

ITMM 485 / 585

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Legal and Ethical Issues in
Information Technology



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Ch1: Introduction to Ethics and the Law

Part I: Introduction to the Course



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Learning Objectives:

- Clearly understand syllabus and requirements
- Define the term cyberethics
- Recall and summarize the four phases of the development of cyberethics
- Recall the three distinct perspectives of applied ethics
 - ❖ Discuss how they are applied to cyberethics
- Describe/discuss Brey's "Disclosive" method for cyberethics

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Today's class

- **Introductions**
- **Review Syllabus and Expectations**
- **Resources**
- **Chapter I**

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Learning Objectives:

- Explain differences between law and ethics
- Recall the types of law in the U.S.
 - ❖ Define each type
- Explain the differences between statutory, regulatory and common law
- Recall and explain the structure of U.S. Federal Law

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Packback for Class Discussions

- Packback is "an AI-supported online discussion platform for developing critical thinking, curiosity, and writing skills"
- You will find it under "???" in Canvas
- You will need to register for the Packback service and there is a fee

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- Go to
<https://app.packback.co/join/VDC-UKQ-NKY4> (opens in a new tab)
- Sign in or create a Packback account
- Click “Confirm and Check Out” and you will be added to the community



Weekly Deadline	What to Post per deadline period	Other Expectations
Sunday at 11:59 PM CT	Post 1 Question Post 2 Responses <small>(Your choice of a Response, Counterpoint, or Supporting point)</small>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Posts must meet a minimum Curiosity Score of 70 for Questions and 40 for responses Partial Credit will be given for posts that do not meet this requirement



What Goes Into Your Packback Curiosity Score / 100?

Curiosity

How thoughtful and open-ended your question is.

- Depth
- Original thinking
- Exploration

Credibility

How well you support ideas.

- Quality sources
- Proper citations

Communication Convention

How clearly your post is written.

- Organization
- Formatting
- Media use

Writing mechanics feedback only.

- Grammar
- Spelling
- Does NOT affect score



Packback Review

- Packback's AI "flags" posts that may not be meeting standards or may be violating community guidelines
 - ❖ Plagiarism
 - ❖ Class Logistics Posts (e.g. "When is the next assignment?")
- Low Effort/Low Detail Posts
- Posts are reviewed by moderators
- Offending posts are moderated and no longer count for credit until they are re-published



ITMM 485 role in the curriculum

- Communications-intensive (C-coded) elective
- ACM/IEEE Information Technology Curricula 2017 Supplemental Domain ITS-SRE Social Responsibility
- Legal and ethical components of management for the IT Entrepreneurship and Management specialization in the Bachelor of Information Technology and Management
- Human, organizational, and societal security curricular content for the Bachelor of Science in Applied Cybersecurity and Information Technology



ITMM 585 role in the curriculum

- Law/ethics course in the IT Entrepreneurship and Management specialization in the Master of Information Technology and Management
- Elective course for all ITM graduate degrees
- Human, organizational, and societal security curricular content for the Master of Cyber Forensics and Security

