

ECS188: Ethics in an Age of Technology Winter 2025

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Information sheet

Class Web page: <http://www.cs.ucdavis.edu/~koehl/Teaching/ECS188/index.html>

Check here for announcements, handouts (pdf and ppt), recommended readings, assignments, etc.

Final: No final!

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I answer to ALL e-mails. I do NOT guarantee however that I answer PROMPTLY...

Attendance:

- You are expected to attend lectures, and you are responsible for the material discussed in class.
- Discussions are considered as lectures.

Grading: 20% quizzes, 20% reports, 25% oral presentations, 35% term paper. Note that the lowest grade of the 6 possible quizzes will be dropped.

- The class is offered **offline (in person)**
- **Recording:** Recording is not permitted (please contact me if this is an issue)
- **Privacy:** Respect for privacy is an essential part of our classroom community.
- **Code of Conduct:** "As a member of the UC Davis community, students are expected to adhere to the [UC Davis Code of Academic Conduct](#) that supports high standards of behavior and ensures fair evaluation of student learning."

Course Description (from Phil. Rogaway):

The course material will be broad, open-ended, and unlike anything else that begins with the letters *ECS* most of the class time will be spent with you guys talking. At the end of the term, your evaluation will state the following: *My goal is to increase your inclination to think about, and act upon, the ethical implications of your personal and professional choices, and our collective work as technologists. I'd also like you to read a lot, to write a fair amount, and to become more comfortable participating in oral discussions and giving an oral presentation.*