

☠ Risk and Reward in the Information Society ☠

Winter 2010 ☠ CS280-001

Lectures: CL318, MWF, 08:30-09:20
January 6 – April 14, inclusive

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Final Exam: April 19, 2010, 09:00-12:00 (location TBD)

Calendar Description:

The history and social context of computing. Topics will include: methods and tools of analysis, professional and ethical responsibilities, risks and liabilities of computer-based systems, intellectual property, privacy and civil liberties, computer crime, and economic issues in computing.

Textbook:

A Gift of Fire: Social, Legal, and Ethical Issues for Computers and the Internet, Sara Baase, Prentice Hall (3rd Edition is current)

Expectations:

Technology provides many benefits to enjoy, but there are also risks. This course is an introduction to life in this digital world. At its conclusion, you are expected to have an understanding of these risks and rewards, and the tradeoffs involved.

Attendance and participation in all aspects of the course are encouraged. Your attendance will indicate your agreement to be involved and to encourage the involvement of everyone in the class. Communication between instructor and students is essential to ensure a rewarding and enjoyable experience from this course.

Evaluation:

Individual Assignments:	18%
Personal Blog:	18%
Participation:	4%
Group Assignments:	20%
Midterm Exam:	10%
Final Exam:	30%
Research Credit:	1-2% (bonus)

You *must* pass the final to pass the course.

Notes:

1. Make note of the last day to drop a course with a grade of W (Withdrawal). After this date, a failing grade of NP (No Paper) will be assigned for dropped courses.
2. Please familiarize yourself with the University of Regina's rules regarding cheating and plagiarism of the General Calendar.
3. You are required to adhere to the University of Regina's Racial and Sexual Harassment policies found in the University's General Calendar.
4. If you, because of disability, may have a need for accommodations, please come and discuss this with your professor, as well as contacting the Coordinator of Special Needs at 585-4631.