Welcome to this course on legal issues in information security. During this course you will learn about the fundamental principles of the American legal system, the laws that affect information security, and the privacy requirements for the protection of personally identifiable information. The course also covers the topics of information security governance and computer forensics and investigations. Legal topics will include the structure of the court system and various administrative agencies, contract and tort law, and intellectual property law. Some important laws to be discussed are the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, HIPAA, COPPA, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, and the Privacy Act of 1974, among others.

This course is designed to give you the appropriate knowledge to allow you to assist an organization meet the legal requirements for information security and privacy compliance. It is designed to make you aware of the information security and privacy protection issues facing organizations, help you understand the laws that apply to these issues, and provide you with the steps required to comply with the appropriate laws.

I hope the course will broaden your perspective about the field of information security.