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SOC 130: Society, Ethics and Technology

Syllabus

Lecture Hours/Credits: 3/3

Catalog Description

Prerequisite: RDG099 – Introduction to College Reading III

This course investigates the relationship between technological advances and the influence they have had on society throughout history. Social and cultural changes are reviewed in the context of technology and ethical issues that society faces because of new technological advances.

Textbook and Course Materials

It is the responsibility of the student to confirm with the bookstore and/or their instructor the textbook, handbook, and any other materials required for their specific course and section.

Click here to see current textbook prices at rcgc.bncollege.com.

Evaluation Assessment

Online Proctoring

All courses offered at RCSJ, whether they are web-enhanced, hybrid, or fully online, may include assessments that make use of Online Proctoring. To find out more about Online Proctoring, and to learn about the minimum technical requirements, visit rcsj.edu/elearning/online-proctoring.

Grading Distribution

Grading to be determined by individual instructors.

Individual instructors may include the following assessment(s):

- Exams
- Quizzes
- Essays
- Written Assignments
- Class Discussions
- Activities
- Attendance and Participation

Grading

The grading scale for each course and section will be determined by the instructor and distributed the first day of class.

Rowan College South Jersey Core Competencies

(Based on the NJCCC General Education Foundation - August 15, 2007; Revised 2011; Adopted 2014)

This comprehensive list reflects the core competencies that are essential for all RCSJ graduates; however, each program varies regarding competencies required for a specific degree. Critical thinking is embedded in all courses, while teamwork and personal skills are embedded in many courses.

1. **Written and Oral Communication:** Students will communicate effectively in both speech and writing.
2. **Quantitative Knowledge and Skills:** Students will use appropriate mathematical and statistical concepts and operations to interpret data and to solve problems
3. **Scientific Knowledge and Reasoning:** Students will use the scientific method of inquiry, through the acquisition of scientific knowledge.
4. **Technological Competency:** Students will use computer systems or other appropriate forms of technology to achieve educational and personal goals
5. **Society and Human Behavior:** Students will use social science theories and concepts to analyze human behavior and social and political institutions and to act as responsible citizens.
6. **Humanistic Perspective:** Students will analyze works in the fields of art, history, music, or theater; literature; philosophy and/or religious studies; and/or will gain competence in the use of a foreign language
7. **Historical Perspective:** Students will understand historical events and movements in World, Western, non-Western or American societies and assess their subsequent significance.
8. **Global and Cultural Awareness:** Students will understand the importance of a global perspective and culturally diverse peoples.
9. **Ethical Reasoning and Action:** Students will understand ethical issues and situations.
10. **Information Literacy:** Students will address an information need by locating, evaluating, and effectively using information.

SOC 130 Core Competencies

This course focuses on three of RCSJ's Core Competencies:

- Society and Human Behavior
- Global and Cultural Awareness
- Ethical Reasoning and Action

Student Learning Outcomes: Society, Ethics and Technology

<p style="text-align: center;">Successful completion of SOC 130 will help students:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">RCSJ Core Competencies</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Evaluation / Assessment (Additional means of evaluation may be included by individual instructors)</p>
<p>Understand the scope of technology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The core meaning of the word “technology” • Purpose or end of artifacts • Relationship between technology and modern society • Technological systems in social context in which they are developed, used, and disposed of • Children of invention 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Society and Human Behavior - Global and Cultural Awareness - Historical Perspective - Ethical Reasoning and Actions 	<p>Written Assignments Online Discussions Exams</p>
<p>Understand that the key bridge idea that links science and technology with ethics and social science is the dictum “<i>ought implies can, but can does not imply ought</i>”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traditional ethical values and norms vs. new technological context • Technological citizens, their rights and responsibilities • Moral and ethical dimensions of technology • Role of technology in distribution of justice and equity • Power of modern technology to alter the world 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Society and Human Behavior - Global and Cultural Awareness - Historical Perspective - Ethical Reasoning and Actions 	<p>Written Assignments Online Discussions Exams</p>
<p>Examine the reasons for cultivation or invention of invention in Medieval Europe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Judeo-Christian respect for manual labor • The Judeo-Christian subordination of nature to man • The Judeo-Christian sense of linear time • Free enterprise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Society and Human Behavior - Global and Cultural Awareness - Historical Perspective - Ethical Reasoning and Actions 	<p>Written Assignments Online Discussions Exams</p>

