Texas A&M University - Central Texas
CISK 511-120 Managing Information Systems

INSTRUCTOR AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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Office Hours:
Tuesday, 9-11 am and Wednesday 2-4 pm.
Other days and times by appointment. I am available to see drop by students’, but this spring, I would prefer that students take appointment before they come to see me.

Mode of instruction and course access:
This course meets regularly face-to-face on Monday, 6-9 pm at Founder's Hall 407. It also uses TAMUCT’s Blackboard system which will be our primary resource for the class information. You will use the Blackboard username and password communicated to you separately to logon to this system. The course syllabus, schedule, supplemental readings, class announcements, power point slides, learning modules and other course related documents will be posted on blackboard. Each student is responsible for the posted material, and should check Blackboard at least daily for updates. The course outline in this syllabus shows the basic schedule for the semester.

Student-instructor interaction:
Please send all course related correspondence through Blackboard messages. Please use TAMUCT email only when Blackboard is not available (or for non-course related correspondence). I check email several times a day during the week and at least once during the weekends. I will attempt to respond within 24 hours and within 48 hours on Saturday through Sunday. Please do not hesitate to stop by my office during the scheduled office hours or contact me via phone / blackboard email or TAMUCT email, if there are any personal problems or challenges that are hindering your regular progress in the course.

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myCT email account.

Connect at Unilert [https://www.tamuct.edu/departments/security/unilert.php] to change where you receive your alerts or to opt out. By staying enrolled in UNILERT, university officials can quickly pass on safety-related information, regardless of your location.

**COURSE INFORMATION**

**Course Overview and description:** Studies the management and use of information and technology as a resource to create competitive businesses, manage global operations, provide useful products and quality services to customers, whether public or private. Topics examine information systems management, intellectual property, privacy, organizational and societal impact, legal issues, ethics, security issues, decision making, strategic information systems, and organizational support systems.

**Course Objective:**

Successful completion of this course should enable the student to

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the key terms, concepts and various technology architectures on which information systems are built.
2. Explain how businesses can leverage information technology for developing and maintaining competitive advantage.
3. Distinguish different types of information systems and evaluate the role played by these systems in serving the various levels of management groups in a business.
4. Evaluate the management and organizational issues, opportunities, and challenges raised by information technology.
5. Analyze the critical ethical, social and political issues in information systems.
6. Discuss the trends in hardware and software that challenge IT infrastructure and management.
7. Demonstrate knowledge of database design and management.
8. Examine the impact of telecommunications, Internet and wireless technologies in business networking, including digital markets.
9. Identify the threats to enterprise information security and describe the important techniques, tools and technologies that can be used for managing information resources and security successfully.
10. Demonstrate knowledge of emerging technologies and approaches such as Cloud Computing, Green IT, RFID, Open source software, Customer Relationship Management, Supply Chain Management, Enterprise Resource Planning Systems, Business Process Management, Knowledge Management, Business Intelligence etc. and their potential application in organizations.
11. Discuss how information technology is used strategically in businesses to support end-user applications, enterprise operations, eCommerce, and the activities of
managers and management decision making.

12. Explain the role of knowledge management and knowledge management programs in business. 2.1.13 Identify and evaluate the causes of information systems success and failure.
13. Assess the benefits of project management in developing information systems
14. Analyze real world scenarios and case studies of information technology enabled organizational productivity and change.

Required Reading and Textbook:


Textbook companion website: http://www.pearsonhighered.com/laudon

Note: A student of this institution is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from a university-affiliated bookstore. The same textbook may also be available from an independent retailer, including an online retailer.

Supplementary Material: The course textbook will be supplemented with other materials including research papers readings, handouts, oral presentations, industry articles, videos, research paper readings, case studies, power point presentations etc.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Reading Assignments: All assigned chapters will be used as basis for class and/or blackboard discussions. Students are expected to study the assigned readings before each class session.

Syllabus Quiz: There will be one syllabus quiz worth 10 points in the first week.

