

Science, Technology & Society Minor

Fall 2018 Course Offerings

HISC 116. History of Bioethics (4)

The story behind the postwar rise of bioethics—medical scandals breaking in the mass media, the development of novel technologies for saving and prolonging life, the emergence of new diseases, the unprecedented scope for manipulation opened up by biology.

946525, TuTh, 12:30p-1:50p, CENTR 222, Gere, Catherina M.

HISC 107. The Emergence of Modern Science (4)

The development of the modern conception of the sciences, and of the modern social and institutional structure of scientific activity, chiefly in Europe, during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

946525, TuTh, 12:30p-1:50p, CENTR 222, Golan, Tal

PHIL 145. Philosophy of Science (4)

Central problems in philosophy of science, such as the nature of confirmation and explanation, the nature of scientific revolutions and progress, the unity of science, and realism and antirealism.

947256, TuTh, 2:00p-3:20p, WLH 2112, McKenzie, Kerry V.

Approved by Undergraduate Student Petition

SOCI 170. Gender and Science (4)

Scientific practices have had a tremendous impact on our understandings of gender. Gender relations have also significantly influenced the character of scientific inquiry. The course will consider how and why these two processes intertwine.

952271, MWF, 10:00a-10:50a, SOLIS 110, Lampland, Martha

COMM 173. Interaction with Technology (4)

In this class we will look closely at the everyday ways in which we interact with technology to discuss sociocultural character of objects, built environments; situated, distributed, and embodied character of knowledges; use of multimodal semiotic resources, talk, gesture, body orientation, and gaze in interaction with technology.

946724, M, 1:00p-3:50p, MCC 201, Alac, Morana

HISC 109. Invention of Tropical Disease (4)

Explores the origins of the idea of the “tropics” and “tropical disease” as a legacy of European conquest and colonization, and introduces students to themes in the history of colonialism, tropical medicine, and global public health.

946526, TuTh, 8:00a-9:20a, CENTR 201, Edington, Claire Ellen