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Technology and Society
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Course Description

This course of study focuses on the relationship between technological change and social structure. The course identifies and examines the essential sociological theories and concepts which inform our understanding of technological development and diffusion. Emphasis is placed on a consideration of the impact of certain technologies on areas such as work, food, environment, communications, organizations, personal privacy, social interaction, etc.

Required Reading Material

Quan-Haase, Anabel. 2013. *Technology and Society: Social Networks, Power, and Inequality*. Don Mills, ON: Oxford University Press

Examinations

There are 2 examinations scheduled throughout the course of study. Each exam will be based on the required readings and all classroom activities (lectures, videos, discussions). The exams may include short-answer, essay, and multiple-choice questions. Please see the Grading Scheme for the weighting of exams, and the Course Schedule for examination dates.

*Lakehead University has a very strict policy regarding the failure to write formal examinations at the prescribed time. Please note that make-up examinations will only be offered when missed exams are due to medical and/or compassionate reasons, for which detailed supporting documentation must be submitted. It is your responsibility to familiarize yourself with the University's policy regarding missed examinations. Knowing your obligations in this area may help you avoid serious academic penalties.

Grading Scheme

Midterm Exam.....50%

Final Exam.....50%

Course Schedule

July 2: *Technology and Society*, chapter 1

July 3: *Technology and Society*, chapter 2

July 4: *Technology and Society*, chapter 3

July 8: *Technology and Society*, chapter 4

July 9: *Technology and Society*, chapter 5

July 10: Midterm Examination

July 11: *Technology and Society*, chapter 6

July 15: *Technology and Society*, chapter 7

July 16: *Technology and Society*, chapter 8

July 17: *Technology and Society*, chapter 9

July 18: *Technology and Society*, chapter 10

July 22: *Technology and Society*, chapter 11

Final Examination: T.B.A.