

WESTERN UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY
Undergraduate Course Outline 2021-22
Digital Humanities 2126G/Phil 2078G (200):
Ethics for a Digital World

REQUIREMENTS

Quizzes: 15% (11 multiple choice quizzes, worth 1.36% each)

Discussion Posts: 30% (two 400 – 600 word posts, worth 15% each)

Discussion Participation: 10% (8 responses, worth 1.25% each)

One 1100 – 1300 word term-paper: 25%

Final Exam: 20% (scheduled by the Office of the Registrar during the April 2022 Final Exam period)

Unit 1 (Weeks 1 and 2, January 3rd - 16th): What is Philosophy, What is Ethics, What is Digital Ethics?

Week 1: Introduction to Philosophy and Ethics

Readings: Lecture Notes What is Philosophy?
Lecture Notes What is Ethics?
Assignment: Quiz #1

Week 2: same old story, or something new?

Readings: Steve Matthews Internet Ethics
Antonio Marturano The Role of Metaethics and the Future of Computer Ethics
Zonghao Bao and Kun Xiang Digitalization and Global Ethics
David M. Douglas principles
of Justice to Internet Regulation
Assignment: Quiz #2 (The 2 quizzes for Unit 1 must be completed by Monday, January 17th at 11:55 p.m. EST)

Unit 2 (Weeks 3 and 4, January 17th - 30th): Personal Identity and the Possibility of Friendship in the Digital World

Week 3: Me, My Online Identity, and the Possibility of Moral Wrong

Reading: Marya Schechtman The Story of my (Second) Life: Virtual Worlds and Narrative Identity
Jessica Wolfendale My Avatar, My Self: Virtual Harm and Attachment
A.J. Craft Sin in Cyber-Eden: Understanding the Metaphysics and Morals of

Week 9: Hacking

Readings: Loyd Blankenship

Ronald Pike

Philip Serracino-Inglott Is it ok to be an Anonymous?

Assignments: a. Quiz #9 (The three quizzes for Unit 4 must be completed by Sunday March 13th, no later than 11:55 p.m. E

DUE DATES

The **11 weekly quizzes** (worth a combined total of 15% of your final grade) must each be completed by the end of the Unit in which they appear

Unit 1 quizzes must be completed by Monday January 17th by 11:55 p.m.

Unit 2 quizzes must be completed by Monday January 31st by 11:55 p.m.

Unit 3 quizzes must be completed by Monday February 14th by 11:55 p.m.

Unit 4 quizzes must be completed by Monday March 14th by 11:55 p.m.

Unit 5 quizzes must be completed by Friday April 1st by 11:55 p.m.

The **two 400 – 600 word Unit Discussion Posts** (worth a combined total of 30% of your final grade) are due at the end of Units 2 and 4. More specifically:

Unit 2 Discussion Post is due on Monday, January 31st by 11:55 p.m.

Unit 4 Discussion Post is due on Monday March 14th by 11:55 p.m.

For your **On-Line Participation Grade** (worth 10% of your final grade) you need to submit responses to four separate classmates' Unit Discussion Posts in each of Units 2 and 4. The responses for these two Units will need to be completed by:

Unit 2 Responses submitted by Monday 9/21/12 12:00 PM

policy can be found at

http://uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/accommodation_medical.pdf.

SELF-REPORTED ABSENCE FORM

Students who experience an unexpected illness or injury or an extenuating circumstance (48

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Mental Health@Western <http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/> for a complete list of options about how to obtain help. Immediate help in the event of a crisis can be had by phoning 519.661.3030 (during class hours) or 519.433.2023 after class hours and on weekends.