WILMINGTON UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY
BASIC COURSE INFORMATION

COURSE TITLE: Legal Aspects of Communication
COURSE NUMBER: COM 310

I. MAJOR INSTRUCTIONAL GOALS:

GOAL A: Develop a general awareness of legal system
Learning Outcomes: The student will:
A-1. Have a working general familiarity with the components of the American legal system
A-2. Have a general familiarity with how it works
A-3. Have an awareness of the historical development of amendment law and of relevant legal
principles, how they evolve, and may develop in the future

GOAL B: Develop a general awareness of libel issues
Learning Outcomes: The student will:
B-1. Have familiarity with libel issues, elements, and privileges
B-2. Have familiarity with invasion of privacy, information, protection of sources
B-3. Have a familiarity with free press and fair trail issues

GOAL C: Develop a general working awareness of media regulations
Learning Outcomes: The student will:
C-1. Have an understanding of obscenity issues and regulation
C-2. Have a general familiarity with copyright issues and controls
C-3. Have a historical and issues awareness of regulation of advertising and telecommunications

GOAL D: The student will use appropriate written and oral communication skills.

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Learning Outcomes: The student will:

D-1. Communicate information orally in a logical and grammatical manner
D-2. Present written information using standard APA style

II. STUDENT ETHICS AND CLASS PARTICIPATION:

Students are expected to attend class and participate actively and in a positive way. Questions and relevant observations are encouraged and enrich the experience of the entire class.

Computers in the classrooms are intended to be used as tools to enhance the students' learning experience. Instant messaging, gaming, emailing, and surfing the web are distractions to the student, the surrounding students, and the instructor and constitute inappropriate behavior. Students are ethically obliged to avoid these and similar practices.