SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND SOCIETY GRADUATE MINOR

Program Code	STS
Campus(es)	University Park

This interdisciplinary graduate minor is administered by the Science, Technology, and Society Program. Each student's program will be planned by the student and designated STS graduate adviser, in consultation with the graduate adviser in the student's major field.

The goal of the graduate minor in Science, Technology, and Society is to complement graduate and professional students' major programs through study of the interactions among science, technology, and society. More specific objectives are to promote scholarship in the humanities and social sciences concerning the social and ethical dimensions of science and technology; to inform those training in the scientific and technical professions about the social and ethical dimensions of their professional practice; and to develop research and rhetorical skills used in shaping public discourses about, and public policies regulating, science and technology.

Minor Requirements

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements for minors in Graduate Council policy GCAC-218 Minors (https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-218-minors).

The minor requires 9 credits in STS courses for a master's and 15 credits for a doctoral minor.

Code	Title	Credits
STS 589	Ethics and Values in Science and Technology	3
STS 591		3
The remaining credits may include 400- and 500-level courses, including Special Topics and Individual Studies.		3-9
Total Credits		**9-15**

Courses

Graduate courses carry numbers from 500 to 699 and 800 to 899. Advanced undergraduate courses numbered between 400 and 499 may be used to meet some graduate degree requirements when taken by graduate students. Courses below the 400 level may not. A graduate student may register for or audit these courses in order to make up deficiencies or to fill in gaps in previous education but not to meet requirements for an advanced degree.