

**WESTERN UNIVERSITY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY**  
**Undergraduate Course Outline 2021-22**  
**Digital Humanities 2126G/Phil 2078G (200):**  
**Ethics for a Digital World**

## **REQUIREMENTS**

Quizzes: 15% (11 multiple choice quizzes, worth 1.36% each)

Discussion Posts: 30% (two 400 – 600 word posts, worth 15% each)

Discussion Participation: 10% (8 responses, worth 1.25% each)

One 1100 – 1300 word term-paper: 25%

Final Exam: 20% (scheduled by the Office of the Registrar during the April 2022 Final Exam period)

**Unit 1 (Weeks 1 and 2, January 3<sup>rd</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>): What is Philosophy, What is Ethics, What is Digital Ethics?**

**Week 1:** Introduction to Philosophy and Ethics

Readings: Lecture Notes What is Philosophy?  
Lecture Notes What is Ethics?  
Assignment: Quiz #1

**Week 2:** same old story, or something new?

Readings: Steve Matthews Internet Ethics  
Antonio Marturano The Role of Metaethics and the Future of Computer Ethics  
Zonghao Bao and Kun Xiang Digitalization and Global Ethics  
David M. Douglas principles  
of Justice to Internet Regulation  
Assignment: Quiz #2 (The 2 quizzes for Unit 1 must be completed by Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:55 p.m. EST)

**Unit 2 (Weeks 3 and 4, January 17<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>): Personal Identity and the Possibility of Friendship in the Digital World**

**Week 3:** Me, My Online Identity, and the Possibility of Moral Wrong

Reading: Marya Schechtman The Story of my (Second) Life: Virtual Worlds and Narrative Identity  
Jessica Wolfendale My Avatar, My Self: Virtual Harm and Attachment  
A.J. Craft Sin in Cyber-Eden: Understanding the Metaphysics and Morals of



**Week 9: Hacking**

Readings: Loyd Blankenship

Ronald Pike

Philip Serracino-Inglott Is it ok to be an Anonymous?

Assignments: a. Quiz #9 (The three quizzes for Unit 4 must be completed by Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup>, no later than 11:55 p.m. E

## **DUE DATES**

The **11 weekly quizzes** (worth a combined total of 15% of your final grade) must each be completed by the end of the Unit in which they appear

Unit 1 quizzes must be completed by Monday January 17<sup>th</sup> by 11:55 p.m.

Unit 2 quizzes must be completed by Monday January 31<sup>st</sup> by 11:55 p.m.

Unit 3 quizzes must be completed by Monday February 14<sup>th</sup> by 11:55 p.m.

Unit 4 quizzes must be completed by Monday March 14<sup>th</sup> by 11:55 p.m.

Unit 5 quizzes must be completed by Friday April 1<sup>st</sup> by 11:55 p.m.

The **two 400 – 600 word Unit Discussion Posts** (worth a combined total of 30% of your final grade) are due at the end of Units 2 and 4. More specifically:

Unit 2 Discussion Post is due on Monday, January 31<sup>st</sup> by 11:55 p.m.

Unit 4 Discussion Post is due on Monday March 14<sup>th</sup> by 11:55 p.m.

For your **On-Line Participation Grade** (worth 10% of your final grade) you need to submit responses to four separate classmates' Unit Discussion Posts in each of Units 2 and 4. The responses for these two Units will need to be completed by:

Unit 2 Responses submitted by Monday 9/21/12 12:00 PM

policy can be found at

[http://uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/accommodation\\_medical.pdf](http://uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/accommodation_medical.pdf).

**SELF-REPORTED ABSENCE FORM**

Students who experience an unexpected illness or injury or an extenuating circumstance (48

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Mental Health@Western <http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/> for a complete list of options about how to obtain help. Immediate help in the event of a crisis can be had by phoning 519.661.3030 (during class hours) or 519.433.2023 after class hours and on weekends.