Topical Outline

- Perspectives on Technology
 - Historical Perspectives
 - Social/Political Perspectives
 - Ethical Perspectives

- Contemporary Technology and the Future
 - Globalization and Economic Development
 - Computers, Information and Surveillance Technologies
 - Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, and Nanotechnology
 - Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering
 - Population, Energy and Climate Change

Affirmative Action Statement

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Department of Special Services

The Department of Special Services is located in the Instructional Center, room 425A. The Special Services Department is committed to providing support services and ensuring equal access to eligible students with documented disabilities as outlined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Americans with Disabilities Act with Amendments. If you are an eligible student with a documented disability please visit our website at RCSJ.edu/SpecialServices or call the office at 856-415-2265 or 856-415-2247 to speak to the Assistant Director Carol Weinhardt, cweinhar@rcsj.edu.

Reporting Allegations of Sexual Assault and Resource Referrals (8/2020) Gloucester Campus

There are multiple safe places for students to report allegations of sexual assault, both on and off campus. Reports of sexual assault can be made to any of the following offices listed in the chart below.

All students are encouraged to report alleged crimes on campus. Crimes that pose a threat to the campus community must be reported to 9-1-1, Security, the Sheriff's Office or the Deptford Township Police Department. All employees, including Security staff, must report incidents of discrimination, harassment or sexual misconduct to the Title IX Officer.

Service	Resource	Phone Number/Location/Website
Non-Confidential Reporting Local Law Enforcement	Gloucester County Sheriff's Office Deptford Township Police Dept. Gloucester Co. Prosecutor's Office Sexual Assault Response Team	856-681-2200 856-845-2220 856-384-5500 856-384-5555
Non-Confidential Reporting 9-1-1 and Campus Security	9-1-1 Gloucester County Emergency Management Dispatch Campus Security Blue Light Emergency Phones OR ext. 4444 from any campus desk phone	9-1-1 or push RED button on Campus Blue Light Emergency Phones 856-681-6287
Non-Confidential On-Campus Reporting Support Services	Almarie J. Jones Special Assistant to the President Diversity and Equity/Title IX and Compliance John F. Ryder Director Student and Veteran Affairs	856-415-2154 College Center, Room 116 ajones@rcsj.edu 856-468-5000, ext. 6456 College Center, room 202 iryder@rcsj.edu
Confidential On-Campus Counseling and Support Services	Lois Y. Lawson-Briddell, Ph.D. MSW, LSW, Director Counseling & Wellness Services Center William Leonard, Ph.D. Intervention Teams Consultant Crystal Noboa, LSW, MSW Director, The Center for People in Transition (PIT) Diane Mussoline, EdS, LMFT Director of Behavioral Services	856-464-5236 llawsonb@rcsj.edu College Center, Room 206 856-415-2119 wleonard@rcsj.edu College Center, STEM Office C-168 856-415-2264 cnoboa@rcsj.edu Workforce Development Bldg., room 809 856-494-5665 dmussoli@rcsj.edu College Center, Room 200A
Confidential Off-Campus Full-Service Support	Center for Family Services/ Services Empowering Rights of Victims (SERV)	1-866-295-7378 Camden and Gloucester counties centerffs.org/serv
Hospitals with Sexual Assault Nurse	Inspira Medical Center Jefferson Washington	700 Mullica Hill Rd. Mullica Hill, NJ · 856-508-1000 435 Hurffville-Crosskeys Rd.,

Service	Resource	Phone Number/Location/Website
Examiners	Township Hospital	Turnersville, NJ · 856-582-2500