

CSCE 390: Professional Issues in Computer Science and Engineering

SYLLABUS

INSTRUCTOR

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ACADEMIC BULLETIN DESCRIPTION:

- Professional issues in the information technology professions; history and social context of computing; professional responsibilities; privacy; intellectual property; risks and liabilities of computer-based systems.
- Carolina Core VSR

PREREQUISITES: none

TEXTBOOK: none

CLASS MEETING TIMES:

<i>Session</i>	<i>Days</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
Lecture	W	12:00 pm – 12:50 pm	Petigru College 108

COURSE OVERVIEW:

- The course will be delivered to the students face-to-face only.
- Student-to-Instructor(S2I) Interaction:
 - Students will attend face-to-face class sessions held during class meeting times in the

assigned classroom.

- Students will interact with the instructor during class sessions, office hours and also through email.
- Student-to-Student(S2S) Interaction:
 - Students may engage in discussions during class sessions.
- Student-to-Content(S2C) Interaction:
 - Students will engage with the course content by completing assignments, participation in discussion boards and other in-class participation activities.
- The instructor will respond to student queries in a reasonable amount of time; the same is expected of the students. Make sure to include “CSCE 390” as the subject line in all your email communication.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. Relate computing issues to philosophical systems and ethics
2. Resolve ethical dilemmas in the field of computing
3. Apply professional codes of conduct to realistic situations
4. Demonstrate familiarity with current social and ethical issues related to computing
5. Investigate different professional career paths and the lifelong learning involved
6. Present results and opinions on ethical and professional issues in written and oral formats

GRADES:

A (90-100%)

B+ (87-89%)

B (80-86%)

C+ (77-79%)

C (70-76%)

D+ (67-69%)

D (60-66%)

F (0-59%)

GRADE DISTRIBUTION:

Short Write-Ups (Individual)	20 points
Case Report-1 (Individual)	35 points
Case Report-2 (Group)	30 points
Presentation (Group)	15 points
Total	100 points

Short Write-Up & Case Report-1(Individual):

- Specific instructions will be provided for each assignment.
- You are expected to work individually on these assignments while peer discussion is encouraged.
- A due time will accompany each assignment.

Case Report-2 & Presentation (Group):

- You will work in a team for all group tasks.
- More information to follow...

ASSIGNMENT SUBMISSION:

- All materials including assignments for the course will be posted on Blackboard (<https://blackboard.sc.edu>)
- Late work is accepted until 48 hours after the due date/time with a 30% penalty. After 48 hours have passed, the assignment will not be accepted.
- All late work must be turned in via Blackboard only.
- Do NOT email your homework. All emailed homework is considered as NOT submitted.
- All assignments must be turned in via Blackboard only.

- It is your responsibility to check that the correct grade is uploaded on Blackboard. If you find a discrepancy, email me immediately.

GRADE APPEALS:

- Grade appeals for any assessment must be requested via email within 1 week of my posting the assignment grade to Blackboard.
- While I will always answer your questions on the grading of an assessment, your score on the assignment will not be changed unless you request a grade review during the 1-week grade appeal time period.
- If you want to make a case for re-grading your work based on another student's grade on the same assignment, I will review and then re-grade your work as well as the other student's work entirely from scratch.

ATTENDANCE:

- Class attendance is required as claimed in University policy and a student is responsible for all the material covered in the course.
- Attendance is required for all classes, unless special permission is given by the instructor.
- Not knowing changes to class policy/homework/etc. is NOT an acceptable reason for non-compliance.
- You are expected to attend all class sessions and attendance will be recorded.
- If you expect to miss class for any reason you should contact the instructor by email as soon as possible.
- You are responsible for all material covered in lectures whether you are present or not.
- If you don't ask questions, then I will assume that you understand the material.
- If there is a topic you do not understand, it is your responsibility to seek clarification from me during lectures or during office hours, or from other students.
- If you miss a lecture, it is your responsibility to get notes and announcements from a

classmate.

CODE OF CONDUCT

- We have a no cell phone policy in this class.
- Please be respectful of each other, the instructor, and any guest presenters while in class. We are all here to learn!
- Any disrespectful or disruptive behavior may result in your referral to the Office of Student Judicial Programs.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

- Students are expected to follow the Code of Student Academic Responsibility.
- Lectures and course materials (which is inclusive of my presentations, tests, exams, outlines, and lecture notes) are protected by United States Copyright Law.
 - You are encouraged to take notes and utilize course materials for your own educational purpose. However, you are not to reproduce or distribute this content without my expressed written permission. This includes sharing course materials to online social study sites like CourseHero and other services.
 - Students who publicly reproduce, distribute or modify course content may be in violation of the University's Honor Code's Complicity policy, which states: sharing academic work with another student (either in person or electronically) without the permission of the instructor is in violation of the honor code.
- Some examples of Honor code violations are:
 - Uploading course content and/or lecture recordings/materials to social study sites
 - Uploading class assignments to social study sites
 - Taking information from social study sites to add to your notes for use on an assessment.
 - Using GroupMe to post answers to any graded/ungraded classroom assignments.

- Prohibited behaviors also include plagiarism, cheating, falsification, and complicity.
- All assignments and examinations are expected to be the sole effort of the student submitting the work.
- All potential Honor Code violations will be reported to the Office of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity
- Academic penalties for Honor Code violations: For the first offense, the student will receive a grade of 0 for the assignment and be reduced by one full letter grade. Multiple offenses result in a grade of F for the course in addition to whatever disciplinary sanctions are applied.
- Do NOT cheat. Plagiarism will not be tolerated.
- As a member of the Carolina community, you are obligated to the [Carolinian Creed](#).

ACCOMMODATIONS

- The University of South Carolina is committed to providing access to programs and services for qualified students with disabilities.
- If you are a student with a disability and require accommodation to participate and complete requirements for this class, notify me immediately and contact the Office of Student Disability Services (<http://www.sa.sc.edu/sds>, 1705 College Street, Close-Hipp, Suite 102, 803-777-6142, sadrc@mailbox.sc.edu) for verification of eligibility and determination of specific accommodations.
- In addition, please provide me the required accommodation letter from the Office of Student Disability Services.