

INFORMATION SCIENCE

INFO 4601/5601 Ethical & Policy Dimensions of Information, Technology, and New Media

Instructor

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Time & location

Lecture: Tu/Th, 9:30-10:45am,
DUAN G125

Course of study

Undergraduates: Restricted to students with 55 or more hours. Counts as an Information Science "mastery" course. Counts towards the "Social Responsible Enterprise" certificate in Leeds.

Graduates: Counts as an HCC elective for Computer Science graduate students.



Course Description

This course will explore the ethical and legal complexities of information and communication technology. By combining real-world inquiry with creative speculation, students will probe everyday ethical dilemmas they face as digital consumers, creators, and coders, as well as relevant policy. Students explore themes such as privacy, intellectual property, social justice, free speech, artificial intelligence, and social media. Student work will be both writing and project-based, and the coursework will draw heavily from real world controversies, current events, and science fiction. This information ethics and policy course is open to both graduate and undergraduate students, and is designed to be interdisciplinary, drawing from computer science, media and communication, and law.

Fall 2016 syllabus available at <http://informationethicspolicy.wordpress.com/>