

## Faculty of Economic, Social and Political Sciences



### SOC2448 The sociology of technological issues

[30h] 3.5 credits

This two-yearly course is taught in 2007-2008, 2009-2010,...

Language: French

Level: Second cycle

#### Aims

An analysis of technological issues, and particularly of scientific controversies.

#### Main themes

A sociological analysis of technological practices (e.g. laboratory work, medical work and industrial work), and the evaluation (in social and political terms) of practices in the fields of physico-chemical technology (e.g. energy and chemicals) and bio-technology (on the basis of social definitions attributed to "the environment" and "life").

#### Content and teaching methods

1. The systematisation of applied technological logics in the physical world and the living world.
2. The possibilities and limitations of technical actions.
3. Socio-political action in the field of "major technological risks".
1. Socio-political action in bio-technology (as applied to plant life, animals and humankind).

#### Other credits in programs

ANTR3DS	Diplôme d'études spécialisées en anthropologie		
SOC2M1/SO	Master en sociologie et anthropologie (option sociologie)	(3.5 credits)	Mandatory