

LIBT 217

Ethics in the Information Age

This course is taught as a eight week late start spring and a six week summer class.

Both are distance education modality.

Next course: Summer 2019

Dear Student,

Welcome to distance education at Cuesta College. I'm Carina Love and I will be the instructor for Ethics in the Information Age, a nine week online course at Cuesta College. This letter is to inform you of some important details prior to the commencement of the class. Please read this letter carefully and print it out for later reference. It includes lots of helpful resources to help you succeed in the class.

INTRODUCTION TO ONLINE EDUCATION

Distance education provides a convenient alternative to traditional classroom education. However it places a greater responsibility with the student to be self-motivated. To learn more about distance education, see the Cuesta Distance Education website, [http://www.cuesta.edu/student/aboutacad/distance/Links to an external site](http://www.cuesta.edu/student/aboutacad/distance/Links%20to%20an%20external%20site). to see if distance is for you.

If this is the first online course that you have taken, and you feel that you may not have the necessary computer skills to succeed, you might consider taking DIST 101, better known as ONLINE 1. ONLINE 1 is a half unit short course that will introduce you to some of the basic technologies that are used in online courses. During the Spring 2018 semester, ONLINE 1 will be offered, check the schedule for the dates of this short course.

BASIC CLASS INFORMATION

Course Website. This course will be taught on the Canvas ILS (<https://cuesta.instructure.com/>). The course website will be accessible on the first day of the course (March 20), login is your myCuesta id password. You will use the course site to read lectures, link to outside readings, take quizzes, submit assignments, participate in online discussions. You can use Canvas anywhere you have an Internet connection and a current browser.

Textbook. The required textbook is:

Required: Spinello, Richard, *CYBERETHICS: Morality and Law in Cyberspace*, 6th Ed. 2016. Jones and Bartlett.

ISBN-13: 978-1-284-08139-8 ISBN 1-2840-8139-7

(Available in the bookstore and on Reserve at either Cuesta Library.)

Recommended: Fourie, Denise J. & Nancy Loe, *Libraries in the Information Age*, Libraries Unlimited, 2016.

ISBN-ISBN 1-61069-864-9

(Available in the bookstore and on Reserve at either Cuesta library.)

Syllabus. The requirements for the class are outlined in the Syllabus. Once you are in the class, make sure to print it out and refer to it for important dates and requirements.

Contact With Instructor. Cuesta or I may send email to your myCuesta Gmail account in case of technical problems with Canvas. Access your account at <http://my.cuesta.edu> Links to an external site., student tab, gMail module. The email can be forwarded to a personal account under settings/forwarding.

If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail me at clove@cuesta.edu.

Students with Verified Disabilities

If you are a student with a verified disability, please notify me of your needs for accommodation as soon as possible. Authorized accommodations and alternative media will be provided as appropriate.

Basic computer experience. This course assumes a basic comfort level with computers and the Internet, and regular access to the Internet. More information about taking Distance Education courses and technology requirements are in the [FAQ](#) Links to an external site..

Technical Support: Questions about Canvas can be sent to support@my.cuesta.edu during business hours.

Sincerely,

Carina Love