

SOCIAL STUDIES OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MINOR

<https://cola.unh.edu/history/program/minor/social-studies-science-technology>

Description

How are our lives being changed by technology? Why is science so influential in our society? Is modern science superior to traditional ways of knowing nature? Are science and technology doing more harm than good? The minor in social studies of science and technology enables students to seek answers to such questions through the perspectives of the humanities and social sciences. In this minor, students select courses from a range of disciplines, including anthropology, history, communication, sociology and philosophy, all of which shed light on the role of science and technology in modern society.

The minor presupposes no specialized scientific background and may be combined with any undergraduate major.

Students interested in taking the minor should contact the coordinator, [Fredrik Meiton](mailto:Fredrik.Meiton@unh.edu) (Fredrik.Meiton@unh.edu), Department of History, Horton Social Science Center.

Requirements

To complete a minor in social studies of science and technology, students must complete five courses (20 credits) with a grade of C- or better, choosing no more than three courses from a single department.

Code	Title	Credits
Select five courses from the following:		
ANTH #440A	Honors/Medicine and Culture: Science, Technology and the Body	20
BIOL #444A	Biotechnology and Society	
CEE 520	Environmental Pollution and Protection: A Global Context	
CHBE 410	Energy and Environment	
CMN 696W	Seminar in Media Studies ¹	
CMN 772	Seminar in Media Theory (topic: Critical Approaches to New Media)	
ENGL 415C	Literature and Medicine	
GEOG 405	There Is No Planet B	
GEOG #590	Field Research ¹	
GEOG 670	Climate and Society	
HIST 425	Foreign Cultures (topic: Energy and Society: A Global History)	
HIST #440B	Honors/Medicine, Society, Science, and the Law: Who Makes Your Health Care Decisions?	
HIST #440G	Honors/Revolutions in Science	
HIST 498	Explorations of Historical Perspectives (topic: History of Animals)	
HIST #521	Origins of Modern Science	
HIST 522	Science in the Modern World	
HIST 595	Explorations ¹	
HIST 600	Explorations (topic: Oil and Water of the Middle East)	
HIST 618	American Environmental History	
HIST 621	History of American Thought ¹	
HIST 654	Topics in History of Science	
HIST 690	Seminar: Historical Expl ¹	
PHIL 424	The Future of Humanity: Science, Technology, and Society	
PHIL 435	Human Nature and Evolution	
PHIL 447	Artificial Intelligence, Robots, and People	
PHIL 450	Environmental Ethics	
PHIL 630	Neuroscience and Philosophy	
PHIL 780	Special Topics ¹	

POLT 444	Politics and Policy in a Warming World
POLT #751	Comparative Environmental Politics and Policy
PSYC 571	Pioneers of Psychology
PSYC 791W	Special Topics ¹
SOC 565	Environment and Society

Total Credits 20

¹ with approval of topic by the coordinator