Science and Technology Studies (STS)

Courses

STS C100 Introduction to Science, Technology, and Society 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2016, Spring 2015
This course provides an overview of the field of Science and Technology Studies (STS) as a way to study how our knowledge and technology shape and are shaped by social, political, historical, economic, and other factors. We will learn key concepts of the field (e.g., how technologies are understood and used differently in different communities) and apply them to a wide range of topics, including geography, history, environmental and information science, and others. Questions this course will address include: how are scientific facts constructed? How are values embedded in technical systems?

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Science and Technology Studies/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructors: Mazzotti, Winickoff
Also listed as: HISTORY C182C/ISF C100G

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week
Summer:
6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 3.5 hours of discussion per week
8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 3 hours of discussion per week

STS C200 Topics in Science and Technology Studies 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015, Fall 2014, Fall 2013
This course provides a strong foundation for graduate work in STS, a multidisciplinary field with a signature capacity to rethink the relationship among science, technology, and political and social life. From climate change to population genomics, access to medicines and the impact of new media, the problems of our time are simultaneously scientific and social, technological and political, ethical and economic.

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Science and Technology Studies/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Also listed as: ANTHRO C254/ESPM C252/HISTORY C250

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

STS C250 Science and Technology Studies Research Seminar 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Fall 2016, Spring 2016, Fall 2015, Spring 2015, Fall 2013
This course will cover methods and approaches for students considering professionalizing in the field of STS, including a chance for students to workshop written work.

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Science and Technology Studies/Graduate
Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.
Also listed as: ANTHRO C273/ESPM C273/HISTORY C251