

The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania
Internet Law, Privacy, and Cybersecurity (Spring 2020)

Overview

This course examines the complex and often novel legal issues surrounding the development and current state of the Internet, information privacy, and cybersecurity. Topics include federal- and state-level regulation and enforcement of Internet and privacy legal concepts, data breaches, online privacy protections, how to legally manage a borderless Internet, and the liability of intermediaries such as network operators, social media services, and search engines.

Instructor

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Leeza Garber is an expert on the legal developments in the fields of cybersecurity and privacy. She is an attorney and consultant, and has published works on cybersecurity in healthcare, net neutrality, cybersecurity threat sharing, digital forensic investigation of mobile devices, and digital vulnerabilities of the upcoming 2020 census. Leeza speaks at conferences and seminars across the United States, including for the American Bar Association, the Pennsylvania Bar Institute, the International Legal Technology Association, and the Association of Corporate Counsel. She appears regularly as an analyst for national televised news to analyze issues relating to the intersection of law, technology, and information privacy, including big data, social media, data breaches, hackers, and privacy legislation.

Leeza is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School, received a certification in Business and Public Policy from The Wharton School, and is a cum laude graduate of Bryn Mawr College.

Materials

(1) James Grimmelman, *Internet Law: Cases and Materials*, 9th Ed. (Semaphore Press 2019)
Available for download as a PDF at <http://internetcasebook.com/>. A printed version can also be obtained from [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) at a higher price. Note: Semaphore Press lets you choose your price. Please pay the \$30 suggested price (which is a fantastic deal), if you want more faculty to publish affordable, high-quality course materials.

(2) Daniel J. Solove & Paul M. Schwartz, *Privacy Law Fundamentals* 2019 (IAPP)

Learning Objectives

The goal of the course is to familiarize you with major legal and public policy debates involving the Internet, privacy, and cybersecurity. At the end of the semester, you should have an understanding of:

- How the development of the Internet continues to pose new questions for governments, courts, and other legal actors;
- The major substantive areas of Internet law, and how they have been addressed;
- How information privacy law has been impacted by the rise of new technologies; and
- How the concept of cybersecurity interacts with the moving target of Internet and privacy law.

The course is based on U.S. law, although we will discuss international comparisons and controversies. You're not in law school, so there is no expectation regarding previous coursework, legal training, or career objectives. However, we will be reading court cases and other legal documents to understand the current state of the law. I will spend time early in the course going over how to understand these materials.

Teaching Philosophy

We are in this together. I will do my best to facilitate a valuable learning experience, and I expect you to take the class seriously and to contribute actively. I welcome your feedback and questions. Don't hesitate to contact me via email, or schedule a time for a phone call or meeting. This class will include active and collaboration

learning. I've found that passively listening to a lecture is not the best way to learn - let's interact, discuss, and make the most of our time in the classroom. Additionally, this course exemplifies an actively changing field: reading assignments may change to reflect current news.

Requirements and Grading

Your grade will be based on the following factors:

Mid-Term Exam (30%)

The midterm will be administered in class. It will include short answer and essay questions covering the topics addressed to that point.

Final Paper (40%)

The final paper is described below.

Individual Assignments (10%)

There are three short assignments to be completed in advance of in-class activities.

Class Participation (20%)

Your participation score will reflect your overall contribution to the class during the semester.

Late assignments will receive a deduction of 25% for each day. (A new "day" begins 30 minutes after the official deadline.) If you believe you will not be able to submit an assignment on time, please speak with me before the assignment is due. I will consider requests for extension based on the specific circumstances involved.

Class Format and Participation

This is not a lecture course. Most class sessions will be discussion-based, although there will also be small-group activities. Much of the time, key points of law will be developed through interactive conversation about the cases or materials we cover. Class participation is your responsibility, it counts towards your grade and will help you retain the information, so: prepare. Read the required materials before class, take notes, raise your hand, ask questions, and offer comments that show engagement with the course concepts. Students may be cold-called in class, simply to engage as many of you as possible in the discussion. The more you participate proactively, the less likely you are to be cold-called.

