

**CIS 3360-120 Ethics in Computing
COSC 3360-120 Ethics in Computing
Jan 13, 2020 – May 8, 2020**

Monday & Wednesday, Rm 308 HH

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Important Dates:

Jan 13, 2020 -Semester Begins

Jan 20, 2020 – Holiday, Martin Luther King

Mar 9 -12, 2020 – Spring Break

May 8, 2020 – Spring Semester Ends

MODE OF INSTRUCTION AND COURSE ACCESS

This course is a face-to-face class with some supplemental readings made available online using the TAMUCT Canvas Learning Management System: [<https://tamuct.instructure.com>]. All coursework is assigned, collected, and graded in Canvas.

STUDENT-INSTRUCTOR INTERACTION

My preference is to have contact with students via Canvas first, then e-mail. I check my email (wgadson13@tamuct.edu) daily during the week, in the evenings, and on most

Saturdays and Sundays. I can meet face to face or on the phone

Please text me for phone calls and I will call you back

UNILERT

Emergency Warning System for Texas A&M University – Central Texas UNILERT is an emergency notification service that gives Texas A&M University-Central Texas the ability to communicate health and safety emergency information quickly via email, text message, and social media. All students are automatically enrolled in UNILERT through their myCT email account. Connect at <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.

911 CELLULAR: EMERGENCY WARNING SYSTEM FOR TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CENTRAL TEXAS

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Texas the ability to communicate health and safety emergency information quickly via email, text message, and social media. All students are automatically enrolled in 911Cellular through their myCT email account.

In an effort to enhance personal safety on the Texas A&M University – Central Texas (TAMUCT) campus, the TAMUCT Police Department has introduced Warrior Shield by 911

Cellular. [Warrior Shield](https://www.tamuct.edu/police/911cellular.html) [https://www.tamuct.edu/police/911cellular.html] can be downloaded and installed on your mobile device from Google Play or Apple Store.

Connect at [911Cellular](https://portal.publicsafetycloud.net/Texas-AM-Central/alert-management) [https://portal.publicsafetycloud.net/Texas-AM-Central/alert-management] to change where you receive your alerts or to opt out. By staying enrolled in 911Cellular, university officials can quickly pass on safety-related information, regardless of your location.

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course provides a detailed review of the social and ethical problems surrounding the use of computing technologies in a global environment. It gives an analysis of the issues and challenges caused by computing technologies. It covers the history of information technology and the positive and negative effects of computing technologies on the way we live. Topics of discussion includes the philosophical basis for computer ethics, reliability, and safety of computer systems, protecting software and other intellectual property, computer crime and legal issues, and professional codes of ethics.

COURSE OBJECTIVE

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- Understand the history of information technology
- Recognize the ethical situations found in modern computing environments.
- Apply philosophical arguments to take the correct action.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Analyze ethical topics relating to information technology
- Differentiate which philosophical analysis to apply
- Provide an ethical evaluation using facts and rationale
- Explain their analysis clearly

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

Ethics for the information age, Quinn, 7th Edition

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- There will be ten-chapter readings and ten end of chapter exams.
- There will be eight, discussion topics worth 50 points each.
- There will be one 1000-word term paper on plagiarism, and one long 3000-word term paper. Term papers are graded and returned to the students for editing and resubmission. Assignments are graded on the quality of the student's analysis, and the quality of the students writing, including spelling and grammar.
- The assignment specifications are available in Canvas.

GRADING CRITERIA RUBRIC AND CONVERSION

Assignments	Points
End of chapter exams	300 points
Discussion topics	400 points
1000-word term paper	100 points
3000-word term paper	200 points

Grade	Points
A	900-1000
B	800-899
C	700-799
D	600-699
F	Below 600

POSTING OF GRADES

- All grades will be posted in Canvas.
- All assignments will be graded within 2 weeks of the due date.
- ****Note:** All late assignments will lose 10 points.
- ****Note:** All due dates are to be taken as midnight of the posted day.

COURSE CALENDAR 2020			
<i>These dates are subject to change at the discretion of the instructor.</i>			
Week	Date	Topics & Assignments	Due Date
Week 1	1/13	Complete Intro to class discussion Read Chapter 1 Take the chapter 1 exam	1/19
Week 2	1/20	Jan 20, Campus closed MLK Day Read Chapter 2 Take the chapter 2 exam	1/26
Week 3	1/27	Chapter 2 Discussion Read Chapter 3 Take chapter 3 exam	2/2
Week 4	2/ 3	Plagiarism Paper Due Long term paper topic Due. Topic approval required before starting work on the Long-Term Paper. Chapter 3 Discussion	2/9
Week 5	2/10	Read Chapter 4 Take the chapter 4 exam	2/16
Week 6	2/17	Chapter 4 Discussion	2/23

Week 7	2/24	Read Chapter 5 Take the chapter 5 exam	3/1
Week 8	3/2	Chapter 5 Discussion	3/8
	3/9	Spring Break	3/15
Week 9	3/16	Read Chapter 6 Take the chapter 6 exam	3/22
Week 10	3/23	Chapter 6 Discussion	3/29
Week 11	3/30	Read Chapter 7 Take the chapter 7 exam	4/5
Week 12	4/6	Chapter 7 Discussion Long Term Paper first pass due	4/12
Week 13	4/13	Read Chapter 8 Take the chapter 8 exam	4/19
Week 14	4/20	Chapter 8 Discussion Read Chapter 9 Take chapter 9 exam	4/26
Week 15	4/27	Chapter 9 Discussion Read Chapter 10 Take the chapter 10 exam	5/3
Week 16	5/4	Long Paper Final Pass Due on	5/8

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COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES AND POLICIES

Drop Policy	<p>If you discover that you need to drop this class, you must go to the Registrar's Office and complete a Drop Request Form. 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 returned, completed and signed. Once you return the signed form to the Registrar's Office and wait 24 hours, 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 deadline or fail to follow the procedure, you will receive an F in the course, which may affect your financial aid.</p>
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Academic Integrity	<p>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</p>
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	<p>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.</p>
Access & Inclusion	<p>At Texas A&M University – Central Texas, we value an inclusive learning environment where every student has an equal chance to succeed and has the right to an education that is barrier-free. The Office of Access & Inclusion is responsible for ensuring that students with a disability enjoy equal access to the University's programs, services and activities. Some aspects of this course or the way the course is taught may present barriers to learning due to a disability. If you feel this is the case, please contact Access & Inclusion at (254) 501-5831 in Warrior Hall, Ste. 212. For more information, please visit their website at https://www.tamuct.edu/departments/access-inclusion/ Any information you provide is private and confidential and will be treated as such.</p>
Tutoring	<p>Tutoring is available to all TAMUCT students, both on-campus and online. Subjects tutored include Accounting, Finance, Statistics, Mathematics, and Study Skills. Tutors are available at the Tutoring Center in Warrior Hall, Suite 111.</p> <p>If you have a question regarding tutor schedules, contact information, 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</p> <p>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 Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Spanish, Calculus, and Statistics. To access Tutor.com, click on https://www.tamuct.edu/departments/academicsupport/tutoring.php</p>
University Writing Center	<p>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 11am-6pm Monday-Thursday. Students may arrange a one-on-one session with a trained and experienced writing</p>

	<p>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.</p> <p>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!</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>University Library</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Our 27,000-square-foot facility on the TAMUCT main campus includes student lounges, private study rooms, group work spaces, computer labs, family areas suitable for all ages, and many other features. Services such as interlibrary loan, TexShare, binding, and laminating are available. The library frequently offers workshops, tours, readings, and</p>

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