SOCl 220 ¹
The Information Society, Social Media and Digital Media/Culture

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Course Description:
Explores how various digital technologies are transforming our perceptions of ourselves, our friends, families and the world around us. The sociological perspective will be applied to developing a critical understanding of how our social landscape has been transformed by social media and other information and communication technologies and interrogate what it means to us as individuals as well as the larger society.

Course Outcomes/Objectives:
Students will learn about contemporary social theories relevant to understanding the transformations in society brought about by the digital revolution, with a particular emphasis on the use of internet-based technologies, mobile telephony and social media platforms. Students will better understand the relationship between the political economy of contemporary capitalist societies and the digital information revolution.

Course Pre/Co-requisites:
N/A

Topics May Include:
Digital culture
Digital media
Economic foundations of the Information Age
Convergence
Digital Inequality
The Transformation of Privacy
Information Politics, Subversion and Warfare

¹ This online outline is only intended to give an overall sense of the course. Detailed course outlines will be made available for all registered students on the first day of class. Only those outlines are to be considered official.
Required Resources May Include:

Textbook


Coursespaces:

Extra Resources are posted on Coursespaces;