CSC197: What, Who, How: Privacy in the Age of Big Data Collection

Course topics include: The nature of big data, what data is being collected, who is collecting and accessing this data, and how this data is being used. The study of how personal data can be collected and tracked, how personal and social factors may influence our own decisions about whether and how much to share our data, and the political and legal tools that can protect or subvert individual privacy.

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Course Schedule

Week	Topic	Weekly Task
1	Intro to CSC197	Read & Reflect
2	Data Collection	Read & Reflect
3	"Free" Services	Read & Reflect
4	User Modeling	Read & Reflect
5	Protecting your Identity	Read & Reflect
6	Mob Mentality	Read & Reflect
7	The Nature of Privacy	Storyboard #1
8	Internet of Things	Explainer Video #1
Reading Week		
9	Safety vs Security	Video #2 Research
10	Privacy Around the World	Storyboard #2
11	Security & Hacking	Explainer Video #2
12	Looking to the Future	Read & Reflect

Course Details

Web Page: Quercus

• Readings: Listed in Modules section on Quercus page

Reflections: Posted on Ed Discussion (link through Quercus page)

• Explainers: Submitted through Quercus

Mark Breakdown

Assessment	Weight
Weekly reading summaries (7) • 4% each (best 6 of 7)	24%
Weekly reflections (7) • 4% each (best 6 of 7)	24%
Video Explainer 1	15%
Video Explainer 2 Research (6%) Storyboard (5%) Video (14%)	25%
Participation	12%

Lateness is generally not accepted, but consideration can be granted in special circumstances (reach out to the course instructor as early as possible).

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