

Computer Law - CS 8803 - 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: 20%

Forensic analysis: 35%

Discussion participation: 10%

Acquisition Project: 25%

Writing Assessments: 10%

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

Course Policies

Attendance and/or Participation

This is an online course. Students must complete all assignments by the required due dates as identified in the extension policy below.

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 us and that we have of you. In the end, simple respect for knowledge, hard work, and cordial interactions will help build the environment we seek. Therefore, we encourage you to remain committed to the ideals of Georgia Tech while in this class, especially during class participation.

Pre- &/or Co-Requisites

Students should have some experience with the Java language and an integrated development environment for the code analysis project. If you wish to learn Java or refresh your skills, you may do so using the following free online course:

<https://www.edx.org/professional-certificate/gtx-introduction-to-object-oriented-programming-with-java>.

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

The late policy is as follow:

- No late submissions are accepted for Quizzes and Writing Assessments.
- Other assignments will incur a 10% late penalty per day late (maximum 3 days late).

o For example, if an assignment is due at 11:59PM on Monday, any submission after that time but before 11:59PM on Tuesday will be docked 10%, and then another 10% after 11:59PM

Tuesday, and so forth. Students may request an extension to a due date for personal reasons in a private message on the Ed Discussions platform.