


Information Technology and Administrative Management Department
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 <p>ITAM Information Technology & Administrative Management Central Washington University</p>	<p>IT 486 Critical Issues in Information Technology Course Syllabus - 4 credits</p>
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This capstone course focuses on critical issues in Information Technology (IT) using current IT literature and case studies.

PURPOSE OF COURSE

This course is intended to expose pre-graduation IT seniors to a variety of topics pertaining to the IT industry. Some of these topics have not been included in previous IT coursework. This course provides students with the opportunity to synthesize and integrate the knowledge gained in the courses they have completed. The seminar format and case study approach of the course will allow students to think critically about important professional issues and to hone their decision-making and team-building skills.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this class, you will be able to:

- Integrate previous course work and work experiences in class discussions
- Identify current managerial, corporate, and global issues facing the IT industry
- State viable solutions to the problems facing the IT industry
- Improve communication skills through case-study analysis and discussion

LEARNER OUTCOMES AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Upon completion of this course, you will be able to:

Learner Outcome	Performance Indicators
1. Demonstrate current knowledge of managerial, corporate and global IT issues.	Graded exams, assignments, case studies, project and opinion paper

2. Synthesize current knowledge and apply solutions to solve current managerial, corporate and global IT issues.	Graded exams, assignments, case studies, project and opinion paper
3. Demonstrate the ability to think critically in the context of critical IT issues.	Graded exams, assignments, case studies, project and opinion paper
4. Incorporate technology into presentations dealing with critical issues.	Assignments and project

METHODS OF INSTRUCTION AND MODE OF DELIVERY This class is taught in a hybrid or completely online format consisting of mini-lectures, class discussions and/or in-class learning activities. Students will be asked to read and analyze case studies on a variety of issues important to the Information Technology industry. Students will be asked to present a number of topics and cases for discussion during the quarter in addition to completing an individual research assignment and executive summary for specific topics.

RESOURCES

Textbook TBA

Wall Street Journal

Case Studies

Trade Publications and/or Academic Journals

Internet/WWW

Power Point Handouts

CWU eLearning - Blackboard Support Web Page: <http://courses.cwu.edu>