

CS 121 Our Digital World

Syllabus Spring 2018

Catalog Description

An exploration of the impact and effects of the Internet on all aspects of our lives as global citizens. This course examines the ethical, cultural, economic and political aspects of the Internet as a social technology. 2 credits.

Student Learning Outcomes

- Recognize the progression of technology over time.
- Explain how the rapid evolution of technology has impacted society.
- Study the impact of the digital media on their own personal life.

Student Learning Outcomes (CS/MEDA)

- Providing students with an understanding of the history, social and cultural roles of media in society, both through courses specifically focused on these topics and by incorporating these themes into other, production-oriented courses. (MEDA)
- Demonstrate a fundamental understanding of computation and programming. (CS)

Instructor Details

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Course Details

Course Title:	CS 121 Our Digital World
Prerequisite:	None
Meeting Times:	MW 2:15-3:50PM
Location:	Marsh LL 21
Textbook:	Blown to Bits by Hal Abelson, Ken Ledeen, Harry Lewis. ISBN: 0137135599 Available for free download: http://www.bitsbook.com/

Course Assessment

Assignments	30%
Quizzes	5%
Class Participation (See definition below)	30%
Midterm	15%
Final Exam	20%

Grade Breakdown

		92-100	A	90-92	A-
88-90	B+	82-88	B	80-82	B-
78-80	C+	72-78	C	70-72	C-
68-70	D+	60-68	D		
		0-60	F		

Assignment Descriptions:

Assignments:

There will be 3-4 outside of class assignments for this course.

Quizzes:

There will be 2-3 unannounced, open notes quizzes to help you prepare for the exams.

Participation:

Attendance is required.

Blog: You are required to maintain a blog and you have to post to it on a weekly basis. You are also required to post at least one substantive comment on your classmates' blog per week.

Readings: You should come to class having done the readings assigned for that period. You will get much less out of class meetings and blogging if you do not do all of the assigned readings on time. There will be some reading/study questions associated with the readings that you will need to complete before the start of class.

Class Discussions: You are required to participate regularly in class discussions. Your contributions should be thoughtful, on topic, and respectful of others.

In Class Labs/Activities: Each week there will be in class activities to help you learn and apply the material discussed in class.

Midterm Exam

The midterm will be on Wednesday, February 21 and will be a written, closed book exam on the topics covered so far in the class.

Final Exam

The final exam will be on Thursday, March 15 at 6-8:30 pm and will be a written, closed book exam on the topics covered in the class.

Policies

1. Attendance at every class is critical to your success in this course. I expect you to be on time and ready to go once it is 2:15pm and that you stay until the end of class. Any missed lecture is your responsibility to make up; just remember, if you fall behind, it will be very difficult to catch up.
2. Assignments can be turned in up to 24 hours late with a loss of 10%. Anything later will not be accepted.
3. No early or late exams/finals will be given. No incompletes will be given.
4. Academic Dishonesty: Pacific University has no tolerance for academic dishonesty. It is university policy that all acts of academic dishonesty be reported to the Associate Dean. Forms of academic dishonesty include, but are not limited to, plagiarism, fabrication, cheating, tampering with grades, forging signatures, and using electronic information resources in violation of acceptable use policies. Please consult the Academic Conduct Policies in the A&S Catalog for more details. **All work, unless otherwise stated, is an individual assignment. Group work in this course will be clearly marked as such.**

Sanctions that may be imposed for academic dishonesty are:

1. First offense for cheating: 10 percentage points subtracted from your final course grade and a zero for the assignment or exam
 2. Second offense for cheating: 'F' in the course.
5. You may be asked to leave the classroom if you are causing a distraction e.g. cell phone ringing, talking, etc.

University Required content

- ***Learning Support Services for Students with Disabilities***

If you have documented challenges that will impede your learning in any way, please contact our LSS office in Clark Hall (ext.2717; lss@pacificu.edu). LSS staff will meet with students, review the documentation of their disabilities, and discuss the services that Pacific offers and any appropriate ADA accommodations for specific courses.

- ***Tutoring and Learning Center (TLC)***

The TLC is located in Scott Hall, 1st-floor. The center focuses on delivering one-on-one and group tutoring services for foreign languages, math and science courses and writing skills in all subjects. Students should consult with the center's director for information on tutoring available for other subjects. Day and evening hours; walk-ins welcome!

- ***Unauthorized Recordings***

Students are prohibited from making audio and/or visual recordings of lectures or presentations without prior consent of the instructor or presenter.