Certificate in Technology, Influence and Society

(This new certificate was approved by the CSULB Academic Senate on October 14, 2026, and approved by the CSULB President on November 5th, 2026.)

This interdisciplinary certificate prepares students to evaluate how technology affects individuals, communities, and the environment. Students analyze how markets, institutions and social norms influence the design and use of platforms and emerging technologies, and explore relevant ethical and policy questions.

Program Learning Outcomes:

- Understand how to narrow disparities in technology access
- Design inclusive technology policies
- Promote ethical tech development
- Work toward environmental sustainability and justice
- Develop an interdisciplinary and critical perspective

Certificate Requirement (12 units)

Complete 12 units from the requirements below. At least 3 units must come JOUR 360, ENGR 350, or ETEC 200. Only 3 units of total lower-division coursework (courses numbered 100-299) can be counted toward the certificate.

Successfully complete at least one of the following courses (3 units):

- JOUR 360
- ENGR 350
- ETEC 200

Successfully complete the remaining units from the following list (9 units) – noting that only 3 units of total lower-division coursework can be counted toward the certificate:

Lower-Division Courses:

- IS 100
- CWL 205
- JOUR 180
- ETEC 200
- UHP 201

Upper-Division Courses:

- JOUR 360
- ENGR 350

- HIST 374
- HCA 417
- COMM 423
- SOC 353
- GLST 365
- PHIL 381
- PHIL 404

EFFECTIVE: Fall 2027

Academic Plan Code: JOURCT01UG

CIP Code: 09.9999

Career: Undergraduate Certificate

Summer-Enrollment: Non-mandatory

College: Liberal Arts

Department: Journalism and Public Relations

Support: State-Supported

Delivery: Hybrid

Not intended to be a standalone certificate.