



Privacy, Information, and Technology Syllabus
IT-331-102

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Optional Text: Solove, Schwartz, Privacy, Information, and Technology, 3rd Ed., Wolters Kluwer Law and Business, Frederick, MD 2011, ISBN: 978-0-7355-1042-5.

***This course previously used the textbook listed above. It is out of print, but it is still available and may be useful as an additional resource.

Schedule: Mondays 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM CKB 120

Office Hours: By appointment only via Webex/Zoom

Course Description

Students completing this course will have an introduction to the issues and scope of information, privacy and technology. Students will be able to demonstrate knowledge of basic legal concepts affecting privacy and information, including the origins and types of privacy, the Fourth Amendment and emerging technologies, federal electronic surveillance law, and business collection and use of information.

Outline:

1. Introduction, Information Privacy, Technology, and the Law
2. Origins and Types of Information Privacy, Philosophical Perspectives
3. The Fourth Amendment and Emerging Technologies
4. Federal Electronic Surveillance Law, Terrorism and Government Computer Searches
5. Public Access to Government Records
6. Government Records of Personal Information and Identification
7. Health and Genetic Privacy
8. Privacy and the Media
9. Business Collection and Use of Personal Data
10. Regulating Business Records and Databases, Spam, Identity Theft
11. Financial Information
12. Government Access to Financial and Business Records
13. Privacy Policies: Private and Public
14. Anonymous speech, Anonymity in Cyberspace, International Privacy Law

Grading:

Quizzes	20%
Assignments/Forums	20%
Midterm	25%
Final Project	35%

Final grades will be computed on a straight scale out of 100 possible points:

A = 90 - 100
B+ = 85 - 89
B = 80 - 84
C+ = 75 - 79
C = 70 - 74
D = 60 - 69
F < 60

Format

This course will strike a balance between lecture, discussion, assignments, reading, online and self study. The course schedule as posted in Canvas should be considered the authoritative source for what is expected of you each week. Students are expected to demonstrate self-motivation and personal responsibility to avoid falling behind. Note that the work that makes up your final grade is not concentrated at the end of the course. I encourage you to use time before, during, and after class as well as the discussion threads in Canvas to engage me and your fellow students along the way.

I may curve up when assigning grades, but I will under NO circumstances curve down.

Lectures

Lectures are scheduled to be held every week. You can find a copy of the slides on Canvas at:

<http://canvas.njit.edu>

You'll need your UCID and password to login.

Attendance

Attendance for this class is not mandatory, however lack of attendance may affect your enrollment/scholarships/etc. Although attendance does not count for your grade, I will be keeping record of attendance and participation in class for extra credit.

Assignments

Assignments will be given out via Canvas. It is your responsibility to check Canvas regularly and submit all assignments as directed on or before the due date.

Assessments

The midterm exam and final project make up a significant portion of your overall grade. There will be a few quizzes given throughout the semester, as well. The format for these assessments will be varied (multiple choice, fill in, short answer, etc...). Quizzes and the Midterm will be given via Canvas and will be subjected to a time limit for completion. All assessments will be in closed book/notes format (including those given via Canvas) and will cover material presented in the text and lectures. It is your responsibility to check Canvas regularly and complete all assessments within the noted availability and completion time windows. I do not give makeup tests or allow students to take exams on alternate dates without a legitimate reason (e.g., jury duty, serious medical problem, active duty demands). If you have an emergency, I will make allowances as long as you provide proper documentation. If such a circumstance occurs, you must inform me immediately via email.

Late Policy

Unless there is proper documentation through the Dean of Students, I do not accept late work. However, if you let me know in advance that you will need an extension, you can set your own deadline, with a max of 5 extra days. This policy only applies for discussion forums and assignments, not the midterm exam and final project.

Collaboration

You are encouraged to work together with your classmates in order to help you gain a high-level understanding of the material presented in the course. **Any** work presented for credit must be work created **on your own**. Plagiarism, cheating, or any other anti-intellectual behavior will be dealt with as per the NJIT Honor Code.

Academic Integrity is the cornerstone of higher education and is central to the ideals of this course and the university. Cheating is strictly prohibited and devalues the degree that you are working on. As a member of the NJIT community, it is your responsibility to protect your educational investment by knowing and following the academic code of integrity policy that is found at: <http://www5.njit.edu/policies/sites/policies/files/academic-integrity-code.pdf>.

Please note that it is my professional obligation and responsibility to report any academic misconduct to the Dean of Students Office. Any student found in violation of the code by cheating, plagiarizing or using any online software inappropriately will result in disciplinary action. This may include a failing grade of F, and/or suspension or dismissal from the university. If you have any questions about the code of Academic Integrity, please contact the Dean of Students Office at dos@njit.edu.

Please read the Code prior to our first class. In the instance that a student's work appears to be a derivative of another's, both will receive zero credit for the work and will be referred to the Dean of Students. There will be NO exceptions.

NJIT Campus Schedule

Information regarding important dates during the semester may be found at:

<http://www.njit.edu/registrar/>

Modifications to this Syllabus

Students will be consulted about any changes to the course policies in this syllabus. The schedule is a guide. Topics might not be covered in the order specified and may move to either the class before or the class after if the class moves faster or slower than I expect. I do not expect the exam, quiz, and homework due dates to change unless we miss a class. The latest information will be on the class Canvas page.