



## Provisional Lecture Programme

	<i>Date</i>	<i>Lecturer</i>	<i>Topic</i>
<b>Week 1</b>	<b>25 February</b>  <b>28 February</b>	<b>Susan Corbett</b>	Introduction to course. Introduction to cyberethics. Ethical concepts and theories. Critical thinking skills. <b>Readings</b> <i>Tavani: Ch 1; 2.4-2.8; 3.1</i>
<b>Week 2: Nominated Readings:</b> “The Role of Law” (Materials Book) and <i>Tavani: Ch 5</i>			
<b>Week 2</b>	<b>3 March</b>  <b>6 March</b>	<b>Susan Corbett</b>	Introduction to law. Privacy in cyberspace. Personal data Public records The NZ Privacy Act <b>Readings</b> <i>Tavani: Ch 5</i> <i>Course Materials Book:</i> “Introduction to Law” “Privacy”
<b>Week 3: Nominated Readings:</b> <i>Pacific Software Technology Ltd v Perry Group Ltd</i> (Materials Book) and <i>Tavani: pg 244-255</i>			
<b>Week 3</b>	<b>10 March</b>  <b>13 March</b>	<b>Susan Corbett</b>	Intellectual property in cyberspace Copyright and the Internet Computer software Open source Creative commons <b>Readings</b> <i>Tavani: Ch 8</i> <i>Course Materials Book:</i> “Copyright”
<b>Week 4: Nominated Readings:</b> “Unsolicited Electronic Messages Act” (Materials Book) and <i>Tavani: Ch 9.</i>			
<b>Week 4</b>	<b>17 March</b>	<b>Susan Corbett</b>	Internet Regulation Spam Domain names

	<b>20 March</b>		ICANN and InternetNZ  <b>Readings</b> <i>Tavani: Ch 9</i> <u>Course Materials Book:</u> “Spam” “Domain Names and Trade Marks”
<b>Week 5: Nominated Readings:</b> “Domain Names and Trade Marks (Materials Book).			
<b>EASTER</b>			
<b>Week 5</b>	<b>27 March</b>	<b>Susan Corbett</b>	Lecture “catch up” and Review
<b>Week 6</b>	<b>31 May</b>  <b>3 April</b>	<b>Susan Corbett</b>  <b>Ian Welch</b>	<b>Terms Test</b>  Professional Ethics Codes of Conduct and Moral Responsibility  <b>Readings</b> <i>Tavani: Ch 4</i>
<b>Week 7</b>	<b>7 April</b>  <b>10 April</b>	<b>Ian Welch</b>	Professional Ethics ( <i>continued</i> )
<b>Weeks 8, 9</b>	<b>Mid Semester Break</b>		
<b>Week 10: Nominated Readings:</b> <i>Tavani: Ch 6 pp 169-191</i>			

<b>Week 10</b>	<b>28 April</b>  <b>1 May</b>	<b>Alan Cameron</b>	•  Computer Security  <b>Readings</b> <u>Tavani</u> : Ch 6
<b>Week 11: Nominated Readings:</b> <u>Tavani</u> : Ch 7 pp 195-208, 214-218 and Harvey, pp 317-330 (Materials Book)			
<b>Week 11</b>	<b>5 May</b>  <b>8 May</b>	<b>Alan Cameron</b>	Cybercrime  <b>Readings</b> <u>Tavani</u> : Ch 7 <u>Course Materials Book Vol 2</u> <u>internet.law.nz</u> , pp 207-227; 317-330
<b>Week 12: Nominated Readings:</b> “Cyborg Morals...” (Materials Book) and <u>Tavani</u> : Ch 11 pp 325-347			
<b>Week 12</b>	<b>12 May</b>  <b>15 May</b>	<b>Alan Cameron</b>	Community, Identity & Artificial Intelligence  <b>Readings</b> <u>Tavani</u> : Ch 11 <u>Course Materials Book vol 2</u> : Warwick, “Cyborg Morals...”
<b>Week 13: Nominated Readings:</b> “Operational Bargaining Norms” and “Introduction to Contract Theory” (Materials vol 2)			
<b>Week 13</b>	<b>19 May</b>  <b>22 May</b>	<b>Alan Cameron</b>	IT Contracts: Ethics & Law  <b>Readings</b> <u>Course Materials Book vol 2</u> <u>Introduction to Contract Theory</u> ; “Operational Bargaining Norms”
<b>Week 14: Nominated Readings:</b> <u>internet.law.nz</u> , <u>Contract Formation – Online Contracts</u> , pp 507-525 (Materials vol 2)			
<b>Week 14</b>	<b>26 May</b>  <b>29 May</b>	<b>Alan Cameron</b>	<u>Course Materials Book vol 2</u> <u>Introductory Notes on Law of Contract</u> <u>internet.law.nz</u> , pp 507-525, 548-70 (Materials vol 2)  Review, course wind-up

## Course Objectives

To enable students:

- To appreciate some of the ethical issues that may arise in information technology.
- To be aware of legal requirements relevant to information technology.
- To be able to critically analyse and apply appropriate ethical and legal principles to real-life scenarios involving aspects of information technology.

## Course Content

See Provisional Lecture Programme on page 2 of this Course Outline.

