

# COURSE DETAIL

## THINKING ABOUT TECHNOLOGY

**Country**

United Kingdom - England

**Host Institution**

University College London

**Program(s)**

University College London

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Business Administration

**UCEAP Course Number**

156

**UCEAP Course Suffix**

N

**UCEAP Official Title**

THINKING ABOUT TECHNOLOGY

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

THINKING ABOUT TECH

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

### **Course Description**

This course is an introduction to ways of thinking about technology, using historical, sociological and philosophical perspectives. The course starts with lectures and seminars on fundamental questions: what is technology? Is technology socially shaped? Do artefacts have politics? What are the common mistakes in thinking about technology? The course then addresses major themes (industrialization and division of labor, technological lock-in, gender and technology, non-Western technology and maintenance) and key theories and models (Marx, Foucault, Heidegger). The course ends by addressing provocative questions such as: can machines think? Can machines be ethical? Do machines evolve?

### **Language(s) of Instruction**

English

### **Host Institution Course Number**

HPSC0037

### **Host Institution Course Title**

THINKING ABOUT TECHNOLOGY

### **Host Institution Campus**

University College London

### **Host Institution Faculty**

### **Host Institution Degree**

### **Host Institution Department**

Science and Technology Studies

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