

# INFS 790: Information Systems Policy and Administration

## Fall 2006

Saturdays 9.20 am to noon  
IN 135

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### Objectives

The course focuses on policy and management aspects of information systems with an emphasis on international and national issues as they relate to legal, cultural, and local factors. Students are expected to participate by preparing and presenting some semester material, entering into discussions, and writing a paper that culminate in a short presentation. Some reading material will be available on the Web.

### Consultation

I shall normally be in my office before class by 8.30 am. Other times are available by appointment. All grades, schedule changes, and announcements will be made via WebCT or e-mail.

### Grading

The elements of the course are weighted as follows:

Mini-papers (3 at 50 each)	150
Class presentations	150
Major Paper	150
Presentation on major paper	100
Mid-term Exam	100
Final Exam	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>750</b>

**Provisional Outline** including Due Dates of papers and [Copies of past exams](#)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Topic</i>
Sept 2	<b>Introduction, Policy and Law</b>
Sept 9	<b>Law and IT introduction Intellectual Property Rights</b>
Sept 16 *	<b>Computer Contracts, Monopoly Issues, Laws on non-Governmental Organizations such as Sarbanes Oxley, HIPAA, etc.</b>
Sept 23	<b>Standards and International Standards Bodies</b>

Sept 30	International aspects of Privacy, the FOIA
Oct 7 *	Measures, Quality with TQM, and Competitive Advantage → <b>Mid-term Exam</b>
Oct 14	Values, Ethics, and Professionalism; Software piracy and computer crime
Oct 21	International Issues, Cultural aspects <b>Major Paper Due</b>
Oct 28 *	Activist Roles of IS: Women, the disadvantaged, and the disabled
Nov 4	National Aspects, CIOs
Nov 11	Student Presentations I
Nov 19	Student Presentations II
Dec 2	Social Issues & Values
Dec 9	Discussion of Future Issues → <b>Second one hour Exam</b>

## Assignments

No paper will be graded unless it is submitted in a well-known publication format (e.g., AP, APA, MLA, ALA). The only exception is for the *first* paper—you will get a second chance to format it correctly. All future papers must be correctly formatted or a zero will be recorded in each instance of non-compliance.

Papers must adhere to the defined page limit in the assignment using the Times Roman font at 12 points with 1.5 line spacing and one-inch margins at the sides, top, and bottom of the document. **Papers will be considered late if they are not uploaded to WebCT by midnight of the date due.** The instructors will not accept hardcopy in lieu of this requirement. Late papers will be assessed a penalty equivalent to one grade level per day. **No papers will be accepted by e-mail.**

The content of assignments is expected to be the original work product of the student. All sources must be cited appropriately in the context of their usage and according to the style guide chosen. Quotes and their source **must** be identified. The use of the work product of others without attribution constitutes plagiarism and is an Honor Code violation. Please note that paraphrasing sources can be plagiarism if the sequence of ideas is not your own. **Any student engaging in plagiarism will receive a failing grade for the course, and be the subject of an Honor Code hearing.** Please refer to the University Honor Code available at <http://www.gmu.edu/depts/unilife/honorcode.html> for additional information. To guard against plagiarism and to treat students equitably, assignments may be checked against existing published materials or digital databases available through various plagiarism detection services.