HOOD COLLEGE

Syllabus
HON 322 Law and Cyberspace
Fall 2010

Lectures          TR 11:20 AM - 12:35 PM
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Course Description
This course provides an exploration of the legal and technology issues that arise with the emergence and explosion of digital technologies throughout society. The ability to access, store, manipulate and transmit vast amounts of information has introduced new types of criminal activity and raised a host of new legal concerns. These concerns are addressed from two distinct, but converging, viewpoints. The first viewpoint examines the relevancy, enforcement and jurisdiction of existing laws in cyberspace. The second viewpoint examines the impact of cyberspace and the use of new technologies in investigating, prosecuting and enforcing the law. Using case studies a variety of topics are covered, ranging from online vices, internet bullying and identity theft, to cyberterrorism, hacking and digital forensics.

Course Objectives
Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:
(a) Describe and assess current issues related to internet crime and law enforcement.
(b) Apply internet law principles and policy to various activities.
(c) Evaluate the legal implications of cyberspace criminal activities.
(d) Describe the notions of jurisdiction, evidence and prosecution of internet crime.
(e) Compare and contrast case law and statutory developments related to computer-based criminal activity.
(f) Describe the issues related to internet content and rights in cyberspace.
(g) Describe the impact of new technologies on copyrights, trademarks and patents.

Required Text(s)
- HON 322 Supplemental Material (the “pink book”), edited volume by Prof. Bean.
  Available for purchase at the campus bookstore.

Additional readings of scholarly work (see Reading List section) will be assigned during the term and provided via Blackboard.
Grading
Term Projects 30%, Mock Trials 20%, Quizzes 15%, Mid-Term Exam 10%, Term Paper 15%, Participation 10%.

Student Responsibilities, Policies and Guidelines

(1) Attendance: Your attendance is crucial. If you miss three or more classes, your final grade in the course will drop by one letter grade. Keep in mind that behaviors demonstrating a lack of engagement with the course (sleeping, reading for other courses, talking, being disruptive and/or disrespectful) will be interpreted as an absence and will count against your attendance record.

(2) Conduct. You are expected to conduct yourself in a manner that is respectful to your classmates, instructor and guest speakers at all times. “Respectful” also includes that you do not engage in sleeping, reading, talking, Instant Messaging, web-surfing, or other activities that could be interpreted as anything less than your undivided attention. Should you be engaged in any of these activities, you will be considered as “absent” on your attendance record.

(3) Responsibilities. You are responsible for all material covered in the course including lectures, readings, discussions, guest speakers and learning exercises whether or not you are present. If you miss a class, you are responsible for obtaining the lecture notes, additional readings and any assignment from another student and Blackboard. Except in the case of a documented illness or emergency, all assignments are to be delivered to the Instructor on the assigned date, even if you do not attend class.

(4) Examinations. Please take the exams at the scheduled times. If, for whatever reason, you cannot take the exam on time, you must do the following:
   (a) Obtain written permission from the appropriate authority (e.g. the Dean, your Doctor, obituary notice), which must be verifiable, and provide it to the instructor.
   (b) Notify the Instructor of your absence BEFORE the examination.

In summary, you must have PRIOR permission by the Instructor in order to be excused from taking a quiz or examination when scheduled. If the excuse is not acceptably verified or if you fail to comply with the requirements as stated above, the absence will be considered unexcused. Unexcused absences for quizzes or examinations will be given one grade level below the score earned on the test. The quiz or examination MUST be taken BEFORE the next class period and the graded assignment must be handed at the next class. Failure to take the exam by the next class period, will result in a grade of zero for that exam/quiz.

(5) Save All Work: You are responsible for keeping copies of all completed assignments. You are also responsible for keeping all graded work until a final course grade is recorded. Should there be a discrepancy between the Instructor's grades and your records, you will need to provide evidence in support of a revision.

(6) Academic Honesty. Adhering to the Academic Honesty Policy/Honor Code is your responsibility. Deviation from the policy will not be tolerated.

(7) Assignments. Assignments are due at the beginning of class. Late deliverables receive zero points. No exceptions.
**Topics & Schedule** (tentative)

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<th>Week</th>
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| 1    | 8/24   | Introduction  
8/26   | Cybercrime | Ch. 2 |
| 2    | 8/31   | Computer Intrusions and Attacks: Hacking, Phreaking;  
9/2    | Computer Viruses, Time Bombs, Trojans, Malicious Code | Ch. 2 |
| 3    | 9/7    | Online Fraud and Identity Theft; Virtual Crime | Ch. 3 | Quiz #1 |
|      | 9/9    |          |        |        |
| 4    | 9/14   | Online Vice: Pornography; Child Exploitation | Ch. 4 | Mock Trial |
|      | 9/16   |          |        |        |
| 5    | 9/20   | Social Networking; Cyber-stalking |        |        |
|      | 9/23   |          |        |        |
| 6    | 9/28*  | Intellectual Property Theft; P2P | Ch. 6 |
|      | 9/30   |          |        |        |
| 7    | 10/5   | Investigating Cybercrime: Digital Evidence | Ch 7, 8 | Quiz #2 | Mock Trial |
|      | 10/7   |          |        |        |
| 8    | 10/12  | **Midterm Recess – NO CLASS** |        |        |
|      | 10/14  | **Midterm Examination** |        |        |
| 9    | 10/19  | Executing Search Warrant for Digital Evidence | Ch. 9 |
|      | 10/21  |          |        |        |
| 10   | 10/26  | Computer Forensics | Ch. 10, 11 |
|      | 10/28  |          |        |        |
| 11   | 11/2   | Information Warfare, Cyberterrorism, and Hacktivism; Radicalization | Ch. 12 | Mock Trial |
|      | 11/4   |          |        |        |
| 12   | 11/9   | Trade Secret Theft and Economic Espionage | Quiz #3 |
|      | 11/11  |          |        |        |
| 13   | 11/16  | TBA |        |        |
|      | 11/18  | TBA |        |        |
| 14   | 11/23  | TBA |        |        |
|      | 11/25  | TBA |        |        |
| 15   | 11/30  | TBA |        |        |
|      | 12/2   | TBA |        |        |
| 16   | 12/7   | Team Project Presentations |        |        |
|      | 12/9   | Team Project Presentations |        |        |

*Prof. Bean at conference.*
Grading Scale(s)

Undergraduate Scale

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\geq 93.3\% & \quad A \\
\geq 90\% & \quad A- \\
\geq 86.6\% & \quad B+ \\
\geq 83.3\% & \quad B \\
\geq 80\% & \quad B- \\
\geq 76.6\% & \quad C+ \\
\geq 73.3\% & \quad C \\
\geq 70\% & \quad C- \\
\geq 66.6\% & \quad D+ \\
\geq 63.3\% & \quad D \\
\geq 60\% & \quad D- \\
\leq 59\% & \quad F
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Reading List

A number of the following case studies, news articles and papers will be provided electronically (on Blackboard). They will either be referred to during the lectures or will appear as Reading Assignments throughout the term.

Cybercrime Basics


Computer Intrusions and Attacks


Computer Viruses, Time Bombs, Trojans, Malicious Code


Online Vice: Gambling; Pornography


International Aspects and Jurisdiction
