

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY STUDIES

THE MINOR

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The undergraduate minor in Science & Technology Studies (S&TS) is designed for students who wish to engage in a systematic, interdisciplinary exploration of the role of science and technology in modern societies. The minor is intended for students with varied academic interests and career goals. Majors in the natural sciences and engineering have an opportunity to explore the social, political, and ethical implications of their selected fields of specialization, while students majoring in the humanities and social sciences have a chance to study the processes, products and impacts of science and technology from multiple disciplinary perspectives.

The S&TS minor permits students to develop an individualized program of study closely related to their major field. For example, students might use the S&TS minor to further explore issues related to their major by focusing on such topics as computers and society; medicine and society; gender and technology; science and law; biotechnology; science and politics; environmental policy. By choosing courses in S&TS that fit their particular goals, students can individually tailor the minor to provide breadth and depth in areas of special interest.

To satisfy the requirements for the S&TS minor, students must complete with letter grades, no lower than a C-, a minimum of four courses and 15 credits selected from the course offerings listed for the major. Students must take one, 2000 level STS course. For the three remaining courses, one should be at the 3000 or 4000 level and no more than one course at the 1000 level. First-year writing seminars are excluded. Students may need to take one additional course to reach the 15 credit minimum. **NOTE:** Biology and Society Majors (BSOC) cannot use more than one course to fulfill requirements for both the BSOC Major and the STS Minor. Please attach a copy of your BSOC course checklist along with your STS Minor application.

In selecting courses, students should review the complete list of courses available in the departmental office, 303 Morrill Hall

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Interested students may obtain an application for the minor and further information about courses by stopping by the S&TS undergraduate office, 303 Morrill Hall, phoning 255-6234 or e-mailing smh388@cornell.edu. Students must apply by the end of week three in their final semester and declare the minor by the end of week 7 in their final semester.