LIB/COM/PAF 3040: Information and Society  
Spring 2015  
Monday & Wednesday 11:10 am – 12:25 pm  
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http://guides.newman.baruch.cuny.edu/klusek3040

Course Description:  
Examines the nature, production, value, and uses of information in historical perspective; the ways information is produced and disseminated and how it affects business, politics, media, science, technology, and culture; the growth of the “information society”; and major information policy issues.

Learning Goals:  
After completing this course, students will be able to:

1. Identify the nature, value and uses of information in society  
2. Understand the principles of the organization, production and distribution of information  
3. Describe the impact of information technology on social, cultural, economic and political institutions  
4. Analyze major issues in information policy and ethics  
5. Identify an information need, find and evaluate information, and use information for a purpose  
6. Use oral and written communication techniques to analyze a major information policy issue

Attendance and Classroom Protocol  
Attendance and class participation are expected. Please arrive in class on time. You will be allowed TWO absences for ANY reason as long as I am notified prior to the absence. If you are absent, for any reason, it is your responsibility to obtain any notes, assignments or materials missed.

Please be respectful of your fellow students by coming to class prepared to participate in discussions and class activities. Your success in this course depends upon your meaningful contribution to class discussion and activities and your understanding of the required readings.

Academic Integrity  
It is your responsibility to fully understand the academic policies of Baruch College and its rules and regulations on grades, dropping courses, cheating, and plagiarism.

I support the College’s policy on academic honesty and will not tolerate plagiarism. Please read Baruch’s website on Academic Honesty at  
http://www.baruch.cuny.edu/academic/academic_honesty.html
Grading

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Course Schedule (Subject to Change)

**Information: Concepts and Theory**
January 28 and February 2

**The Information Society**
February 4 to February 11
History. Technology. Society and Culture. The Knowledge Worker.

**February 16 President's Day - No classes**

**Information Infrastructure and Access to Information**
February 18 to March 4

**Economics of Information**
March 9 to March 16

**Midterm Exam March 23**

**Information Policy Research**
March 25 to April 20

**April 6 to 12 Spring Recess – No classes**

**Data Use and Evaluation**
April 15 and 20

**Information Policy Issues**
April 22 and 27
Copyright. Open Access. Privacy

**Information Future**
May 4, 6, 11 & 13 Team Presentations
May 13 Information Futures