WILMINGTON UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES  
BASIC COURSE INFORMATION

**COURSE TITLE:** Cyberlaw

**COURSE NUMBER:** LES 330

**PRE-REQUISITES:** ENG121, English Composition I (minimum GPA 2.0/C)  
ENG122, English Composition II (minimum GPA 2.0/C)

**LEGAL SPECIALTY:** ☐ Yes ☑ No

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course provides an overview of the legal doctrines and principles that apply to the operation and development of computer technology and the internet. Topics include: issues related to jurisdiction, constitutional issues of free speech, property rights, e-business, and current developments in legislation and case law.

II. COURSE OBJECTIVES

**GOAL A:** Demonstrate an understanding of the internet.

*Learning Outcomes:* The student will:
A-1 Define relevant computer technology terms.
A-2 Understand the technological basis of internet communications.
A-3 Identify and know the basic terms of the documents establishing the legal foundations of the internet

**GOAL B:** Demonstrate an understanding of the concept of jurisdiction.

*Learning Outcomes:* The student will:
B-1 Understand the concept of sovereignty.
B-2 Understand the relationship of courts and tribunals to sovereign powers with special emphasis on the United States courts.
B-3 Understand the basics of personal and subject matter jurisdiction in the U.S. legal system.
B-4 Understand the interplay of factors unique to internet commerce with the principles of jurisdictional law.

**GOAL C:** Demonstrate an understanding of the basics of e-commerce.

*Learning Outcomes:* The student will:
C-1 Understand the domain name assignment system and dispute resolution system.
C-2 Understand how contracts are formed through electronic commerce, and contract issues arising in e-commerce.
C-3 Understand issues arising in regulation of businesses in e-commerce.
C-4 Understand issues relating to the taxation of transactions in e-commerce.

**GOAL D:** Demonstrate an awareness of antisocial, tortious, and criminal activity using the internet.

**Learning Outcomes:** The student will:
D-1 Understand the issues relating to defamation which arise in cyberspace.
D-2 Understand the issues relating to spam which arise in cyberspace.
D-3 Understand the issues relating to pornography which arise in cyberspace.
D-4 Understand the issues relating to terrorism which arise in cyberspace.
D-5 Understand the issues relating to conspiracy which arise in cyberspace.

**GOAL E:** Demonstrate an understanding of basic intellectual property issues arising out of internet technology.

**Learning Outcomes:** The student will:
E-1 Know the basic types of intellectual property.
E-2 Understand copyright issues arising in e-commerce.
E-3 Understand trademark issues arising in e-commerce.
E-4 Understand patent issues arising in e-commerce.