

**CENTER FOR APPLIED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
TOWSON UNIVERSITY**

**AIT 652:** Ethics, Law and Policy in Cyberspace

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Prerequisite(s):** AIT600, AIT610 and AIT612

**Course Description:** This is a course for technical managers and is designed to create an awareness of the ethical issues, legal resources and recourses, and policy implications inherent in our evolving on-line society. The course provides an overview of the ethical challenges faced by individuals and organizations in the information age and introduces the complex and dynamic state of the law as it applies to behavior in cyberspace. It is intended to sensitize managers and professionals to the pitfalls and dangers of doing business in an interconnected world, and to familiarize the student with various organizations and materials that can be turned to for assistance in understanding how to ethically and legally operate and use modern computer systems and networks.

**Learning Objectives:**

1. Understand and define key terms and concepts in cyberlaw
2. Analyze and evaluate proposed or extant information security policies, practices and procedures in order to assess, in concert with their organization's legal representatives and advisors, potential legal liabilities that might flow from implementing them
3. Use basic ethical theories to evaluate the fairness of a proposed or extant collection of policies, laws, regulations, guidelines and practices designed to mitigate the risk and punish the misuse of on-line systems.
4. Create policies and standard operating procedures for an organization that are ethically, morally and legally sound.
5. Explain the public policy issues involved in privacy and apply privacy rules to management and operation of information infrastructures.

**Suggested Textbook:**

1. Ryan, D. J., Shepherd, R., *Cases and Materials in Cyberlaw*, Wyndrose Technical Group

**Other References/Journals:**

1. Clifford, R., *Computer and Cyber Law: Cases and Materials*, Carolina Academic Press
2. Alderman, E. and Kennedy, C., *The Right to Privacy*, Alfred Knopf