

## Introduction to Computer Law CS 4010 3 Credits

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### Instructor Information

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### General Course Information

#### Description

An understanding of certain aspects of the law can help computer scientists contribute more to their enterprise. We will learn about the various types of law that computer scientists may encounter. Students will be exposed to the United States legal system, intellectual property, licensing and contracts, and data security and privacy.

#### Course Learning Outcomes

At the end of the course students should be aware of basic legal issues in the computer field and understand when they need advice from a lawyer.

#### Required Course Materials

None

#### Grading Policy:

Quizzes: 30%

Group based forensic analysis: 35%

Class participation: 10%

Acquisition Project: 15%

Case presentation: 10%

A>90; B>80; C>70; D>60

#### Course Policies

##### Attendance and/or Participation

This is an active classroom, where you will be expected to participate. Class participation is 10% of the final grade.

## **Academic Integrity**

Georgia Tech aims to cultivate a community based on trust, academic integrity, and honor. Students are expected to act according to the highest ethical standards. Review and follow Georgia Tech's Honor Code and the student Code of Conduct.

Any student suspected of cheating or plagiarism on a quiz, exam, or assignment will be reported to the Office of Student Integrity, who will investigate the incident and identify the appropriate penalty for violations.

## **Accommodations for Students with Disabilities**

If you are a student with learning needs that require special accommodation, contact the Office of Disability Services (404-894-2563) as soon as possible to make an appointment to discuss your special needs and to obtain an accommodations letter.

## **Student-Faculty Expectations Agreement**

At Georgia Tech, we believe that it is important to strive for an atmosphere of mutual respect, acknowledgement, and responsibility between faculty members and the student body. The Student-Faculty Expectations articulate some basic expectations that you can have of me and that I have of you. In the end, simple respect for knowledge, hard work, and cordial interactions will help build the environment we seek. Therefore, I encourage you to remain committed to the ideals of Georgia Tech while in this class, especially during class participation.

## **Pre- &/or Co-Requisites**

None

## **Collaboration, Group Work, and Use of Generative AI**

Tests and papers are to be your own work. Students may use generative AI for brainstorming their acquisition project and the forensic analysis project, but the final product must be the student's own work. All AI assistance must be appropriately disclosed.

## **Extensions, Late Assignments, & Re-Scheduled/Missed Exams**

Extensions are granted on a case-by-case basis. Make-up exams are given for illness, approved Institute activities or religious observances.