CSCI 215 Social and Ethical Issues in Computing - Fall 2015

Reid 201 (class)
Classes: T, Th: 3:10 - 4:00

Roberts 208 or 412 (recitations)
Recitations: T or Th: 4:10 - 5:00
W 5:10 - 6:00 (Roberts 102)

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Personal Mission Statement:
I am very grateful for this opportunity to teach this course. It is important to me that you get the best possible experience I can provide. If you take issue with anything at any time, please let me know. You can do so anonymously here: http://goo.gl/forms/U4ULwDvQzX

Policies
Honesty:
All the standard MSU honesty policies apply.
Don’t cheat - Don’t steal - Be respectful of everybody in the class.

Email:
Do:
  + Put “CSCI 215” in the beginning of the subject
Do Not:
  - USE CAP LOCKS, it comes across as yelling and I will be defensive/irritated before even reading your email
  - Use “!!!!!” “******” or other special characters repeated. I assume these emails are spam

Cell Phones:
If a cell phone goes off in class, I get to answer it. If my cell phone goes off in class, the first student to raise their hand may answer my phone.

Grades
Recitation Participation ..................20%
Recitation Homework ....................20%
Project........................................23%
Midterm......................................15%
Final...........................................22%
Extra Credit
Recitation Participation:
In order to make recitations suck as little as possible, it is important that everybody participate. To earn all participation points, you must speak up on 2 separate occasions each recitation.

Recitation Homework:
There will be a variety of homework to accompany recitations. The homework will state the due dates. It is expected that you will complete assignments on your own unless otherwise stated.

Project:
The components for this project are as follows (subject to change):

   Proposal: You are required to submit a short proposal for the project you would like to do by the second week of class.
   First Draft: Some evidence of progress towards your project must be ready by the fourth week of class.
   Presentation: The last week of class, you will give a short presentation about what you did and why we should care.
   Write-up: The last week of class, you will submit some sort of documentation about your project.

Midterm and Final:
For the Midterm you are allowed one sheet of paper (standard printer sized paper), and for the Final you are allowed two sheets of paper.

   Late Policy:
In order to not be penalized, I must be notified at least 24 hours in advance or you must provide documentation for a reasonable reason you missed recitation/assignment due date. Documentation includes things like a doctor's note, not a note from your mother or an email telling me you overslept. It's ok to oversleep/space a due date, but these are not excuses to avoid a late penalty.

The first late submission will have 20% deducted, the second late submission will have 40% deducted, the third and subsequent late submissions will have 60% deducted.

Course Outcomes
At the end of this course, you should be knowledgeable about social and ethical issues as they relate to computing, including privacy, risks, computer abuse, commerce, professionalism, free speech, intellectual property, social justice, and current issues. Also, the history of computing.