CARLETON UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY

SOCI 2035B/DIGH 2035B
WINTER 2022
TECHNOLOGY, CULTURE, AND SOCIETY

Instructor: Liam Kilmurray
Office Hours: Mondays, 1-2pm on Big Blue Button
Email: LiamKilmurray@cunet.carleton.ca

Course Schedule: Lectures will be posted by 6:05pm on Mondays
Method of Delivery: Asynchronous

Course Description:
From the beginnings of the human species technology has enabled adaptations and evolutions. Technological advances through time have structured, and been structured by, human social relationships. The 21st century has seen the rise of advanced technologies, in both industrial and domestic spheres. These technologies play an ever-increasing role in our daily lives and have social, political and cultural implications that will be explored throughout this course. This course will introduce students to the field of Science and Technology Studies (STS). Through examining a variety of technological case studies and learning some key concepts in STS, the course aims to help students understand the intricate relationship between technology and society. Students will develop an understanding of the 3 sociological theories (Social Construction of Technology, Actor-Network Theory, and Feminist Technology Studies) that are used to explain the relationship between technology and society.
Prerequisite(s): SOCI 1001 and SOCI 1002, or SOCI 1003 [1.0], or ANTH 1001, or ANTH 1002

Reading (s)/Textbook (s):
There is no textbook for this course, readings are available as files posted on course website, as journal articles available in the library, through ARES, or as web-links.

Course Requirements & Methods of Evaluation:
- Midterm 25%
- Essay 40%
- Final assignment 35%