Technological Systems Management (TSM)

Major and Minor in Technological Systems Management
Department of Technology and Society, College of Engineering and Applied Sciences

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Joseph S. Hogan, Associate Professor Emeritus, Ph.D., New York University: Planetary atmospheres; environmental satellites; climate change.

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Adjunct Faculty
Estimated number: 23

Teaching Assistants
Estimated number: 10

The Department of Technology and Society offers the major in Technological Systems Management leading to the Bachelor of Science degree. The program integrates a foundation in the natural sciences, engineering, applied sciences, or environmental studies with applications in technology systems, assessment, and management. The Department also offers a minor in Technological Systems Management.

The Department’s focus is on technological advances that shape every facet of modern life. Students develop understanding of the characteristics, capabilities, and limitations of current and emerging technologies. Successful practices in government, industry, education, and personal life depend on such understanding. The Department applies engineering concepts that underlie technological change and that form the bridge from engineering to other disciplines. In this multidisciplinary approach, the Department provides one of the vehicles by which Stony Brook interacts with other universities and colleges, pre-college institutions, professional schools, government, and industry. Effective management of modern technologies requires use of tools from many domains: science and engineering, information technologies, economics, legal and regulatory practice, psychology and sociology, design and assessment. The major prepares students for careers in government, industry, or education—in positions such as quality control specialist, systems or environmental analyst, technical sales representative, or technology trainer/educator—in short, all professions and business ventures that are dependent on technological applications and implementation and in which project management is key to success. Students are also prepared for advanced study in such areas as business, law, education, policy analysis, and industrial or environmental management.
Courses Offered in Technology and Society

See the Course Descriptions listing in this Bulletin for complete information.

EST 100  Computer Literacy in a Digital Era
EST 102-E  Weather and Climate
EST 104  Projects in Technology and Society
EST 192  Introduction to Modern Engineering
EST 194-C  Patterns of Problem Solving
EST 201-H  Technological Trends in Society
EST 210  Learning to Learn New Technologies
EST 291-H  Energy, Environment, and People
EST 300  Computer Modeling and Experiments in Mathematics and Science Education
EST 302  Assessment of Computer-Based Technologies
EST 303  Crisis Communications
EST 305  Applications Software for Information Management
EST 320-H  Communication Technology Systems
EST 325-H  Technology in the Workplace
EST 330-H  Natural Disasters: Societal Impacts and Technological Solutions
EST 391-H  Technology Assessment
EST 392-F  Engineering and Managerial Economics
EST 393  Production and Operations Analysis
EST 411-H  Science, Technology, and Arms Control
EST 412  Intelligence Organizations, Technology, and Democracy
EST 420  Seminar on Information-Age Society
EST 421  Starting the High-Technology Venture
EST 440 Interdisciplinary Research Methods
EST 441 Interdisciplinary Senior Project
EST 475 Undergraduate Teaching Practicum
EST 499 Research in Technology and Society

Acceptance into the Major in Technological Systems Management

Freshman and transfer applicants who have specified their interest in Technological Systems Management may be accepted directly into the major upon admission to the University. Applicants admitted to the University but not immediately accepted into the Technological Systems Management major may apply for acceptance at any time during the academic year by contacting the director of the undergraduate program. Students in good academic standing may apply in any semester but priority for admission to the major is given to those students who have: 1) completed AMS 161 and the second course in a natural science sequence, or their equivalents; 2) earned a grade point average of 2.50 in these courses; 3) received completed course evaluations for all transferred courses that are to be used to meet requirements of the major.

Requirements for the Major in Technological Systems Management (TSM)

Students must complete a specialization in one of the following: natural science, engineering and applied science, or environmental studies. (For those students who have a major in one of those areas and who pursue Technological Systems Management as a second major, the first major will serve as the specialization.) Completion of the major requires approximately 79 credits.
A. Mathematics  
AMS 151, 161 Applied Calculus I, II  
Note: The following alternate calculus course sequences may be substituted for AMS 151, 161:  
MAT 125, 126, 127  
or MAT 131, 132  
or MAT 141, 142

B. Natural Sciences  
One of the following sequences:  
1. PHY 131/133 and PHY 132/134  
Classical Physics I, II and Laboratories  
Note: The following alternate physics course sequences may be substituted for PHY 131/133 and 132/134:  
PHY 121/123 and 122/124  
or PHY 125, 126, 127  
or PHY 141, 142
2. BIO 150 The Living World  
and BIO 201 Fundamentals of Biology: Organisms to Ecosystems
3. CHE 131, 132/133 General Chemistry I, II and lab  
or CHE 141, 142/143 Honors Chemistry I, II and Laboratories
4. GEO 102, 112 The Earth/Physical Geology Lab  
and GEO 309 Structural Geology
5. BIO 201 Principles of Biology: Organisms to Ecosystems  
and one of the following:  
GEO 101 Environmental Geology  
MAR 104 Oceanography  
ATM 102 Weather and Climate  
ENS 101 Prospects for Planet Earth

C. Study in Related Areas: Specialization  
A cluster of seven related courses, totaling at least 21 credits, in one area of natural science, engineering, applied science, or environmental studies from a single department or program. At least three courses, totaling at least nine credits, must be at the 300 or 400 level.

D. Technological Systems Management  
1. Required courses (10)  
EST 192 Introduction to Modern Engineering  
EST 194 Patterns of Problem Solving  
EST 201 Technological Trends in Society  
EST 305 Applications Software for Information Management  
EST 325 Technology in the Workplace  
EST 391 Technology Assessment  
EST 392 Engineering and Managerial Economics  
EST 393 Project Management  
EST 440 Interdisciplinary Research Methods  
EST 441 Interdisciplinary Senior Project

2. Electives  
Four from the following list:  
EST 300 Computer Modeling and Experiments in Mathematics and Science Education  
EST 302 Assessment of Computer-Based Technologies  
EST 320 Communication Technology Systems  
EST 330 Natural Disasters; Societal Impacts and Technological Solutions  
EST 411 Science, Technology, and Arms Control  
EST 412 Intelligence Organizations, Technology, and Democracy  
EST 420 Seminar on Information-Age Society  
EST 421 Starting the High-Technology Venture

E. Upper-Division Writing Requirement  
All degree candidates must demonstrate skill in written English at a level acceptable for Technological Systems Management majors. To satisfy this requirement, a TSM major must submit a paper written for an upper-division EST course for review. Students whose writing does not meet the required standard are referred for remedial help. The requirement may also be met by earning a letter grade of C or higher in a writing-intensive course approved by the Department or, if the student has a double major, by satisfying the upper-division writing requirement in the other major.

Grading  
All courses taken to satisfy requirements A through D above must be taken for a letter grade. A grade of C or higher is required in all.

Requirements for the Minor in Technological Systems Management (TSM)  
All students must complete four required EST courses and two or more EST electives (minimum 18 credits) with a g.p.a. of 2.50 or higher. No grade less than C may be used to meet the requirements for the minor. EST courses counted towards the requirements for a student’s major may not be counted towards the requirements for the TSM minor.

1. Four required courses:  
EST 192 Introduction to Modern Engineering  
EST 194 Patterns of Problem Solving  
EST 391 Technology Assessment  
EST 393 Project Management
2. Two electives from the following:  
EST 201 Technological Trends in Society  
EST 325 Technology in the Workplace  
EST 305 Applications Software for Information Management  
EST 392 Engineering and Managerial Economics