Sociology (SOCI) 460

The Sociology of Information Technology (Revision 3)

Status:	Replaced with new revision, see the **course listing** ⬈ for the current revision ⊗
Delivery mode:	**Individualized study online** ⬈ with **eText** ⬈
Credits:	3
Areas of study:	Arts or Social Science
Prerequisites:	None
Precluded:	None
Challenge:	SOCI 460 is not available for challenge.
Faculty:	**Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences** ⬈

Overview

Sociology 460 is a three-credit, senior-level university course that is designed to encourage critical thinking vis-à-vis information technology. This course is designed to increase your understanding of technology, information technology, and the impact technology has on your life and our world.

Outline

- Unit 1: Introduction

- Unit 2: Theories of Information Technology

- Unit 3: Information Technology and Work

- Unit 4: Surveillance, the Panopticon, Facebook, Social Media, and the Mercers

- Unit 5: The Deepening Divide

- Unit 6: The Religion of Technology

- Unit 7: Conclusion

Evaluation

To **receive credit** ⤤ for this course you must obtain a grade of at least 50 percent on the final assignment and an overall course composite grade of at least **D (50 percent)** 🗎 . The weighting of the composite grade is as follows:

Activity	Weight
Unit 2 Assignment	10%
Unit 3 Assignment	10%
Unit 4 Assignment	10%
Unit 5 Assignment	10%
Unit 6 Assignment	10%
Unit 7 Assignment	10%

Activity	Weight
Quizlet Exam	10%
Final Assignment	30%
Total	**100%**

To learn more about assignments and examinations, please refer to Athabasca University's **online Calendar** ☑ .

Materials

van Dijk, J. A. G. M. (2005). *The deepening divide: Inequality in the information society.* Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage. 📱 (eText)

Clark, A. C. (1990/1953). *Childhood's end.* New York: Del Rey. 📖 (Print)

Noble, D. F. (1999). *The religion of technology: The divinity of man and the spirit of invention.* New York: Penguin. 📖 (Print)

Webster, F. (2014). *Theories of the information society* (4th ed.). London and New York: Routledge. 📖 (Print)

eText

Registration in this course includes an electronic textbook. For more information on **electronic textbooks** ☑ , please refer to our **eText Initiative site** ☑ .

Other material

All other course materials will be accessed online.

Important links

> **Questions about our Program** ☑

> **Academic advising** ☑

> **Program planning** ⤴

> **Request assistance** ⤴

> **Support services** ⤴

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