

FYW 1179
Our Technological Heritage
Fall 2022

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My office is located in room 200-G in Riley Hall. My office hours are MWF 9:30 – 10:20, Tuesdays 1:00 – 2:15 and also by appointment. Please see me if you ever have any questions or need advice during the course. I can be reached by phone (294-2233) and e-mail (chris.healy@furman.edu).

Class meetings:

MWF 8:30-9:20 in 204 Riley Hall

The last class is Thursday, December 8, 8:30-11:00.

Web site: Announcements about reading material and homework can be found here:
<http://cs.furman.edu/~chealy/fyw1179>

Required books:

- *Consider the Fork: A History of How We Cook and Eat*, by Bee Wilson, published by Basic Books, 2013.
- *Wings: A History of Aviation from Kites to the Space Age* by Tom Crouch, published by Norton, 2004.

In addition, I recommend that you also obtain a book that will help you in your essay writing, covering aspects of English usage and how to properly cite sources. Example titles are: *MLA Handbook*, *The Bedford Handbook*, *Harbrace Handbook of English*, *McGraw-Hill Handbook of English*. Any edition, e.g. secondhand, should suffice.

What is this course about? Technology touches every aspect of our lives. So, we will not try to cover the entire history of technology. Instead, recognizing that technology comes in many flavors, we will focus our attention on a variety of areas such as food, transportation and entertainment.

General course goals/objectives:

1. See how people have used technology to improve life and fulfill needs
2. Develop a curiosity of the relationship between technology and the human experience
3. Develop criteria to use to evaluate how influential a discovery or technology is
4. Perform the following tasks with information: ascertain, evaluate, organize, use
5. Become a careful and critical reader
6. Gain practice in oral and especially written communication
7. Know where to find quality information about subjects related to the course

For a typical class meeting, there will be a reading assignment, usually one chapter from the above books. There may be a video for you to watch. The day before class, discussion questions will be posted to the class Web site or sent to you via e-mail. You should prepare concise responses to these questions for oral discussions in class.

Grade calculation:

25% class participation

75% four essays

However, please note that you cannot pass the course if your essay average is an F.

An important goal of this class is to give you significant feedback on your writing. We will accomplish this via one-on-one meetings, and you will have an opportunity to revise each paper.

Homework assignments will each have a specific date/time deadline. These essays must be submitted electronically to my e-mail address given above. If you need more time to complete an assignment, I will accept it as late if you submit it within 3 weekdays after it is due. But you will receive a penalty of one letter grade if it's late. If your paper is more than 3 weekdays late, the paper will receive a score of zero.

All homework that you submit *must represent your own work*. Academic dishonesty is not acceptable. Examples are - copying someone else's work without proper attribution; copying from another student's essay; reusing an essay you have previously written for any class; asking someone (such as a tutor) to write portions of papers for you. If you have any question regarding what is and what is not allowed, please don't hesitate to ask me. For students involved in cheating, penalties will be substantial, up to and including an automatic failing grade in the course. The minimum penalty for cheating related to homework will be a failing grade on the assignment. "I didn't know it was wrong" is no excuse.

In order to appreciate all the material of the course, it is essential that you come to every class. According to the university's attendance policy, students who accumulate more than six absences cannot pass the course.

Most essays will require library research. To help you prepare for research, we will have two class meetings in the library. The first library meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 9 to prepare you for the first paper. The second meeting will be about halfway through the term to prepare you for the third unit of the course. These special class days will be held in the library. The research librarian assisting this course is Allison Diaz. She can help you find appropriate source material in the library or online. Here is a Web site that can help you use the library for this class:
<https://libguides.furman.edu/fyw1179healy/home>