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| Faculty | Arts and Humanities | | |
| Home Department | Sociology | | |
| Module Topic | Social Change: Technology and Society | | |
| Generic Module Name | Sociology 321 | | |
| Alpha-numeric Code | SOC321 | | |
| NQF Level | 7 | | |
| NQF Credit Value | 10 | | |
| Duration | Semester | | |
| Proposed semester to be offered | Second Semester | | |
| Programmes in which the module will be offered | BA (2101), BA Extended Programme (2612), BTh (2013), BLIS (2201) | | |
| Year level | 3 | | |
| Main Outcomes | <p>On completion of this module, students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will understand theories of social change. Students will understand theoretical frameworks of technology. • Students will understand and contextualize the development of specific media technologies. • Students will understand the dynamics of technological change in South Africa, in particular, and Africa and the world, in general. | | |
| Main Content | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some of the important changes in social life since the Industrial Revolution such as mechanization, rationalization, urbanization and globalization • Key technological debates and developments involving views on materialism, post – industrialism and post – structuralism • Contemporary developments in media technologies such as television, internet, mobile (smart) phones and social media (e.g. Facebook and twitter) in light of the digital revolution • Impact of specific technologies (e.g. television, internet, mobile phones) on social change in South Africa, Africa and Globally in relation to social relationships, sociality, imagined communities and the network society | | |
| Pre-requisite modules | None | | |
| Co-requisite modules | None | | |
| Prohibited module Combination | None | | |
| Breakdown of Learning Time | Hours | Timetable Requirement per week | Other teaching modes that does not require time-table |
| <i>Contact with lecturer / tutor:</i> | 42 | <i>Lectures p.w.</i> | 0 |
| <i>Assignments & tasks:</i> | 30 | <i>Practicals p.w.</i> | 0 |
| <i>Practicals:</i> | 0 | <i>Tutorials p.w.</i> | 0 |
| <i>Assessments:</i> | 3 | | |
| <i>Selfstudy:</i> | 25 | | |
| <i>Other:</i> | 0 | | |
| Total Learning Time | 100 | | |
| Methods of Student Assessment | Continuous Assessment (CA): 60% Final Assessment (FA): 40% | | |
| Assessment Module type | Continuous and Final Assessment (CFA) | | |