COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Spring 2006: updates since Spring 2005 are in red

EST Technology and Systems Management

EST 100 Computer Literacy in a Digital Era
Introduces computer applications and selection of computer-based tools and the skills necessary to be successful in an era of digital revolution including: electronic communication; application-based projects; information management and assessment; and the societal impacts of digital literacy. Emphasizes computer literacy skills used in education, industry, and other professional environments. Participation in weekly computer labs is required.
3 credits

EST 102-E Weather and Climate
Introduces the nature and causes of common meteorological phenomena, severe weather occurrences, and climatic patterns. Topics include formation and movement of air masses and large-scale storms; techniques for weather prediction; weather satellites; hurricanes, tornadoes, and thunderstorms; cloud and precipitation types; the climatic history of the earth; and actual and potential effect of human activities on weather and climate, and of weather and climate on humans. This course is offered as both ATM 102 and EST 102.
3 credits

EST 104 Projects in Technology and Society
Introduces students to technological issues in society. A new topic is presented each semester. Explores underlying scientific and engineering concepts, ethical issues, and technological risks. Students complete a project with faculty supervision.
Prerequisite: Permission of department
1 credit

EST 192 Introduction to Modern Engineering
Familiarizes students with systems and decision-making concepts of modern engineering and technology. The conceptual areas to be studied include an engineering approach to problem solving and design, modeling of dynamic systems, and technology assessment. The artificial heart program, solar energy technology, and building access for the handicapped are some of the socio-technological case studies that are used.
3 credits

EST 194-C Patterns of Problem Solving
A survey of techniques and methods of problem solving as developed by the engineer and applied scientist. Applications drawn from a broad range of fields. Intended for non-engineering majors.
Prerequisite: Satisfaction of entry skill in mathematics
3 credits

EST 201-H Technological Trends in Society
Explores the impact of technology and engineering design on society past, present, and future. The main themes as they relate to changing technology are: industry and the economy; the environment; social, educational, and psychological implications of computers; energy and society; warfare; and 21st-century emerging technologies.
Prerequisite: One D.E.C. category E course
3 credits

EST 202 Introduction to Science-Technology Studies
An introduction to the interrelationship between science and technology as dynamic and inseparable. Discusses the concepts, framework, and context of science-technology studies. Includes ethical issues, social influences, and public policies as they influence and interact with the social management of science and technology.
Prerequisite: EST 192
3 credits

EST 210 Learning to Learn New Technologies
Developing processes for learning new technology that continues to change at an increasing rate. The key issues covered are: learning new software tools, the problem solving process, applying tools, debugging, choosing a tool, helping others to learn new software packages, how networks change the use of tools, ethical issues, Internet, and the information explosion. Classes are held in computer laboratories. Students are required to work in campus computer consulting situations.
3 credits

EST 291-H Energy, Environment, and People
Case studies selected from topics such as radioactive wastes; Long Island's toxic wastes; Shoreham, Chernobyl, and nuclear safety; agriculture and the environment; and global resources. The course emphasizes the interplay between scientific and engineering considerations and human values and institutions.
Prerequisites: Two D.E.C. category E courses (except those designated ANP); any AMS or MAT course
3 credits

EST 300 Computer Modeling and Experiments in Mathematics and Science Education
Focus on computer-based experimentation and modeling to enhance mathematics and science education. Students construct their own computer-enhanced experiments using probe/software systems to study the behavior of real-world systems and computer simulation software packages to model the behavior of those systems.
Prerequisite: EST 100 or CSE 101
3 credits

EST 302 Assessment of Computer-Based Technologies
Methodologies for assessing the impact of computer-based technologies on economics, decision making, division of labor, and societal issues such as privacy and ethics. Frameworks for assessing technologies, as well as applications of standard approaches such as benefit-cost analysis. Case studies drawn from robotics, banking, automation in the U.S. postal system, and other areas.
Prerequisite: EST 100 or any CSE course
3 credits

EST 303 Crisis Communications
Explores the emerging fields of crisis and risk communications through case studies. Oil spills, cyber crimes, medical device malfunctions, product tampering, and recalls are among the types of crises studied. Also examines crisis prevention, crisis plan development, media management, and the way organizations struggle to speak truthfully about risks that arouse public fears.
Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing
3 credits

EST 305 Applications Software for Information Management
Introduction to the role of applications software in various types of organizations with emphasis on methods of formulating the requisite information flows to engender adequate communications, operation, and control. The importance of audit ability, maintainability, and recoverability in systems design is stressed. Provides students with knowledge of basic techniques and elementary skills in representing system structure with application of the principles in practical case studies using spreadsheet and database software. Extensive interaction with applications software reinforces concepts presented.
Prerequisite: EST 100 or CSE 101
3 credits

EST 320-H Communication Technology Systems
Emphasizes basic science and engineering concepts underlying design and usage of modern telecommunications systems. Considers effects of human factors and societal constraints on design and development of nascent technological systems. Includes the electromagnetic spectrum, analog and digital signals and resonances as well as societal considerations of government regulations, international competition, and environment.
Prerequisites: MAT 123; one D.E.C. category E course
3 credits

EST 325-H Technology in the Workplace
A study of automation and information technologies in both manufacturing and service industries. Considers how technology is changing the work and lives of everyone from production workers to executives. Case studies are used to understand how technology can improve quality and productivity and how incorrect use produces disappointing results.
Prerequisites: Completion of D.E.C. category E
3 credits

