Advances in science and technology are opening up tremendous opportunities within society. But only if they are developed responsibly. The ASU Master of Science and Technology Policy program draws on some of the world's foremost experts to uniquely prepare future policy leaders for success in building a technology-complex future.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MSTP Science and Technology Policy

The Arizona State University School for the Future of Innovation in Society's one-year MSTP program uniquely prepares its graduates to have an impact in today's technologically complex world. Drawing on some of the world's leading experts and innovative thinkers, it is designed to train future leaders, policymakers and analysts in tackling many complex issues such as climate change, energy security and responsible innovation to public health, global development and social justice.

The Master of Science and Technology Policy program is a one-year, cohort-based program designed to attract students of the highest caliber. However, the program may be completed on a part-time basis, if needed. It is suited to anyone interested in a career in which they work to ensure science and technology serve society through responsive and effective policy development and implementation. Students come from a wide range of backgrounds and go on to develop successful careers in government, business, academic institutions and nongovernmental organizations.

On completion of the program, students will be able to:

- apply critical skills and methods to science and technology policy analysis
- apply cutting edge approaches to ensuring socially responsive and responsible technology innovation
- contribute to developing and implementing creative solutions to many of today's most complex challenges, including responsible innovation, technological convergence, social and environmental sustainability, health and well-being, energy, equity, development, security, information collection and use, infrastructure, democracy, STEM education, the role of science, and space
- describe the historical, social and institutional foundations of science and technology policy
- discuss the complexities of science and technology policy decisions, decision-making under uncertainty and the role of experts
- employ effective policy communications skills and techniques
• work collaboratively and effectively with experts from different backgrounds, including scientists, engineers and elected officials

At a Glance

• College/School: School for the Future of Innovation in Society
• Location: Tempe campus

Accelerated Degrees

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an accelerated bachelor's and master's degree with:

African and African American Studies, BA
Innovation in Society, BA
Innovation in Society, BS
Justice Studies, BA
Justice Studies, BS
Women and Gender Studies, BA

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students will be advised by their academic departments to apply.

Degree Requirements

30 credit hours including the required applied project course (HSD 593)

Required Core (6 credit hours)
HSD 501 Science and Technology Policy (3)
HSD 502 Advanced Science and Technology Policy (3)

Electives (9 credit hours)

Restricted Electives (6 credit hours)

Other Requirements (6 credit hours)
HSD 505 Science and Technology Policy Workshop (3)
HSD 584 Internship (3)
Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)
HSD 593 Applied Project (3)

Additional Curriculum Information
Restricted electives are from a list provided by the program chair.

The science and technology policy workshop in Washington, D.C., HSD 505, is required of all students pursuing the Master of Science and Technology Policy degree.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the School for the Future of Innovation in Society.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's degree (or equivalent) or a graduate degree from a regionally accredited college or university of recognized standing. Students are strongly encouraged to have prior relevant education, training or experience in science and technology policy; management of science, technology or innovation; or science, technology and society.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of a student's first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. three letters of recommendation
4. resume
5. personal statement
6. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency.

Students should see the program website for application deadlines.

Application Deadlines
Contact Information

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