CMPS 4991 – Seminar in Responsibility – Spring 2015
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Attendance
The class meets for one-hour, one day per week from 1:00 to 2:00 on Friday. Be on time and be prepared. There will be a 3-point deduction off your final grade for each absence. To avoid the deduction, excuses must be made in writing within 1 week of the missed class and an assignment covering the missed material must be turned in within 2 weeks. All excuses are subject to approval. Arriving late is not acceptable. Any student arriving late by 5 minutes or more will receive a 1-point grade deduction. Dr. Halverson’s watch will be the official time.

There are 5 primary goals in this course:
1. Students will be introduced to a variety of current legal, social and ethical issues related to computing through reading materials, class presentations and videos.
2. Students will learn the basics of selecting and researching a topic.
3. Students will prepare and present lectures to group of students and faculty and at NTASC.
4. Students will be introduced to job preparation skills (resume writing, interviewing, etc.)

Grading
The grading policies outlined below will be strictly enforced. Exceptions will be made only in very unusual circumstances. Each student begins with 100 points.

The course grade will be assigned based on the number of points a student has at the end of the term. 100-90 points - A, 89-80 points - B, etc. Deductions will be made for missed deadlines on written assignments. (See calendar for deadlines and assignments.) To be considered "on-time", an assignment must be received before midnight on the due date. Hard copies of assignments may be turned in to Dr. Halverson or time stamped and placed under her office door. Alternatively, assignments may be sent to Dr. Halverson via e-mail (ranette.halverson@mwsu.edu) as an MS Word attachment and must be virus free. "4991 - Assignment name" MUST be in the subject line of all email assignment submissions. Lost or undelivered e-mail is the responsibility of the sender. One (1) point will be deducted from your final grade for each day late per assignment. Incomplete or incorrectly completed assignments will be returned to the student for completion and will be subject to late penalties. Failure to complete an assignment will result in a 6 point deduction for the final grade. Extra credit opportunities may be assigned. **Dropping of a Student:** If at any time prior to the presentation practice a student’s points fall below 70 the student will either (1) drop the course or (2) be dropped with an 'F'.

All students are required to make a presentation at the North Texas Area Student Conference (NTASC) at MSU on Saturday, April 18 and to attend the entire conference from approximately 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Students who do not present at the conference will receive a grade of ‘F’ in the course.

The Computer Science Exit Exam is a graduation requirement. It will be administered on Friday, April 24 at 1:00 p.m. in Bolin 103. (Tentative date) The exam lasts about 2.5 hours. A minimum grade is established. Those not achieving the minimum grade on the exam will be required to repeat the exam at his/her own expense ($35) until the minimum grade is achieved. The exam will be re-administered the following semester, possibly delaying a student’s graduation. An award of $100 will be presented to the student with the highest score at the Computer Science – Math Awards BBQ on Friday, May 8.