



# BAKER COLLEGE

## STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

ITS 3210 Legal and Ethical Issues in Information Technology  
3 Semester Hours

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### Student Learning Outcomes and Enabling Objectives

1. Analyze the ethical implications that apply to the various IT roles found in an organization.
    - a. Analyze the roles and responsibilities of end-users in the organization.
    - b. Analyze the roles and responsibilities of system administrators in the organization.
    - c. Define ethics as it relates to Information Technology (IT).
  2. Compare the various licensing models used by IT vendors.
    - a. Describe Open Source / GPL licensing models.
    - b. Describe Closed Source / Proprietary licensing models.
  3. Examine the legal frameworks that apply to IT professionals in the US and around the world.
    - a. Examine the legal underpinnings of privacy in the digital age.
    - b. Describe the challenges of the legal framework in a global digital age.
  4. Understand the concepts of intellectual property.
    - a. Describe copyrights.
    - b. Describe patents.
    - c. Describe trademarks.
    - d. Describe trade secrets.
  5. Explore the impact of IT on the ways we communicate.
    - a. Describe the impact of IT on freedom of speech.
    - b. Describe the impact of IT on the modes of communication.
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### Big Ideas and Essential Questions

#### Big Ideas

- **Ethics as it relates to Information Technology**
- **Legal issues relating to Information Technology**
- **Challenges posed by Information Technology to privacy, communication and the workplace.**

#### Essential Questions

1. What is the difference between Ethics and Laws?
2. What are the different professional roles in an organization and how is each role affected by IT Ethics and Laws?
3. How does licensing affect the use of software and hardware in an IT organization?
4. How do IT legal frameworks in the US differ from other countries in the world?
5. How do IT professionals protect intellectual property rights in an organization?

6. How is personal privacy impacted by IT technology?
7. How is freedom of speech impacted by IT technology?

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