Examinations: There will be three exams, two midterms and one final exam. Each will be worth 200 points. Exams will have a short window of availability via Blackboard, must be completed in one session, and will be timed. Makeup exams will be given ONLY when arrangements have been made PRIOR to the class meeting.

Case Study Analysis: The case study analysis should not be a summary of your reading. It must identify key issues and problems, evaluate alternative course of actions and draw appropriate conclusions. You must also discuss how IS system affects the case study. Chapter case study has several questions that must also be addressed in the narrative. The narrative and analysis should be between 4 and 5 pages in length. A grading rubric for case study analysis is available in blackboard and should be used as a guide. These assignments must be submitted via Blackboard on or before the date they are due. Assignments turned in after due dates are
considered late. 20 points will be deducted for each day the assignment is late. Special circumstances need to be discussed with the instructor ahead of time when possible.

**Team Project:** There will be one term project where student teams will work as a team to create a case study involving a **real organization** with **information-technology related problem**. The case will follow problem-oriented method. In other words, you should identify the major problems that exist and to suggest solutions to these problems. In your case study report, you should identify the problems, suggest solutions to these major problems, recommend the best solution and explain how this solution should be implemented. For this project, you can choose a company where you work or familiar with or a Fortune 500 company. Students can self-select into teams of 2. This is worth 300 points. Projects turned in after due date are considered late. 10 points will be deducted for each hour the project is late. Special circumstances need to be discussed with the instructor ahead of time when possible.

**Grading Criteria Rubric and Conversion**

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Posting of Grades:
- All student grades should be posted using the Blackboard Grade book and students should monitor their grade status through this tool.
- Quiz scores will be posted to the blackboard immediately after student takes the test. Research paper score will be posted no later than one week after it is due.

Instructor policies related to absence, grading, etc

Makeup exams will be given only when extenuating circumstances are present. In particular, foreseeable conflicts with due dates (e.g., interviews, participation in sport activities, religious observances ...) must be brought to Prof. Eruysal’s attention before the due date. You can have
makeup ONLY when arrangements have been made PRIOR to the expiry date/time of exam.

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1. I need a better grade because I am on probation.
2. I come from a good family.
3. I will be deported.
4. I will lose my scholarship.
5. I think it is an A paper

Instructor’s Personal Statement
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**COURSE OUTLINE AND CALENDAR**

**Complete Course Calendar (Subject to Change)**

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TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS AND SUPPORT
Technology Requirements.
MS Visio and PyCharm Edu will be used in this course. More information about how to download the software will be posted to the blackboard.

This course will use the TAMUCT Blackboard Learn learning management system. Logon to TAMUCT Blackboard [https://tamuct.blackboard.com] to access the course.
Username: Your MyCT username (xx123 or everything before the "@" in your MyCT e-mail address)
Initial password: Your MyCT password
Check browser and computer compatibility by using the “Test Your Browser” button, found in the “My Courses” tab on your Blackboard dashboard, once you have logged in.

Technology Support.
For technology issues, students should contact Help Desk Central.
24 hours a day, 7 days a week:
Email: helpdesk@tamu.edu
Phone: (254) 519-5466
Web Chat: http://hdc.tamu.edu
When calling for support please let your support technician know you are a TAMUCT student. For issues related to course content and requirements, contact your instructor.

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES AND POLICIES
Drop Policy.
If you discover that you need to drop this class, you must go to the Registrar’s Office and complete a Drop Request Form [https://tamuct.blackboard.com/bbcswebdav/institution/studentforms/Drop_Request_Form.pdf ]
Professors cannot drop students; this is always the responsibility of the student. The Registrar’s Office will provide a deadline on the University Calendar for which the form must be
completed, signed and returned. Once you return the signed form to the Registrar’s Office, you must go into Warrior Web and confirm that you are no longer enrolled. If you still show as enrolled, FOLLOW-UP with the Registrar’s Office immediately. You are to attend class until the procedure is complete to avoid penalty for absence. Should you miss the drop deadline or fail to follow the procedure, you will receive an F in the course, which may affect your financial aid and/or VA educational benefits.

