

Nebraska Wesleyan University

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HIST 574 History of Technology

3 hours

Departments/Programs:

Historical Studies (Graduate)

Since the creation of the United States, Americans have used technology in an attempt to improve lives – at least for some. This course will explore an understanding of the nature, development, and role of technology and analyze its significance in American society. We will look at the role of technological change in society and how innovations, as part of technological systems, affected society and culture, restructuring economic and political life and realigning values. This is a social and cultural history of technology rather than a history of artifacts – people's interaction with technology is essential to this course.