SI 410 Ethics and Information Technology

SCHEDULE

Week 1: Ethics and Information Technology   **Discussion Guide 1**
    7 September   Course Logistics (+ ethics survey)   **Essay Assignment**
    8 September   Lab: Using Library Electronic Resources (Scott Dennis, MLibrary)
    9 September   Computer Ethics

Week 2: Ethics and Information Technology
    14 September   Models
    15 September   Lab: Essay Writing Fundamentals (Sweetland Center)
    16 September   Infosphere   **Due: Essay Topic (4:00 pm)**

Week 3: Ethics and Information Technology
    21 September   Philosophy and Object Oriented Programming (Guest)
    22 September   Lab: Personal Ethical Behavior (findings of survey)
    23 September   Back to the Really Big Picture

Week 4: Information Integrity   **Discussion Guide 2**
    28 September   Boundaries of Trust   **Due: 1st Draft of Essay**
    29 September   Lab: Introduction to MediaWiki   **MediaWiki Assignment**
    30 September   Wikipedia as an Information System

Week 5: Information Integrity
    5 October   Wikipedia and Trust Management
    6 October   Lab: Advanced MediaWiki
    7 October   Wikipedia and Anonymity   **Due: 1st MediaWiki Entries**

Week 6: Information Integrity
    12 October   Plagiarism in the Online Environment
    13 October   Discussion: Integrity and Trust
    14 October   Enforcing Integrity

Week 7: Presentations

19 October	Study Break: No Class Today	
20 October	Lab: Student Presentations on MediaWiki	**Due: Revised Essay**
21 October	Student Presentations on MediaWiki	

Week 8: Avatars & Identity   **Discussion Guide 3**

26 October	What is an avatar?	
27 October	Lab: Briefing on Assignment and Tools	**Avatar Assignment**
28 October	Identity in Cyberspace	

Week 9: Avatars & Identity

2 November	Avatars: Continuum or Prosthesis
3 November	Lab: Avatar Construction
4 November	Avatars and Anonymity

Week 10: Avatars & Identity

9 November	Privacy Reconsidered	
10 November	Lab: Unreal Engine	**Game Scenario Assignment**
11 November	Synthesis of Identity and Virtuality	**Due: Avatar Reflection**

Week 11: Virtual Environments   **Discussion Guide 4**

16 November	Ethics of Game Play
17 November	Lab: Unreal Engine
18 November	War Gaming

Week 12: Virtual Environments

23 November	Gaining Advantage in Virtual Environments
24 November	Lab: Bartle Test of Gaming Personality
25 November	Thanksgiving Break

Week 13: Virtual Environments

30 November	Games and Gender	
1 December	Lab: Virtual Environments Free Time	
2 December	Rape in Cyberspace Revisited	**Due: Game Scenario (Team)**

Week 14: **Ethics and Information Technology**

7 December	Team Presentations on Virtual Environments
8 December	Lab: Team Presentations on Virtual Environments
9 December	Making Sense of Ethics and Information Technology

13 December (11:55 pm)   **Due: Final MediaWiki Entries + All Excused Late Work**