

Lectures: RIC 209, TR, 10:00-11:15

January 5 – April 10, inclusive

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Final Exam: April 19, 2012, 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: 12%
Participation: 10%
Group Project: 20%
Midterm Exam: 10%

Final Exam: 30% (*must* pass final to pass course)

Research Credit: 1-2% (bonus)

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The following tentative schedule connects class lectures, assignments, and project portions. BPx in the schedule below denotes Blog Period x – you will receive one blog mark (out of 3) for each of 4 periods (for a total of 12).

Week (R, T)	Class	Assignment	Project
1 (Jan 5, 10)	History	BP1	
2 (Jan 12, 17)	Analytical Tools and	Find your name on	
	Communication	the internet, BP1	
3 (Jan 19, 24)	Analytical Tools and	BP1	
	Communication		
4 (Jan 26, 31)	Privacy	Propose Individual	Plan
		Topic, BP1	
5 (Feb 2, 7)	Free Speech	Critique Plan, BP2	
6 (Feb 9, 14)	Intellectual Property	BP2	
7 (Feb 16, 28)	Crime	BP2	Research &
			Document
8 (Mar 1, 6)	Work and Economics	Critique Research	
		& Document, BP3	
9 (Mar 8, 13)	Society	BP3	
10 (Mar 15, 20)	Risks	Publish Individual	
		Topic, BP3	
11 (Mar 22, 27)	Social Media	BP4	Produce
12 (Mar 29, Apr 3)	Professional Ethics	BP4	
13 (Apr 8, 10)	Presentations, Review	Reflect on	Present,
		Individual Topic,	Critically
		BP4	Examine

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.