DEPARTMENT: Computer Support Technology  COURSE NO: CST 1182
COURSE TITLE: Computer Ethics  CREDITS: 1

CATALOG DESCRIPTION
Covers the ethical issues relating to computers and technology including social networking, cell phone use, digital copyrights, and legal issues. Current events and topics related to technology and how it has changed our society will be discussed. Policies that address ethical technology issues will be developed.

AUDIENCE
This course is for students and professionals that work with computers, including accountants, business managers, administrators, health care workers, sales people and support staff.

FULFILLS MN TRANSFER CURRICULUM AREA(S):  Does not apply

PREREQUISITES OR NECESSARY SKILLS/KNOWLEDGE:  None

LENGTH OF COURSE: 1 lecture hours per week for 16 weeks or the equivalent if delivered via distance learning.

THIS COURSE IS USUALLY OFFERED:
Every other year □  Fall X  Spring X  Summer X  Undetermined □

Four goals are emphasized in courses at Minnesota West Community and Technical College:

1. **ACADEMIC CONTENT**: The student will achieve the knowledge and skill needed in the area of Information Security.
2. **THINKING SKILLS**: The student will have an understanding of the rational, theory and components of Information Security.
3. **COMMUNICATION SKILLS**: The student will begin to demonstrate appropriate communication techniques in working with the internet and fellow students to complete assignments.
4. **HUMAN DIVERSITY** – The student will gain self-awareness regarding their feelings towards people of different cultures, value systems and socioeconomic status.

Topics to be covered:
1. Social networking
2. Role of the IT professional
3. How technology has changed our Society

**LIST OF EXPECTED COURSE OUTCOMES:**
1. Identify networked communications
2. Describe digital network communications
3. Identify ethical practices regarding digital communications
4. Describe social networking
5. Describe intellectual property
6. Discuss legislation relating to digital communications
7. Discuss expectations of privacy
8. Describe the role of the Computer or Network technician as it relates to ethical issues

LEARNING/TEACHING TECHNIQUES used in the course are:

X Collaborative Learning  X Student presentations
X Creative Projects        X Lecture
X Problem Solving         X Interactive Lectures
X Individual Coaching     X Films/Videos/Slides
X Demonstration           X Labs

ASSIGNMENTS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR THIS CLASS INCLUDE:
X Reading                 Tests                   X Individual Projects
X Oral Presentations      X Worksheets             X Collaborative Projects
X Textbook Problems       X Papers                 □ Portfolios
X Group Problems          □ Term Papers           X Performance Exams
X Other

The information in this course outline is subject to revision

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