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- I. Course Name:** Computer Law and Policy
Course Prefix and Number: PLG 110
Credit Hours and Contact Hours: 3 credit hours - 3 contact hours
Catalog Description:

This course provides fundamental information needed to have a basic understanding of issues in cyberlaw such as ethics, security, privacy, content control, computer crime, e-commerce among other topics. For students in the Paralegal program, the course only qualifies as a professional elective.

II. Course Outcomes and Objectives

Learning Outcomes:

The goal of this course is to provide a basic understanding of the legal and ethical issues involved in computer and Internet security.

Relationship to Academic Programs and Curriculum:

This course is a professional elective for Paralegal Students & a required course for the Certificate in Information Security program.

College Competencies Addressed by the Course:

The Computer Law and Policy course addresses the following general competencies: writing, reading, information resources, global concerns, problem solving, and professional competency

III. Methods of Instruction

Types of Course Materials:

Textbook

Methods of Instruction:

Lecture
Group Discussion
Reading
Research

Assessment Measures:

Faculty may use a variety of assessment measures including, but not limited to: informal writing, non graded quizzes, and discussions

Methods of Evaluation:

Written Assignments / Projects
Tests
Class Participation

IV. General Outline of Topics Covered

- I. Basic Legal Concepts
- II. Privacy Issues

- III. Freedom of Speech
- IV. Intellectual Property
- V. Cyber Torts
- VI. Cybercrimes
- VII. Internet Service Providers' Responsibility for User Behavior
- VIII. E-Commerce
- IX. Ethics and the Internet