APC 340: Legal and Ethical Responsibilities of the IT Professional – Course Syllabus

**IMPORTANT:** This course syllabus document contains basic information about the course. A final syllabus with detailed guidelines, instructor information, project information, rubrics, course/university policies, and other course-related information will be provided to students upon course enrollment.

**Course Description and Objectives**
This course explores a range of legal, regulatory, ethical, and compliance issues associated with developing software and using information systems in an organization. Topics include the ethical and legal issues associated with data privacy and intellectual property, compliance with regulatory requirements such as Sarbanes Oxley, and other related contemporary subjects.

By the end of this course, you will be able to:
- Identify and explain the ethical issues of IT professionals.
- Identify and explain the ethical issues of IT organizations.
- Identify and explain the ethical responsibilities of IT professionals.
- Identify and explain the ethical responsibilities of IT organizations.
- Identify and explain the regulatory requirements of IT organizations.
- Identify and explain the compliance requirements of IT organizations.

**Prerequisites**
- APC 320: Introduction to Business

**Grading**

**Evaluation Methods**
Your final grade will be based on your performance on the following:

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<th>Item(s)</th>
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<td>Assignments</td>
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<td>Online Discussions</td>
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**Grading Scale**
The following grading scale is used to evaluate all course requirements and determine your final grade:
- 90–100% A
- 80–89%   B
- 70–79%   C
- 60–69%   D
Workload
Students should expect to spend 144 credit hours per semester to complete the activities and assignments in this course. In a fall or spring semester, the time to dedicate per credit will range between 7-10 hours per week and in summer semester between 10-13 hours.