EST 330-H Natural Disasters: Societal Impacts and Technological Solutions
A study of the physical causes of natural disasters; their societal impacts in developed and developing nations; the use of engineering, architecture, and regional planning to reduce vulnerability and loss; and the institutional mechanisms, both domestic and international, for providing cross-cultural technology transfer and post-disaster assistance. Case studies of disasters in a number of countries are included.
Prerequisites: U3 or U4 standing; one D.E.C. category E course
3 credits

EST 331 Professional Ethics and Intellectual Property
The study of ethical decisions confronting individuals and organizations in engineering and science. Related questions about moral conduct, character, ideals, and relationships of people and organizations involved in technical development are discussed. Ethics codes for engineers, computer scientists, and natural scientists are covered. Includes topics in intellectual property such as patents, trademarks, copyrights and copyright applications, licensing, and IP in cyberspace.
Prerequisites: U3 or U4 standing
3 credits

EST 391-H Technology Assessment
A multidisciplinary analysis of the environmental, economic, scientific, engineering, social, and ethical impacts of a technology and of policies for controlling them. Each class, often working with research teams and visiting area facilities, concentrates on topics such as plastics recycling, the future of the automobile, nuclear power, nanotechnology, space stations, virtual reality, biotechnology, smart weapons, and the Internet.
Prerequisites: PHY 132/134 or CHE 132 or BIO 201 or 202 or 203; MAT 127 or 132 or 142 or AMS 161
3 credits
EST 392-F Engineering and Managerial Economics
Applications of fundamental economics principles and systems analysis to problems of planning and design in manufacturing or service sectors of industry. Includes the time value of money, analysis of various types of cash flows, development of rate of return, and benefit-to-cost ratios in their use to evaluate competing investment programs. The role of depreciation and investment tax credits on the level of corporate taxation leading to the determination of after-tax rates of return.
Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing in a CEAS major or economics major
3 credits

EST 393 Production and Operations Analysis
Development of analytical techniques useful in supplying information for planning purposes in the manufacturing and service sectors. Introduction to mathematical modeling of production, inventory, distribution, and service systems using linear programming, network, and probabilistic methods. Applications of forecasting and materials requirements planning in the development of resources to meet anticipated needs. Practical, real-life case studies are used throughout with appropriate familiarization with computer uses in problem solving and simulation.
Prerequisite: EST 391
3 credits

EST 411-H Science, Technology, and Arms Control
A study of the application of scientific technology to national defense, covering nuclear weapons and delivery systems, chemical and biological weapons, conventional weapons systems, defense research and development, arms control and disarmament negotiations, and international technology transfer. This course is offered as both EST 411 and POL 411.
Prerequisites: U3 or U4 standing; one D.E.C. category E course
3 credits, S/U grading

EST 412 Intelligence Organizations, Technology, and Democracy
The role of intelligence organizations in decision making through analysis of agency practices in support of U.S. national security policy. The course also explores the roles of intelligence agencies and practices in democratic societies. This course is offered as both EST 412 and POL 412.
Prerequisites: U3 or U4 standing; POL 101 and 102; one D.E.C. category E course
3 credits

EST 420 Seminar on Information-Age Society
The characteristics of and current trends in telecommunications technology. Science and engineering concepts are applied as students analyze case studies focusing on the migration of entertainment media into the digital era, computer-generated speech, interactive cable television, and other current technologies. Engineering technology design constraints, critical success factors, and ethics for a technological world are explored.
Prerequisite: EST 320
3 credits

EST 440 Interdisciplinary Research Methods
Uses scientific research and related engineering technology problem-solving as a framework for the synthesis of diverse disciplines studied by students in the first three undergraduate years. Provides students with experience in team problem-solving. Students develop a proposal for interdisciplinary research or projects to be carried out in the final semester of study.
Prerequisites: TSM major; U4 standing; EST 393
3 credits

EST 441 Interdisciplinary Senior Project
Students carry through to completion their own research, development, or product evaluation project based on the proposal submitted and approved in EST 440. Requires practical steps including garnering faculty mentorship, creating a schedule, assembling resources, conducting research or working on prototype, and a final paper and presentation.
Prerequisite: EST 440
3 credits

EST 421 Starting the High-Technology Venture
Introduces engineering and applied science students to start-up and early development of a new high-technology venture. Turning a concept into a new venture. Identifying and evaluating product and market. Issues of feasibility, patents, and prototypes.
Prerequisites: CEAS major; U4 standing
3 credits

EST 475 Undergraduate Teaching Practicum
Students assist the faculty in teaching by conducting recitation or laboratory sections that supplement a lecture course. The student receives regularly scheduled supervision from the faculty instructor. May be used as an open elective only and repeated once.
Prerequisites: U4 standing; a minimum g.p.a. of 3.00 in all Stony Brook courses and a grade of B or better in the course in which the student is to assist; permission of department
3 credits

EST 499 Research in Technology and Society
An independent research project with faculty supervision. Permission to register requires a B average in all engineering courses and the agreement of a faculty member to supervise the research. May be repeated, but only three credits of research electives (AMS 487, CSE 487, ESE 499, EMS 499, EST 499, ISE 487, MEC 499) may be counted toward engineering technical elective requirements.
Prerequisite: Permission of instructor
0-3 credits