Sam Houston State University

Department of Computer Science

COSC4349: Professionalism and Ethics
Syllabus
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General Information
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Course Description

This course is intended to introduce students to the ethical and professional issues they will face when they leave the relatively free and open collegiate environment and enter the workforce where ethical issues and professional etiquette are a daily concern. This course will examine these ethical concerns through various lenses of both classical and modern philosophers from Aristotle to Heidegger.

Course goals
Students should be able to articulate and examine the ethical and professional issues in a given situation.
Students should be able to utilize a variety of classical and modern ethical foundations to logically analyze the ethical implications of a given issue or course of action.
Students should be prepared to apply for, survive and succeed in the job hunting process (meaning the students will become employed in their field post-graduation.)

Professional Evaluation
Attendance, work, and conduct will be evaluated in the same way as it would be evaluated in a professional work environment. In a professional environment, poor conduct results in dismissal; here in this course, poor conduct results in failure of the course.

Grading Criteria
- Writing assignments =100 pts for each 5 models (these include discussion essays, resumes, workflows etc.)
- Moderator Presentation = 100 pts
- Attendance = 100 pts (percentage of attendant records)
- Final Online Portfolio Presentation = 200 pts
- Grades assigned as follows: 100-90%=A 89-80%=B 79-70%=C 69-60%=D 59-0%=F
- Some assignments will be peer reviewed and graded. These assignments are time sensitive and no late submissions or grading will be accepted, except as required by university policy.

Amendments- The Instructor reserves the right to correct and or clarify any errors or omissions in this Syllabus. Furthermore, the class schedule may be modified to accommodate special circumstances or class needs.

Course Schedule
The class may have guest speakers from time to time

Text/Materials
Reynolds, G. W. Ethics in Information Technology. (5th Edition)
Lessig, L Code v2. http://codev2.cc/download+remix/Lessig-Codev2.pdf

IMPORTANT - The reading is not optional. You are responsible for assignments and readings as they are assigned from the first class day. In addition to the book we will be reading online publications throughout the semester, these are also all required readings as assigned.

Attendance Requirements
Student attendance is mandatory for all class sessions. Class will meet every Tuesdays and Thursday at the assigned time and Students are expected to attend class in person. Points may be deducted for absences, and there will be work assigned in class for which no makeup will be accepted without a university policy acceptable excuse. These reasons include but may not be limited to the following: Illness (with doctor's note,) Serious illness or Death of a loved one (will need to be documented to be excused.) Students with documented medical related absences will be expected to initiate the process of completing any make-up work. If a student is going to miss class, he or she is expected and required to proactively notify the instructor of the absence before it occurs.

Academic dishonesty
All students are expected to engage in all academic pursuits in a manner that is above reproach. Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in the academic experiences both in and out of the classroom. Any student found guilty of dishonesty in any phase of academic work will be subject to disciplinary action. The University and its official representatives may initiate disciplinary proceedings against a student accused of any form of academic dishonesty including, but not limited to, cheating on an examination or other academic work which is to be submitted, plagiarism, collusion and the abuse of resource materials.

Be aware that the instructor reviews all individual assignments and exercises for evidence of collaborative work. While it is sometimes appropriate and encouraged for students to discuss concepts and ideas, it is never permissible to collaboratively work on specifically individual assignments, to share or swap completed or partially completed assignments. In addition it is not permitted for students to use examples provided by the instructor without appropriate permission and documentation/ citation of the use of that example.

Classroom Conduct
Students will refrain from behavior in the classroom that intentionally or unintentionally disrupts the learning process and, thus, impedes the mission of the university. **Cellular telephones and pagers must be silenced before class begins.** Students are prohibited from eating in class, using tobacco products, making offensive remarks, reading newspapers, sleeping, talking at inappropriate times, wearing inappropriate clothing, or engaging in any other form of distraction. Inappropriate behavior in the classroom shall result in a directive to leave class. Students who are especially disruptive also may be reported to the Dean of Students for disciplinary action in accordance with university policy.

Visitors in the Classroom
Unannounced visitors to class must present a current, official SHSU identification card to be permitted in the classroom. They must not present a disruption to the class by their attendance. If the visitor is not a registered student, it is at the instructor's discretion whether or not the visitor will be allowed to remain in the classroom.

Americans with Disabilities Act
Students with disabilities covered by the Americans with disabilities Act should go to the Counseling Center and Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) in a timely manner to obtain the documentation required. Students are responsible for initiating the process of documenting the need for an accommodation under the ADA act.

Religious Observance

University policy allows for student to observe religious holy days without penalty. If you intend to miss class as a result of the observance of a religious holy day or as a result of the necessary traveling time required for religious observance, such an absence will not be penalized. As a courtesy, it would be appreciated if you **notify the instructor in advance in writing**, of the dates and times of class sessions that are to be missed. Students absent from class as a result of religious observance are required to submit any due assignments immediately on their return to the classroom. Makeup tests and quizzes will also be provided on return to the class.