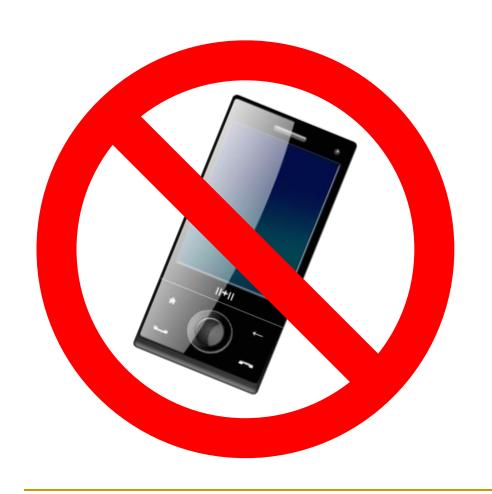# CSCI3250
Computers and Society

Course Information

Absolutely a No!

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conversation!

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Lecturer

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a) YIA 1207E (12/F, Yasumoto Int'l Acad Park)*
b) SHB 124 (1/F, Ho Sin-hang Eng Bldg)

- Consultation Hours:
  a) Mon 3:30pm – 4:30pm
  b) Tue 4:30pm – 5:30pm

(* Inside the "Office of the IT Foundation Course")

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Lecture

- Time: W5 – 6
  (Wed 12:30pm – 2:15pm)

- Place: ERB LT
  (William M W Mong Eng Bldg)

Tutorial

- Wed 2:30pm – 3:15pm   (W7)
- Wed 3:30pm – 4:15pm   (W8)
- Thu 3:30pm – 4:15pm   (H8)
- Thu 4:30pm – 5:15pm   (H9)

- All at LHC 106 (Y.C. Liang Hall)

- Usually, you can attend any one in a week. But in certain weeks, we shall designate you to attend a specific session

Course Description

- This course studies social, legal, ethical issues of information technology in society.

- Problems related to privacy, computer crimes, freedom of speech, intellectual property, professionalism, health, safety will be discussed.

- Local and global examples will be used to illustrate the issues.

Online Resources

- Blackboard
  - https://elearn.cuhk.edu.hk (Login with CWEM account)

  - Announcements
  - Lecture materials
  - Tutorial/Project materials
  - Group formations
  - …

Course Schedule

Week	Lecture (W5-6)		Speaker	Tutorial (W7/W8/H8/H9)		Project Schedule
	Date	Topics/Activities		Date	Topics/Activities	
1	8 Jan (Wed)	Course Introduction		8,9 Jan		
2	15 Jan (Wed)	Our Profession	YC Law	15,16 Jan	Explain project scope and details	
3	22 Jan (Wed)	Cyber Security and Privacy Issues	YC Law	22,23 Jan	Guided study: research method	Release project titles
4	29 Jan (Wed)	Invited Talk: Web Accessibility	OGCIO	29 Jan		
5	5 Feb (Wed)	Happy New Year		6 Feb		*Finish grouping and submit title by 7 Feb (Fri)*
6	12 Feb (Wed)	Quiz 1	YC Law	12,13 Feb		Dig information
7	19 Feb (Wed)	Intellectual Property and Licensing Issues	YC Law	19,20 Feb	Guided study: workshops	Dig information
8	26 Feb (Wed)	Invited Talk: Anti-Corruption	ICAC	26,27 Feb	Guided study: workshops	Analyze
9	5 Mar (Wed)	Freedom of Speech and Digital Censorship	YC Law	5,6 Mar	Guided study: workshops	Form opinion
10	12 Mar (Wed)	Quiz 2	YC Law	12,13 Mar		Prepare for presentation
11	19 Mar (Wed)	Presentation	You	19,20 Mar	Presentation	
12	26 Mar (Wed)	Presentation	You	26,27 Mar	Presentation	
13	2 Apr (Wed)	Presentation	You	2,3 Apr	Presentation	
14	9 Apr (Wed)	Presentation	You	9,10 Apr	Presentation	Report writing
15	16 Apr (Wed)	Presentation	You	16,17 Apr	Presentation	Report writing
-	-	Term Break				*Report submission by 25 Apr (Fri)*

Invited Talks

- ## Topic: Web Accessibility
  - Speaker from Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO)
  - Date: Wed 29 Jan (in-class)

- ## Topic: Anti-Corruption
  - Speaker from Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC)
  - Date: Wed 26 Feb (in-class)

Contents of the two talks will be quizzed!

Invited Talks (Optional)

- Topic: HKIE Membership
  - Speaker from The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE)

  - Date: Mon 24 Feb
  - Time: 4:30pm – 5:15pm
  - Venue: LSK LT5 (Lee Shau Kee Bldg)

Attend if you are interested.

Course Assessment

- Two Quizzes   (15% x 2 = 30%)

- Group Presentation   (40%)
  - Presentation   30%
  - Peer Assessment and Participation   10%

- Group Report   (30%)

Quizzes (30%)

- **On <u>12 Feb (Wed)</u> and <u>12 Mar (Wed)</u>**
  - During lectures

- **Based on contents of**
  - Lectures and invited talks
  - Teaching and learning materials
  - Assigned reading materials

Group Presentation (40%)

- 4 students form a group (20 minutes presentation)

- Randomly assigned to present and to attend in one of the different presentation sessions

- Decide by 7 Feb (Fri):
    - Group leader SID and email address
    - Members' SIDs and email address
    - One project topic with a 150-word summary

- Students who haven't grouped after 7 Feb (Fri) will be randomly assigned into groups

Group Presentation (40%)

- Topics
  - Suggested topics by lecturer and tutors will be announced by <u>20 Jan (Mon)</u>

  - Self-suggested topics by groups are to be approved by lecturers before <u>4 Feb (Tue)</u>

  - Confirm and submit topics by <u>7 Feb (Fri)</u>

  - To investigate your topic more clearly (either provided or self-suggested), you should submit a topic summary in around 150 words by <u>7 Feb (Fri)</u>

Group Presentation (40%)

- **Guided Study**

  - Guide the progress of the presentations and report writing

  - Tutorials on research method and presentation skills

  - Lecturer/Tutors will meet each group at least once

Group Presentation (40%)

- Presentation sessions (2-hr each):

  - ❑ Wed 12:30pm – 2:15pm
  - ❑ Wed 2:30pm – 4:15pm
  - ❑ Thu 3:30pm – 5:15pm

  - ❑ In the final 5 weeks of semester (19 Mar – 17 Apr)

Group Presentation (40%)

- Peer Assessment and Participation (10%)

  - ❑ Each student is required to evaluate other groups in the same presentation session

  - ❑ Arrangement will be posted later

  - ❑ In each presentation, students are required to complete an evaluation form

  - ❑ Students whose responses are reasonable will get high marks

Group Report (30%)

- Specification
  - Min. number of words: 2000 in English/ 1500 in Chinese
  - Optional non-textual contents
  - Within ten A4-size single-sided pages with *reasonable* typesetting

- Due date
  - Each group submits a final report **via VeriGuide** on or before 25 Apr (Fri)

- You are welcome to find lecturers or TAs for discussion

Important Note

- **There is an assumption**
  - All members in a group will share equal marks for Presentation and Report unless for obvious reasons

  - Peer Assessment and Participation may differentiate the performance

Example Presentation and Report Topics

- How does IT affect the post-80s or post-90s?

- Is Edward Snowden doing something right?

- A study on HKJunkCall.com

- Privacy issues in using Facebook

- A technical and societal study on Bitcoin

Question and Suggestion