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Texas A&M University -Central Texas values the integrity of the academic enterprise and strives for the highest standards of academic conduct. A&M-Central Texas expects its students, faculty, and staff to support the adherence to high standards of personal and scholarly conduct to preserve the honor and integrity of the creative community. Academic integrity is defined as a commitment to honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility. Any deviation by students from this expectation may result in a failing grade for the assignment and potentially a failing grade for the course. Academic misconduct is any act that improperly affects a true and honest evaluation of a student’s academic performance and includes, but is not limited to, cheating on an examination or other academic work, plagiarism and improper citation of sources, using another student’s work, collusion, and the abuse of resource materials. All academic misconduct concerns will be reported to the university’s Office of Student Conduct. Ignorance of the university’s standards and expectations is never an excuse to act with a lack of integrity. When in doubt on collaboration, citation, or any issue, please contact your instructor before taking a course of action.

Access & Inclusion.
At Texas A&M-Central Texas, we value an inclusive learning environment where every student has an equal chance to succeed and has the right to a barrier free education. The Department of Access and Inclusion is responsible for ensuring that students with a disability receive equal access to the University’s programs, services and activities. If you believe you have a disability requiring reasonable accommodations please contact the Department of Access and Inclusion at (254) 501-5831. Any information you provide is private and confidential and will be treated as such.

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Tutoring.
Tutoring is available to all TAMUCT students, both on-campus and online. On-campus subjects tutored include Accounting, Advanced Math, Biology, Finance, Statistics, Mathematics, and Study Skills. Tutors are available at the Tutoring Center in Warrior Hall, Suite 111. If you have a question regarding tutor schedules, need to schedule a tutoring session, are interested in becoming a tutor, or any other question, contact Academic Support Programs at 254-519-5796, or by emailing Kim Wood at k.wood@tamuct.edu.
Chat live with a tutor 24/7 for almost any subject on your computer! Tutor.com is an online tutoring platform that enables TAMUCT students to log-in and receive FREE online tutoring and writing support. This tool provides tutoring in over forty subject areas. To access Tutor.com, go to the ‘My Courses’ tab in Blackboard.

**University Writing Center.**
Located in 416 Warrior Hall, the University Writing Center (UWC) at Texas A&M University-Central Texas is a free workspace open to all TAMUCT students from 10am-5pm Monday-Thursday. Students may arrange a one-on-one session with a trained and experienced writing tutor by visiting the UWC during normal operating hours (both half-hour and hour sessions are available). Tutors are prepared to help writers of all levels and abilities at any stage of the writing process.

While tutors will not write, edit, or grade papers, they will assist students in developing more effective composing practices. By providing a practice audience for students’ ideas and writing, our tutors highlight the ways in which they read and interpret students’ texts, offering guidance and support throughout the various stages of the writing process. In addition, students may work independently in the UWC by checking out a laptop that runs the Microsoft Office suite and connects to WiFi, or by consulting our resources on writing, including all of the relevant style guides. Whether you need help brainstorming ideas, organizing an essay, proofreading, understanding proper citation practices, or just want a quiet place to work, the University Writing Center is here to help!

If you have any questions about the University Writing Center, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Bruce Bowles Jr. at bruce.bowles@tamuct.edu.

**University Library.**
The University Library provides many services in support of research across campus and at a distance. We offer over 200 electronic databases containing approximately 250,000 eBooks and 82,000 journals, in addition to the 72,000 items in our print collection, which can be mailed to students who live more than 50 miles from campus. Research guides for each subject taught at TAMUCT are available through our website to help students navigate these resources. On-campus, the library offers technology including cameras, laptops, microphones, webcams, and digital sound recorders.
Research assistance from a librarian is also available twenty-four hours a day through our online chat service, and at the reference desk when the library is open. Research sessions can be scheduled for more comprehensive assistance, and may take place on Skype or in-person at the library. Assistance may cover many topics, including how to find articles in peer-reviewed journals, how to cite resources, and how to piece together research for written assignments.

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other features. Services such as interlibrary loan, TexShare, binding, and laminating are available. The library frequently offers workshops, tours, readings, and other events. For more information, please visit our homepage: https://tamuct.libguides.com/