

Risk and Reward in the Information Society
Winter 2019 • CS280-001

Lectures: CL 127 MWF, 12:30-13:20
January 9 – April 10, inclusive

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- <https://urcourses.uregina.ca/> (URcourses)
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Final Exam: April 24, 2019, 09:00-12:00 (location TBD)

Calendar Description:

Social context of computing. Case study: human-computer interfaces and their evaluation. Methods and tools of analysis. Professional and ethical responsibilities. Risks and liabilities of computer-based systems. Intellectual property, privacy and civil liberties. Professional communication. Sustainability. Cybercrime.

Reference:

Blown to Bits: Your Life, Liberty, and Happiness After the Digital Explosion, by Hal Abelson, Ken Ledeen, and Harry Lewis, Addison-Wesley, 2008 (online at <http://www.bitsbook.com/>)

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.

Evaluation:

(Individual) Assignments:	40. %
Group Work:	10. %
Midterm Exam:	10. %
Final Exam:	35. % (<i>must</i> pass final to pass course)
Participation:	5. %
Instructor Discretion:	+/- 5. %
Research Credit:	up to 2. % (bonus)
Total:	100. %