

CPSC 240: Computer Ethics
MTRF 1-4 pm, Colton 103 (and 106)
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You are welcome to drop by any time my door is open. I am usually on campus after class each day until at least 4pm. If you want to guarantee I'll be available at a particular time, please make an appointment in person or by email.

Goals & Objectives

- Students will develop an awareness and understanding of some of the ethical questions that arise because we live in the information age and use computers.
- Students will identify and evaluate sources in print and electronically that articulate claims and values about specific ethical questions that arise through the use of computers.
- Students will apply multiple ethical theories to questions that arise through the use of computers.
- Students will gain familiarity with local, state and federal regulations and practices that impact ethical questions in dealing with the information age.
- Students will investigate the impact of ethical issues about computers and the information age on our lives and others
- Students will defend their ethical commitments, identifying and articulating the underlying ethical positions that inform them.

Course Textbook:

Ethics for the Information Age, 4th edition, by Quinn. Pearson, 2010.

Grading:

Class Participation	10%
Group Activities	20%
Homework Assignments	15%
Quizzes	20%
Position Paper	35%

Online Sources of Information

Please see the course page on Sakai

Late Assignment / Makeup Policy:

Unless you make prior arrangements with the instructor or have a documented medical excuse,

- a) Homework is due via Sakai at the assigned time, with a penalty of 10% per day (including weekends and holidays) thereafter. Generally, homework will not be accepted more than 2 days late
- b) If you miss a quiz, you will receive a 0 for that quiz.

Academic Integrity:

Quizzes will be done on Sakai. You may use your textbook during the quiz, but all work is to be your own.

Unless otherwise specified, homework assignments are to be done individually. All references used, including those retrieved electronically, must be properly cited.

Topic Schedule (SUBJECT TO CHANGE!!!)

Class	Dates	Topics
1	12/1	Introduction, Intro to Ethics (1, 2)
2	12/3	Introduction to Ethics (2)
3	12/4	Networking (3) , QUIZ 1
4	12/7	Intellectual Property (4), Question and initial position due
5	12/8	Intellectual Property (4)
6	12/10	Privacy (5)
7	12/11	Privacy (5) QUIZ 2
8	12/14	Computer and Network Security (6), Annotated bibliography due
9	12/15	Computer Reliability (7)
10	12/17	Professional Ethics (8)
11	12/18	Work & Wealth (9) QUIZ 3
12	12/21	Position paper due; Position paper presentations