

NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Title: Computer Ethics

Course #: CSC* 180

Course Description: 3 Credits. A study in the ethics of computer usage as it applies to the Internet. Issues discussed include privacy, speech, and regulation of the Internet, security, intellectual property and codes of conduct. Case studies in each area will be examined.

Pre-requisite/Co-requisite: CSA* 163 or Consent of the Instructor

Goals: Students are expected to

- be able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of topics in the computing discipline and industry, relating to the proper usage of the Internet.
- be able to articulate their scope of expertise in the study of legal scenarios occurring in the usage of the Internet, and developing a projected outcome.
- demonstrate their communication and presentation skills as they review case studies and apply theory to real world situations.

Outcomes: Upon successful completion of this course students will be able to:

- demonstrate skills to determine system needs and requirements for Internet activity, both for business and personal use
- address the legal issues relevant to the Internet
- provide direction as Internet evolution occurs
- apply critical thinking in addressing new cases and issues as they arise

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