



Information Studies Department

Course Syllabus

INFS411 - Information Ethics

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| Catalog Description: | The intention of this course is to introduce students to the moral theories along with numerous problems related to information ownership and control. Issues to be discussed include: intellectual property, file sharing, free speech, privacy, and national security. |
| Credit Hours: | 3 Credit hours: 2 Lectures per week 2 Labs. per week 0 Recitation per week |
| Prerequisites: | None |
| Course Learning Outcomes: | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Provide students with the basic knowledge areas of the Information legislations and ethics in information institutions,2. Be aware of different aspects related to selecting and evaluating information policy3. Understand the impact of digital environment regarding the copyrights laws. |
| Major Topics: | Meaning of Ethics Ethics of Information Information Ethics as A Field LAW + ETHICS Importance of Ethics Ethics of Information specialists Unethical Behavior - Proposals to Strengthen the Ethical Aspects - Information legislation - The Importance of Information legislation - Preparation of information legislation - National Information Policy - Information Security Policy - Areas of information policy - Ethics of the Internet - Policy of digitization projects - Academic thefts in the electronic environment |
| Text Books: | Determined by the board of the department, with the use of recent resources annually |



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Grading:

- ⦿ The grading scale for this course is:

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| . 95 - 100 | A+ | Passing |
| . 90 - 94 | A | Passing |
| . 85 - 89 | B+ | Passing |
| . 80 - 84 | B | Passing |
| . 75 - 79 | C+ | Passing |
| . 70 - 74 | C | Passing |
| . 65 - 69 | D+ | Passing |
| . 60 - 64 | D | Passing |
| . 0 - 59 | F | Failing |

- ⦿ Final grades will be determined based on the following components:

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| . 60% | Semester Work |
| . 40% | Final Exam |

- ⦿ Students may not do any additional work for extra credit nor resubmit any graded activity to raise a final grade.
- ⦿ Late submissions will not be accepted for any graded activity for any reason.
- ⦿ Students have one week to request the re-grading of any semester work.

Attendance Policy:

Students should attend 80% of the overall course hours taught in the semester as per the University regulations.

If a student fails to achieve this portion, he/she shall not be allowed to appear in the final exam and shall be awarded "DN" grade and repeat the course.

Cheating and Plagiarism Policy:

The instructor will use several manual and automated means to detect cheating and/or plagiarism in any work submitted by students for this course.

When a student is suspected of cheating or plagiarism, the instructor raises the issue to the disciplinary committee.



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Communications: Registered students will be given access to a section of the Blackboard Learning System for this course. Bb will be used as the primary mechanism to disseminate course information, including announcements, lecture slides, assignments, and grades.

Communication with the instructor on issues relating to the individual student should be conducted using CIS email, via telephone, or in person.