This is an online course available at: http://www.loyno.edu/~stamos/cisc215

No class meetings are required. Please read the course policies.

Course Description:

This course examines ethical issues and the moral responsibility of information technology professionals. It covers issues surrounding the social impact of information technology. Both technical and behavioral aspects of ethical and social issues are examined within the context of case studies and the law.

Course Objectives:

- Understand the ways in which society transforms itself through technological innovation.
- Identify the social context of a particular IT implementation.
- Develop a working understanding of ethics.
- Deal with ethical choices by confronting options for action.
- Gain insight on ethical practices and violations in the IT environment.
- Foster an ethically acceptable work code.
- Become familiar with fundamental IT related statutes.

Text:

Course Policies

Grading Scale:

A:        90 - 100        C:      70 - 74.9
B+:        85 - 89.9       D+:     65 - 69.9
B:        80 - 84.9       D:      60 - 64.9
C+:        75 - 79.9       F:      < 60

Evaluation:

Quizzes                    20%
Papers/Projects            70%
Class Participation        10%

Access:

- Each student that registers for the course needs to have access to a multi-media PC, an e-mail address, and access to the web.
- Students must maintain the same e-mail address during the entire eight week session. If, for any reason, you have to change your address you must notify the instructor.
- Registered students must e-mail the instructor (stamos@loyno.edu) by May 15 to declare their current e-mail address. You should declare only one address (the one that you check most often).

Password:

- You'll need a password to access the lessons and the assignments
- The instructor will e-mail you the course password on May 15 but first you need to e-mail him to declare your e-mail address.
- The password will change periodically. You'll be notified of each new password via e-mail.

Email Communication:

- Each time you need to email the instructor you MUST specify "CISC215:" in the subject line. This is so that my email client can automatically file your assignment at the right folder. I receive ~50 email messages a day so unless you do that I can't guarantee that your message will not be lost somewhere in my hard-drive.
- You MUST specify your name at the end of the email message.

Homework:
Homework assignments must be submitted to the instructor by the due date specified in the class schedule. NO credit will be given for late homework unless a prior arrangement has been made with the instructor.

You must submit your homework assignments as email attachments. My address is: stamos@loyno.edu.

Name your email attachments by concatenating the assignment code with the first six letters of your last name. For example, if a particular assignment has a code "a4" then a student named Karamouzis should name his/her file for this assignment: a4karamo.doc

Intellectual Honesty:

The policy on intellectual honesty can be found in the undergraduate bulletin. No collaboration is permitted on homework. Students that collaborate will receive a failing grade in the class. The burden of proving intellectual honesty rests on the student.
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"In pursuit of dreams we experience the fullness of wings"

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