

SYLLABUS | Spring 2018

Security and Privacy Policies and Regulations for Health Care | INFO B583

Monday 6:00 - 8:40 PM | IT 255 and remote via ZOOM

Security and Privacy Policies and Regulations for Health Care INFO B583 (3 credit course) examines privacy and security policies and regulations in healthcare shaped by the interplay of ethical principles, individual privacy considerations, medical implications, and wider social forces. This course focuses heavily on the body of law referred to as the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH) and the and the regulations to protect the privacy and confidentiality of Protected Health Information (PHI) - local and federal in the United States. It will also include a general review of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) recently enacted by the European Union Parliament.

Regulatory bodies have become increasingly interested in enforcing privacy and security restrictions on the use and disclosure of healthcare-related information and the body of governing privacy and security laws continues to unfold. Therefore, it is important for individuals working in the healthcare industry to be familiar with applicable privacy and security laws.

The objectives of this course include learning how to identify circumstances that implicate HIPAA/HITECH and/pr GDPR regulations, understanding which provisions of the privacy and security laws apply to given situations, and understanding the significance of sound security measures in an era of increasing risks to the privacy and security of electronic information.

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You may also contact me by e-mail to schedule an appointment .

Course Materials: There is no textbook for this course, rather we will use publications by the American Health Lawyers Association, including the *HITECH Act Resource Guide*, *HIPAA/HTECH Resource Guide*, and *HIPAA Revisited: An Analysis of the Omnibus Rule and a Practical Compliance Guide* (which will be posted as .pdfs on the course website). Most reading materials are available on the web, with links embedded in the weekly lectures,. Materials include: 1) primary sources (such as statutes and regulations), 2) secondary sources (such as regulatory commentary and articles from the popular media), and 3) a small number of select business forms and policies to demonstrate HIPAA/HITECH practical application.

Please NOTE that some of the readings and assignments may change throughout the semester and notice will be given via e-mail and Canvas.

Attendance and Participation Policy: Class attendance, participating in scheduled online Chat time and participation in class are important parts of this course. As long as the amount and quality of your participation fall within a reasonable range, it will not affect your grade. Unusually good or poor participation may raise or lower your grade, respectively. Student contributions of current news articles or issues related to the course materials are welcome and some are a required portion of the grade as discussed below.

In particular, more than two unexcused absences (absences, that in the instructor's opinion and in accordance with the University's policies and procedures, are avoidable) will negatively impact the grade for this class. For each unexcused absence beyond two, the grade for the class will be dropped by five (5) points.

Grading: Grades will be based upon 1) class attendance and participation (20%), 2) bringing related news or journal articles to discuss in class (at least 4 per student per semester) (20%), 3) midterm and final quizz each 10% - a total of 20% of the final grade final project: case study, oral presentation and written analysis (30% collectively – 15% for the oral presentation and 15% for the written analysis) and 4) peer critique of another's presentation (10%).

The applicable grading scale for the class is as follows:

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Point Range	Grade	Point Range	Grade
97 – 100%	A+	80 – 82%	B-
93 – 96%	A	77 – 79%	C+
90 – 92%	A-	70 – 76%	C
87 – 89%	B+	69% and below	F
83 – 86%	B		

Graduate students must earn a B- is for the course. If the obtained grade is less than B- and the course is a required course for the student's study plan (project or practicum), the course must be retaken; if the course is an elective, the student must take an extra elective course..

Final Project - Case Study, Presentation and Written Analysis: For the final project, each student should select a recent legal data privacy/security enforcement case (within the past 5 years) to analyze and present to the class. Suggestions for cases for the project and specifics regarding the final assignment will be posted online and discussed in class. Each student will develop a case presentation and written analysis of his or her selected case. Students will make oral presentations of the case analyses in class explaining the enforcement and, in particular, the privacy and security rules and regulations implicated by the enforcement actions.

In addition to the oral presentation, each student should provide a written analysis, **not longer than 4 pages**, of at least the following aspects of the selected case: a summary of the facts of the case, identify and briefly discuss the legal issues raised in the case, identify any ethical issues raised in the case (i.e. what seemed wrong or right about the enforcement action), and discuss whether or not you agree with the enforcement analysis and outcome. The **final written analysis must be submitted on or before the last class, Monday, April 30, 2017.**

In addition, each student will be assigned to provide a written critique of no more than one page of another classmate's oral presentation.

UNIVERSITY POLICIES

1. **University Attendance Policy:** Attendance is required. The University regulations state: "Students are expected to be present for/participate in every meeting of the classes in which they are enrolled." IUPUI faculty is required to submit to the office of the Register a record of student attendance through the semester, on which they will take action if the record conveys a trend of absenteeism.
2. **Academic Dishonesty I Integrity I Plagiarism:** Using another student's work on a project or assignment, cheating on a test, test or any other form of dishonesty or plagiarism will result in a grade of zero on that assignment and possibly an "F" in the course, and will be referred to the Dean of Students. All students should aspire to high standards of academic honesty. This class encourages cooperation and the exchange of ideas. For further reference, students may see:

<http://policies.iu.edu/policies/categories/academic-faculty-students/academic-student-affairs/cheating-plagiarism.shtml> and <http://studentcode.iu.edu> .

3. **Values and ethics:** Profanity or derogatory comments about or towards the instructor or any member of the class will NOT be tolerated. Violating this rule will result in a warning and if the offense continues, administrative action will be taken.
4. **Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities and Conduct:** All students are responsible for reading, understanding, and applying the Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities and Conduct of IUPUI. (Students can access <http://studentcode.iu.edu> for further information regarding the above points)
5. **Disabilities Policy:** In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), all qualified students enrolled in this course are entitled to "reasonable accommodations." Please notify the instructor during the first week of class of any accommodations needed for the course. Students with learning disabilities must provide written verification for this policy to be recognized. *

*If you need any special accommodation due to a disability, please contact Adaptive Education Services at 274-3241. The office is located in CA 001E.