## Social Networking – The 21st Century Village

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## **Course Outline**

With Facebook, Twitter, blogging, and Google, we can communicate in new ways. This course will explore some of the features of this 21st century village, including a review of social networking sites and services, issues regarding privacy, content, and sharing across generations.

Date	Topic		
10/26	Introduction		
	A ridiculously fast history of the Internet and the World Wide Web.		
	The major social networks and related topics		
11/2	Social		
	The 21st Century Village		
	Friends, family, work, school		
11/9	Local		
	Connecting our communities		
	It really is a World Wide Web		
11/16	Mobile		
	Our community is where we are now		
	Life in the always-on world		
11/30	What's Ahead?		

## **Notes**

Each class will include items form the week's news, a demonstration of one or more social network, and discussion of topics of concern to you.

All course information is available on <a href="www.queenlake.com/wise/">www.queenlake.com/wise/</a>. Copies of the slides for each class are posted on the class website. I reserve the right to make changes until 15 minutes before the start of class.

At the start of class, I'll hand out index cards that you can use to write your questions. If we don't get to your questions in class, I'll address them at the start of the next class.

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**Recommended Reading** 

Note: there are no required readings for this course. While you're encouraged to experiment with Facebook, Google Plus, Twitter, LinkedIn, or other social networks, there's no requirement to do so.

Author	Title	ISBN
Jeff Jarvis	Public Parts: How Sharing in the Digital Age Improves the Way We Work and Live	1451636008
Eli Pariser	The Filter Bubble: What the Internet Is Hiding from You	1594203008
David Kirkpatrick	The Facebook Effect: The Inside Story of the Company That Is Connecting the World	1439102120
Michael Miller	Facebook for Grown-Ups	0789749025
David Weinberger	Too Big to Know	0465021425

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