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CSC 598.66 Senior Project I: Lecture

Overview:

A survey and analysis of ethical issues and cases, as well as an introduction to related concepts such as leadership, decision-making, communication, managing projects and teamwork. The course is organized around the text (see below), handouts, lectures and selected readings. The content of the course will provide a basic knowledge of ethics, ethical behavior, and ethical dilemmas that a computer engineer or computer science major would likely encounter during his/her career. Contents include a discussion of legal and ethical issues faced by today's engineers and managers.

Course Goals, Objectives, and Outcomes:

The course will provide an understanding of professional, ethical, legal, security, and social issues and responsibilities. The course will generate the ability to recognize conflicts of interests issues and intellectual property concerns and act in accordance with professional, ethical, and legal standards. The course will build the ability to treat others with respect, and refrain from discriminating on the basis of gender, race, religion, sexual orientation or physical disability and other attributes not related to academic or research performance.

Method: The course will review major theories of ethics that will form a general background in commercial transactions. The legal principles presented are in the form of basic principles generally accepted by the courts or expressed in statutes.

References:

No textbook is required, students may refer to **BUSINESS ETHICS: A CONVERSATION 2nd Edition:** George Roe. Copies on reserve in the CCNY Science Library.

Attendance and Evaluation Policy:

Students are expected to attend all classes, except for good cause shown. A Maximum of two (2) unexcused absence or lateness will be allowed without impacting on the score. Basis for Final Grade

- Class Assignments: 30%
- Final Reports: 30%
- Participation 40%

Weekly Topics and Assignments (next page)

SCHEDULE FOR 598.66 Lecture Component

DATE	TOPIC	ASSIGNMENTS
Tues 8/27	Course Overview	Form into Groups within your section , consisting of a minimum of five, and maximum of seven. Make a list of group members, select a team leader, and exchange email address and phone numbers so that you can facilitate collaboration.
Tues 9/3	Introduction to Ethics	Read Chapter 1, discuss and decide what to do about the <i>Heinz Dilemma</i> and then respond to the <i>Medical Helicopter</i> case
Tues 9/10	Critical Thinking	Read Chapter 2. Discuss “ <i>When prophesy fails</i> ” case Describe and evaluate two theories of ethics from those listed in the Chapter. Read and begin to prepare comments on the Student Loan Forgiveness case
Tues 9/17	Ethical Theory and Business	Look at the theories of Ethical Relativism, Egoistic Ethics, Kantian Ethics, Utilitarian Ethics, Deistic Ethics. The Ethics of Care, and Virtue Ethics. Afterwards, read the King’s choice case. The team leader or designated spokesperson will report on the group’s top and bottom theory choices, as well as advice to the king.
Tues 9/24	The Decision Making Process	List as many virtues that you can come up with and give examples. Go online, find and cite the Code of Ethics for at least two companies.
Tues 10/15	Corporate Social Responsibility	Submit a good example of Corporate Social Responsibility, and connect it to one of the theories of ethics.
Tues 10/22	Guest Speaker	Prepare a summary of the talk
Tues 10/29	Corporate Governance and Ethical Leadership	Read “Problem for Discussion” as a group and discuss Smith and the Board’s action and decide if Smith or the Board had any liability for their action. Explain.
Tues 11/5	Guest Speaker	
Tues 11/12	Moral Rights in the Workplace	Read “Problem for Discussion” as a group and discuss and write up your response(s) of whether Megacorp within its ethical rights to promulgate these rules. Explain.
Tues 11/19	Diversity and Discrimination	Respond to problem for discussion. Select a topic for the semester’s final presentation.
Tues 11/26	Guest Speaker	
Tues 12/3	Ethics in a Global Environment	Respond to problem for discussion.
Tues 12/10	Group Presentations	