

# COMP 1950 Ethics and Technology – Fall 2019

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The best way to get in touch with me is through email – I will try to respond within 24 hours.

### Office Hours:

No formal hours, but I'm usually around on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Stop by anytime, or email me to set up an appointment in advance.

### Lecture Meeting Times/Locations:

Wed. 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm      Dunn Hall 123

### Catalog Description:

**COMP 1950 - Ethics and Technology (1).** Ethical and leadership issues for computing professionals including professional codes of ethics, privacy, cybersecurity, and intellectual property.

### Course Website:

Lecture notes, assignments, etc. will be posted to the eCourseware system at <https://elearn.memphis.edu>.

### Required Text:

Herman T. Tavani, *Ethics and Technology: Controversies, Questions, and Strategies for Ethical Computing, 5th Edition*, John Wiley & Sons Publishers, 2016. ISBN: 978-1-119-23975-8. (Amazon.com apparently has the correct book in stock, but seems to be displaying it with a different ISBN number on their website for some reason.)

### Evaluation:

Class Participation	100 pts.
Midterm Exam	450 pts.
Final Exam (Comprehensive)	450 pts.

Final grade: add up your point total and divide by 1000.

**Grading Scale:** Letter grades will be determined as follows:

<b>A+:</b> 96% and above; <b>A:</b> 90-95%
<b>B+:</b> 87-89%; <b>B:</b> 81-86%; <b>B-:</b> 79-80%
<b>C+:</b> 77-78%; <b>C:</b> 71-76%; <b>C-:</b> 69-70%
<b>D+:</b> 67-68%; <b>D:</b> 60-66%
<b>F:</b> Below 60%

### Attendance/Participation

Students are expected to i) arrive on time to class, ii) stay until the end of class, and iii) participate in the middle.

You will begin the semester with 100 participation points. If I notice that you are missing from class at any time, I will deduct 10 points for that day. If a student's attendance or performance becomes problematic, the instructor will report the student to the Early Intervention System at the University. Cell-phones are not to be utilized during class. This includes making or receiving calls and text-messaging.

### Email:

Please check your [University of Memphis](https://www.memphis.edu) email account at least once a day, as that is my primary means of communicating with you outside of class.

**Late/Makeup Policy:**

All assignments are expected to be completed and turned in on schedule. Due dates will be clearly indicated for each assignment. Late assignments are NOT accepted except in extreme circumstances. Likewise, makeup exams will be given only under extreme circumstances. If you feel that your circumstances warrant a late work submission or a makeup exam, get in touch with me as soon as possible. Be prepared to show some kind of documented proof of your situation.

**Plagiarism/Cheating Policy:**

All assignments for this class (unless specifically indicated otherwise) are expected to be individual efforts. If I determine that you have copied something directly from a book, the Internet, or some other source, you will receive a failing grade on the assignment and (at my discretion) a failing grade in the course. If I determine that you have copied another student's assignment, this will happen to both you and the person from whom you copied. The incident may also be forwarded to the Office of Student Conduct for further disciplinary action. Please don't put me in this situation.

**Student Disabilities:**

If you have a disability that may require assistance or accommodations, or if you have any questions related to any accommodation for testing, note taking, reading, etc., please speak with me as soon as possible. You must contact the Student Disability Services Office (678-2880) to officially request such accommodations / services.

## Tentative Course Schedule:

Date	Lecture Material	Text
Week 1 (8/28)	Ethical Concepts and Theories	Ch. 2
Week 2 (9/4)	Critical Reasoning Skills	Ch. 3
Week 3 (9/11)	Professional Ethics	Ch. 4
Week 4 (9/18)	Professional Ethics, continued	Ch. 4
Week 5 (9/25)	Privacy and Cyberspace	Ch. 5
Week 6 (10/2)	Privacy and Cyberspace	Ch. 5
Week 7 (10/9)	Midterm Exam	
Week 8 (10/16)	Security in Cyberspace	Ch. 6
Week 9 (10/23)	Security in Cyberspace, Cybercrime	Ch. 6, 7
Week 10 (10/30)	Cybercrime, continued	Ch. 7
Week 11 (11/6)	Intellectual Property Disputes	Ch. 8
Week 12 (11/13)	Intellectual Property Disputes, continued	Ch. 8
Week 13 (11/20)	Regulating Commerce And Speech	Ch. 9
Week 14 (11/27)	Thanksgiving Break – No Class	
Week 15 (12/4)	The Digital Divide	Ch. 10

**FINAL EXAM: Date**  
(same classroom as lecture)

### Tentative Exam Topics:

- Midterm Exam : Chapters 2-5
- Final Exam: Comprehensive, Chapters 2-10