## Online Journals

- The course will use Blackboard online Journals:-
  - one **class journal**, which all can access, and
  - individual **personal journals**, each accessible by one student and all instructors.
- Students to complete *nominated* readings for each week (see Lecture Outline) and post individual entries in the **class journal** summarising the key concepts of the readings, asking questions related to the readings, and/or giving their view of the arguments in the readings. (Why do you think are they valid? or not valid? etc.) Students can nominate specific issues they wish to explore further and may comment on entries by other students. These entries will be used to assess the class journal participation mark (10%) for each student.
- Students write 400 words in their **personal journal** on assigned questions or discussion points relating to the previous fortnight's topics. There will be **five** such entries over the course. Students can incorporate material from the class journal, but must acknowledge it as a quote if it is another student's contribution. Each entry will be marked out of 5%.

## Readings

Everyone is expected to prepare the *assigned* readings for each class (see Lecture Outline) and comment on the *nominated* readings in the class journal (see above).

## Prescribed Texts

1. *Ethics and Technology: Ethical issues in an Age of Information and Communication Technology*, Herman T. Tavani (2<sup>nd</sup> edn, 2007), John Wiley & Sons.
2. BITT 302 Course Materials (2008) Vols 1 and 2.

The following books have been placed on Reserve for BITT 302 at Central Reserves Desk, Main Library, Level 2, Rankin Brown Building, Kelburn:

1. *Ethics and Technology: Ethical issues in an Age of Information and Communication Technology* by Herman T. Tavani
2. *Computer and Information Ethics* by J Weckert & D Adeney
3. *Ethics of Cyberspace* by C J Hamelink
4. *The Principles of Information Ethics* by R W Severson
5. *Information Technology and Society: A Reader* by N Heap, R Thomas et al
6. *Computers, Ethics, and Society* M David Ermann & Michele Sauf
7. *I, Cyborg* by Kevin Warwick
8. *Open Source Licensing* by Lawrence Rosen

### **Materials and Equipment**

The Terms Test and Final Exam are both open book and you may bring whatever materials you like into the exam room.

**Note:** during the course additional handouts may be distributed.

### **Assessment Requirements**

Participation in class online journal	10%				
5 online journal entries at 5% each	25%				
Term's Test ( <i>open book</i> )	15%	Monday 31	March	11am -	12.15pm
Final Exam - 2 hours ( <i>open book</i> )	50%	TBA	June	2008	

### **Term's Test**

A terms test will be held on Monday 31 March from **11.15 am – 12.30 pm in MY 632**.

The terms test will examine topics covered in lectures up until and including week 4 of the course. The test will consist of two compulsory questions having equal marks. **The terms test is open book.**

### **Mandatory Course Requirements**

**All** items of assessment are compulsory.

You must complete the Terms Test and 5 Online Journal entries.

### **Communication of Additional Information**

Once you have registered for this course you should be able to connect to Blackboard at <http://blackboard.vuw.ac.nz>. If you are not registered, please contact the FCA office on the ground floor of the Railway West Wing opposite Rutherford House. If you cannot access Blackboard after 48 hours please come to our office at RH708 where we can enrol you on Blackboard.

## **Faculty of Commerce and Administration Offices**

### Railway West Wing (RWW) - FCA Student and Academic Services Office

The Faculty's Student and Academic Services Office is located on the ground and first floors of the Railway West Wing. The ground floor counter is the first point of contact for general enquiries and FCA forms. Student Administration Advisers are available to discuss course status and give further advice about FCA qualifications. To check for opening hours call the Student and Academic Services Office on (04) 463 5376.

### Easterfield (EA) - FCA/Education/Law Kelburn Office

The Kelburn Campus Office for the Faculties of Commerce and Administration, Education and Law is situated in the Easterfield Building - it includes the ground floor reception desk (EA005) and offices 125a to 131 (Level 1). The office is available for the following:

- Duty tutors for student contact and advice.
- Information concerning administrative and academic matters.
- Forms for FCA Student and Academic Services (e.g. application for academic transcripts, requests for degree audit, COP requests).
- Examinations-related information during the examination period.

To check for opening hours call the Student and Academic Services Office on (04) 463 5376.

## **General University Policies and Statutes**

Students should familiarise themselves with the University's policies and statutes, particularly the Assessment Statute, the Personal Courses of Study Statute, the Statute on Student Conduct and any statutes relating to the particular qualifications being studied; see the Victoria University Calendar or go to [www.vuw.ac.nz/policy](http://www.vuw.ac.nz/policy).

For information on the following topics, go to the Faculty's website [www.vuw.ac.nz/fca](http://www.vuw.ac.nz/fca) under Important Information for Students:

- Academic Grievances
- Academic Integrity and Plagiarism
- Student and Staff Conduct
- Meeting the Needs of Students with Impairments
- Student Support

## **Manaaki Pihipihinga Programme**

Manaaki Pihipihinga is an academic mentoring programme for undergraduate Māori and Pacific students in the Faculties of Commerce and Administration, and Humanities and Social Sciences. Sessions are held at the Kelburn and Pipitea Campuses in the Mentoring Rooms, 14 Kelburn Parade (back courtyard), Room 109D, and Room 210, Level 2, Railway West Wing. There is also a Pacific Support Coordinator who assists Pacific students by linking them to the services and support they need while studying at Victoria. Another feature of the programme is a support network for Postgraduate students with links to Postgraduate workshops and activities around Campus.

For further information, or to register with the programme, email [manaaki-pihipihinga-programme@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:manaaki-pihipihinga-programme@vuw.ac.nz) or phone (04) 463 5233 ext. 8977. To contact the Pacific Support Coordinator, email [pacific-support-coord@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:pacific-support-coord@vuw.ac.nz) or phone (04) 463 5842.