STSS Advising Form
June 2024

Graduate Certificate in Science, Technology and Society Studies
Requirements Form

STSS students should update this form each Spring quarter and arrange for a review meeting with their advisor. The advisor should confirm that they approve the students’ choice of “Interdisciplinary Breadth” and “Topic or Discipline Specific Elective” courses, and submit the form to the STSS Steering Committee.

STSS STUDENT and PROGRAM INFORMATION

Name: ______________________

Graduate department or program: ______________________

Year of admission to the Graduate Program: __________

Year of admission to STSS Certificate: __________

Graduate Advisor: ______________________

STSS Advisor: ______________________

STSS REQUIREMENTS: AN OVERVIEW

The Certificate requires a minimum of 18 credits

- **Graded courses**: 4 credits in C/NC courses and 14 credits in graded courses (note that the two required 2-credit STSS core courses are C/NC, so all other credits must be in graded courses);
- **500-level courses**: at least 14 of the required 18 credits must be at the 500-level or above;
- **Cross-counted credits**: the Graduate School no longer has any restrictions on credit sharing between a graduate certificate and a graduate degree program;
- **Grade and GPA thresholds**: a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 in courses required for the Certificate and a grade of 2.7 or higher in each course counted toward the Certificate.

Distribution requirements:

- **2 STSS core courses**: STSS 591, “STSS in Action”; and STSS 602, “Capstone Portfolio” (independent research) = 4 credits, C/NC, 500-600 level
- **2 or more breadth seminars**: a minimum of 4 credits chosen from among the courses listed as options for a “Broad Perspectives” seminar, and a minimum of 4 credits in an “Interdisciplinary Breadth” seminar = a minimum of 8 credits, graded, 400 or 500 level
- **Topic or discipline-specific elective(s)**: chosen to complement the student’s research interests = a minimum of 4 credits, graded, 400 or 500 level

For the details and an explanation of what each of these requirements involve, please see the “Information for Advisors” and “Information for Students”.

See over for requirements checklist
STSS CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

Core course I: STSS 591, “STSS in Action” (2 credits, C/NC)
Quarter completed:

Broad perspectives seminar: Choose 1 seminar from the following list of options (a minimum of 4 credits; graded, 400 or 500 level)
- ANTH 473, Anthropology of Science and Technology
- COM 540, Rhetoric of Science
- COM 539, Theories of Technology & Society
- PHIL 560, Seminar in the Philosophy of Science
- VALUES 591, Ethics Matters in Science.
Quarter completed: ____________

Interdisciplinary breadth seminar: 1 or more graduate seminars outside your home discipline (a minimum of 4 credits; graded, 400 or 500 level)
Seminar title, prefix & number, instructor: ____________
Quarter completed: ____________
Credits: ____________
Advisor Approval: ____________

Topic or discipline-specific elective: 1 or more graduate seminars in your discipline and/or on the topic of your dissertation research (a minimum of 4 credits; graded, 400 or 500 level)
Seminar title, prefix & number, instructor:
Quarter completed:
Credits: ____________
Advisor Approval: ____________

Core course II: STSS 602, “STSS Capstone portfolio” independent research (2 credits, C/NC)
Quarter completed:

STSS portfolio presentation:
Quarter completed:

Certificate completion checklist:
Total credits for courses that are at the 500 level or above: ____________
Number of credits in graded courses: ____________
Confirm cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above for courses required for the STSS Certificate: ____________
Confirm a grade of 2.7 or better in all courses that count toward the Certificate: ____________

Confirmation that all Certificate requirements have been met:
Advisor’s confirmation: ____________
Steering Committee confirmation: ____________
STSS Graduate Administrator’s audit: ____________

Final step: when the STSS Graduate Administrator has performed an audit of the listed requirements (as confirmed by the Advisor and Steering Committee), they will submit a “request to award the Certificate” to the Graduate School. This must be submitted while you are still enrolled in your primary degree program.