The Grimmelmann text includes questions after most sections. If I want you to prepare answers to these, I will call it out in the syllabus. Additionally, both the Grimmelmann and Solove texts reference legal cases that we will discuss. It is important to outline or "brief" these cases in advance of class - I will explain the process further in class, but here is the basic idea:

- (a) Facts (background, case name, parties)
- (b) Issues (what is in dispute)
- (c) Holding (the applied rule of law)
- (d) Rationale (reasons for the holding)

Attendance and Classroom Expectations

I want to get to know you! Please arrive on time and display your name tent each day. Attendance is a key part of this course experience (for learning and for your grade).

You do not need to email me to explain unexcused absences (i.e., those not involving a medical issue, obligatory university/athletic trip, or family/personal emergency). If you think your absence should be excused, please email me an explanation and, where possible, documentation. You do not need to use the Penn Course Absence Reporting system. I understand that you will sometimes miss class for understandable reasons, like recruiting. There is no way to "make up" a class. However, if you contribute actively during the semester, missing one

session is unlikely to have a materially negative effect on your participation grade. Remember, this class only meets once per week.

Policy on Devices in Class

Use of laptops, tablets, and smartphones is prohibited during class sessions, when not explicitly included in a learning activity. When appropriate for group work, real-time polls, and other activities, I will tell you that devices are allowed. When not expressly authorized, please keep them turned off and away from your desk. Students with relevant approved accommodations or language-related needs should contact me to discuss exceptions.

Paper Assignment

There is one required paper in this class, your final assignment. It will be a research paper, requiring you to discuss relevant materials from the class, and finding and incorporating outside sources, such as articles and white papers. You will be expected to develop an argument surrounding a thoughtful thesis. The prompt will be distributed during week nine of class.

→ Format and Length

The paper should be between eight and ten pages, double-spaced, not counting a cover page or bibliography. You do not need to follow a specific format. However, any source you quote or rely on, whether from the course readings or outside materials, should have a reference. This may take the form of a footnote, or an in-line parenthetical (e.g. Pasquale, 2015) with a bibliography at the end. Every statement based on a source should reference that source.

→ Grading

Your paper will be graded based on the following criteria:

- Quality of analysis: The paper demonstrates thorough research and reflection. It makes a convincing argument and addresses potential objections.
- Course support: The paper illustrates its points with concepts or examples covered in the course, and does so accurately.
- Research: The paper cites to outside research materials, and uses them effectively to buttress its arguments.
- Creativity: The paper is original, interesting, and presented in an engaging manner.
- Organization and style: The paper has a logical structure. It uses professional grammar, spelling, and punctuation.

Current Developments & Schedule

This is a course centered around the Internet - so use it! Our syllabus is open to change depending on the latest developments (and there will likely be many). Use the Internet as the rich resource it can be: find related articles, new updates, and challenging ideas to enhance your experience in the class.

January 22	Defining Internet Law (Week 1) Topics: Cyberspace, Jurisdiction, Territoriality
January 29	Defining Information Privacy (Week 2) Topics: Consumer Privacy, Government Regulation, Privacy Policies
February 5	Defining Cybersecurity (Week 3) Topics: Data Breaches, Data Security
February 12	Social Media (Week 4) Topics: Section 230 Safe Harbor, Regulation, Cambridge Analytica
February 19	Speech on the Internet (Week 5) Topics: First Amendment, Harmful Speech, Responsibility
February 26	Anonymity (Week 6) Topics: Dark Net, Tor, Deep Fakes
March 4	EXAM #1 - IN CLASS (Week 7)
March 11	NO CLASS - SPRING BREAK
March 18	Wrongful Access...on the Internet (Week 9) Topics: Trespass to Chattels, Computer Misuse (CFAA), Hacking
March 25	Trademark, Copyright & Patent...on the Internet (Week 10) Topics: Domain Names, Fair Use, App Development, Digital Rights
April 1	Fourth & Fifth Amendments (Week 11) Topics: Government Access, Surveillance, Searches & Seizures
April 8	Privacy All Over the World (Week 12) Topics: GDPR, Google/Apple in China
April 15	Internet-Connected Everything (Week 13) Topics: Internet of Things, Big Data

April 22	Unique Digitized Identifiers (Week 14) Topics: Biometric Data, Genetic Databases
April 29	Protecting the Cutting Edge (Week 15) Topics: Latest State Privacy Protections, Blockchain