

# Sul Ross State University

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## *CSST 1370 Ethics of Computer/Network Resources*

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**Class Time:** online

**Textbook:** Spinello and Tavani (eds.) *Cyberethics: Morality and Law in Cyberspace, 6th ed.*, Jones and Bartlett.

### **Computer Science SLOs**

- **Understand modern computer systems, databases, and networking.**
- **Work as a team in workgroup environments.**

### **Course Objectives**

- The emergence of the global network the Internet, its constituent networks, the associated digital revolution present an array of new threats, and opportunities for business in the 21st century.
- No other technical innovation has reached critical mass so rapidly or sustained such exponential growth.
- Provide students with the conceptual tools to understand the technological, geopolitical, and legal environment affecting telecommunications, and information processing.
- Specific topic coverage includes the following (time permitting):
  - Historical Perspective
  - Ethical Commerce
  - Jurisdiction and Governance Issues in Cyberspace
  - ICANN
  - Fair Completion in Cyberspace
  - Free Speech on the Global Network
  - International Censorship and Terrorism
  - Intellectual Property (IP) Issues
  - Future of Copyright
  - Regulating Privacy

### **Attendance Policy**

Students are expected to attend all scheduled on- campus classes. Prompt arrival for class is expected. Students in web-enhanced or web classes are expected to log in several times each week to the Blackboard course site on the Internet site. The instructor will monitor the Blackboard log-ins for attendance points. Students are to make themselves aware of the SRSU policies on Absences and Class Attendance posted in the SRSU Student Handbook.

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SRSU Class Attendance policy states “The instructors may, at their discretion, drop a student from a course when the student has a total of nine absences.” SRSU policy states “An absence is defined as non-attendance in fifty minutes of class; for example, non-attendance in a one and one-half hour class will constitute one and one-half absences and non-attendance in a three-hour class will constitute three absences.” Therefore, non-attendance for Weekend Format classes calculates to: Saturday (7 hrs of class time) = 8.4 absences and Sunday (4 hrs of class time) = 4.8 absences. Make up work is at the discretion of the instructor as it relates to “explained or excused” absences. The Absences/Class Attendance policy includes all absences excused or unexcused. In this course you are expected to attend all classes, to be punctual, and to complete all assignments on time.

## **Need for Assistance**

Qualified students with disabilities needing academic or other accommodations to ensure full participation in the programs, services and activities at Sul Ross State University should contact the Disabilities Services Coordinator, in Counseling and Prevention Services, Ferguson Hall 112, Box C-117, Alpine, Texas 79832. Please notify me before the third day of classes.

## **Course Policies**

Quizzes and assignments must be submitted on time. I have set up rules in Blackboard so that assignments cannot be submitted after the due date.

## **Academic Dishonesty**

Honesty in completing assignments is essential to the mission of the university and to the development of the personal integrity of the student. **Cheating, plagiarism** (also means taking information off line and using it as your own content), or other kinds of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated and will result in appropriate sanctions that may include failing an assignment, failing the class, or being suspended or expelled. Suspected cases in this course may be reported to Student Life. Please note that information online is not free even though there is public access to the information. When using online resources, you must properly cite your reference in the paper as well as on the reference page.

## **Posting of Grades**

Grades are on display in blackboard. Submitting assignments and test are done in blackboard. **Do not** email assignments or test to me everything is to be put into blackboard.

## **Grading**

Letter grades will be determined using a standard percentage point evaluation as outlined below. Please note that this is a tentative schedule and can change. Any changes that happen will be updated in Blackboard. Due Dates for assignments will also be posted in Blackboard.

Your final grade will be determined by calculating points based on the following weights:

- A      900 - 1000 points
- B      800 - 890 points
- C      700 – 790 points

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- D 600 – 690 points
- F below 600 points

The table below is a tentative schedule of the planned assignments.

## Part I: The Information Infrastructure: Managing the Digital Superhighway

"The Internet is. . . a unique and wholly new medium of human communication." *ACLU v.*

*Reno*


### **Session 1**

 Introduction: Course Overview and Key Themes

 Plagiarism

 Ten Commandments of Computer Ethics


 Lecture The Future of Copyright


 The Future of Copyright

### **Session 2**

 Cybernetics Chapter 1

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 The Digital Superhighway and the Global Marketplace

 Lecture: Digital Superhighway and the Global Marketplace


 Session 10

 IP and Internet Service Provider Liability

### **Session 3**

 Jurisdiction and Governance Issues in Cyberspace

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 Chapter 3 Lecture notes.

 Case Study: L'Affair Yahoo, Cybernetics, Ch. 2

 Content Controls

 International Censorship and Terrorism

 Session 7 Lecture Power Points

 Cisco joins flurry of U.S.-China tech partnerships


 How the world was changed by the slogan 'Je Suis Charlie'

 Mexico's Twitter 'terrorism' case sparks controversy

 Twitter, Free Speech, and Terrorism

## **Session 4**


 The Great Convergence/Faire Competition in Cyberspace

 Chapter 4 Power Point

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 Case Study - Google

## **MidTerm**

 The Internet and Ethical Values

 Privacy in a Digital Age: Encryption and Mandatory Access

 H.R.695 - Security and Freedom Through Encryption (SAFE) Act

 MidTerm

## **Session 5**

 Policy and Ethical Frameworks Power Point

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 Policy and Ethical Frameworks

 Case Studies

## **Session 6**


 Chapter 5 PowerPoint

 Free Speech on the Global Network (cont'd)

 Controlling Access to the Internet: The Role of Filtering

 ACLU Fahrenheit 451.2


 Assignment 6

 Chapter 13: Exploitation

 Securing the Electronic Frontier

## **Session 7**

 Intellectual Property (IP) Issues

 Google and Copyright

## **Final**

 Final Exam