Privacy and Information Technology Syllabus
IT 331-102

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Schedule: Mondays 6:00 PM – 8:50 PM FMH 305

Office Hours: By appointment only - via video conference

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 to Privacy and Common Data Privacy Laws
2. Origins and Types of Information Privacy
3. Privacy Theory + Philosophy and Emerging Technologies
4. Federal Electronic Surveillance Law, Terrorism and Government Computer Searches
5. Government Records
6. Privacy Policies
7. Health and Genetic Privacy
8. Privacy and the Media
9. Business Collection and Use of Personal Data
10. Financial Privacy
11. Spam, Identity Theft, and Privacy Auditing
12. International Privacy and Law

Grading:
In-Class Activities: 5%
Assignments/Forums: 17%
Quizzes: 20%
Midterm: 25%
Final Project: 33%

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 balance lectures, discussions, assignments, reading, online, and self-study. The course schedule 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 per the academic calendar. You can find a copy of the slides on our course Canvas.

Attendance:
Attendance for this class is not mandatory (barring the midterm and final presentations), however, lack of attendance may affect your enrollment/scholarships/etc.
Although attendance does not count for your grade, I will be keeping a 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 with Lockdown Browser 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 problems, 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 to discussion forums and assignments, not the midterm exam and final project.

Collaboration:
You are encouraged to work together with your classmates 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 to which 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.

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. If you've made it this far in the syllabus, send me an email telling me what your hobby is for 1% extra credit prior to

our first class. 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.

Use of AI

This course expects students to work without artificial intelligence (AI) assistance in order to better develop their skills in this content area. As such, AI usage is not permitted throughout this course under any circumstance.