

CS 3001-A Computing, Society, and Professionalism (Spring 2024)

Week 1 Section Guide

O. TA to point the section exercise (class activities) and section discussion guide links from the course website to all of the students

I. Introductions (15 min)

- Everyone in the group introduces themselves including:
 - Major
 - Threads or specialization, if relevant
 - Year
 - An ethical issue about technology and society that interests them

II. Section discussion expectations (15 min)

- Attendance and participation counts towards grade
- Come to each section with a question about the lecture or readings that you find interesting
 - You can bring something relevant from current news where applicable and bring it up during discussion of any of the section exercises (given for every week's recitation)
- Read the section guide before section
- Download and look over the section exercises before section
- Tone of discussion
 - Remember that we represent many views
 - Everyone should feel welcome and respected
 - It's OK to ask, "Why do you believe that?"
 - It's OK to answer, "I don't know--I need to think about it."
 - Try not to dominate the discussion
 - It's OK to occasionally have a two-person back and forth focused discussion
 - But most of the time try to let at least two other people speak before you speak again
 - Sections are small--you are expected to speak multiple times every meeting

III. First homework assignment (10 min)

- TA will point students to the first homework link:
<http://www.munmund.net/courses/spring2024/cs3001a/Assignment1.pdf>
- Discuss the assignment; more detailed discussion on the week after.
- Assignment due date

IV. Play the following video -- "The Trolley Problem" on The Good Place (5 min)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vfIdNV22LQM>

V. Now, imagine the Trolley Problem” with a self-driving car. With this assumption, brainstorm answers to Class Activity in this week’s handout. Report back to the section once discussion is finished. TA to moderate the discussion and solicit answers. (20 min)

VI. Introduce readings for next week. (5 min)