectives outlined in each unit. They must include references to validate your statements.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY

Students at Georgia Southwestern State University are expected to conform to high standards of intellectual and academic integrity. Dishonest work will be treated as a serious offense by the GSW faculty and administration. The Policy on Academic Integrity can be found in the GSW Bulletin.

Note: The instructor may choose to use plagiarism prevention technology.

CURRENT STUDENT PROBLEM RESOLUTION

GSW desires to resolve student grievances, complaints and concerns in an expeditious, fair and amicable manner. Complaints regarding any aspect of GSW operations should be filed internally to GSW authorities first and then, if necessary, to external authorities. Link to the contact information for filing complaints is given below:

http://gsw.edu/Campus-Life/ResourcesInformation/studentProblemResolution/forCurrentStudents/
OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- The due dates are all listed on the calendar.
- The Mail feature only allows you to send and receive mail to others in the class. If you need to communicate with me about the class, you need to use the mail feature for the classes GeorgiaVIEW page.
- Both the Discussions Page and the Calendar are for class use. Please feel free to use them for the class but also remember that everyone (including myself) can read what you post. NO postings will be allowed that are not related to the class.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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Student must be logged into the class by January 18, 2015