

Program Change Request

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Viewing: **SCTP : Science and Technology Policy Minor**

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Catalog Pages
Using this Program

[Science and Technology Policy Minor](#)

Are you completing this form on someone else's behalf?

No

Effective Catalog: 2026-2027

Program Level: Undergraduate

Program Type: Minor

Title: Science and Technology Policy Minor

In Workflow

- 1. SC Curriculum Committee
- 2. SC Program Chair
- 3. SC Curriculum Committee
- 4. SC Assistant Dean
- 5. Assoc Provost- Undergraduate
- 6. Registrar-Programs

History

- 1. Apr 6, 2022 by Jennifer Bazaz Gettys (jbazaz)
- 2. Oct 25, 2024 by Jennifer Bazaz Gettys (jbazaz)

Banner Title: Science and Tech Policy Minor

**Registrar's Office
Use Only –
Program Start Term**

**Registrar/OAPI Use
Only – SACSCOC
Status**

College/School: College of Science

**Department /
Academic Unit:** College of Science

**Jointly Owned
Program?** No

**Is there an
embedded degree
as part of a
program?**

Justification What: Updating COS 310 to COS 411.
Why: COS 310 was updated to align with the new Mason Core Apex requirements.

What: Adding more GOVT course options.
Why: To aid in student and advisor planning.

Catalog Published Information

**Total Credits
Required:** Total credits: 15

Registrar's Office Use Only - Program Code:
SCTP

**Registrar/IRR Use
Only – Program CIP
Code**

**Admission
Requirements:**

**Program-Specific
Policies:**

Policies

Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor.

A minimum GPA of 2.00 is required for all coursework applied to the minor.

For policies governing all minors, see [AP.5.3.4 Minors](#).

**Degree
Requirements:**

Students should refer to the [Admissions & Policies](#) tab for specific policies related to this program.

Pre-Internship Coursework

COS 310	Course COS 310 Not Found(Mason Core)	3
<u>COS 315</u>	Science Policy Internship Preparation	1
<u>COS 411</u>	<u>Introduction to Science Policy</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>EVPP 429</u>	Environmental Science Communication	3
Choose any 3 credit GOVT course. Suggestions include, but are not limited to:		3
<u>GOVT 150</u>	Introduction to Technology Policy(<u>Mason Core</u>)	
<u>GOVT 352</u>	Responsible Innovation	
<u>GOVT 363</u>	Science and Technology Institutions/Policy	
<u>GOVT 369</u>	Cybersecurity Policy	

<u>GOVT 426</u>	Political Theory of Autonomous Algorithms	
<u>GOVT 460</u>	Surveillance and Privacy in Contemporary Society	
<u>GOVT 461</u>	<u>Governance in Space</u>	
<u>GOVT 462</u>	Public Interest Technology	
<u>GOVT 463</u>	<u>Artificial Intelligence: Technological and Societal Implications</u>	
Choose any 1 credit seminar offered by the College of Science, the College of Engineering and Computing, or the Schar School of Policy and Government. Suggestions include, but are not limited to:		1
<u>BIOL 302</u>	Alternative Careers in Biology	
<u>CEIE 409</u>	Professional Practice and Management in Engineering	
<u>CDS 151</u>	Data Ethics in an Information Society	
<u>CS 105</u>	Computer Ethics and Society	
<u>GGG 400</u>	Colloquium in Geoinformation Science	
Total Credits		11

Internship

Students will explore internship sites during their enrollment in COS 310. Once a site is identified, students will work with their minor advisor to arrange the internship. A final paper is expected at the internship's conclusion.

Select one course from the following options: 3

<u>FRSC 406</u>	Forensic Internship	
<u>GGG 480</u>	GGG Internship	
<u>GOVT 480</u>	Internship	

Post-Internship Coursework

Students will expand upon their internship's final paper during their enrollment in [COS 320](#).

[COS 320](#)

Science Policy in Practice

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Have you reached out to the Libraries to determine whether there are adequate resources to support your program? If not, please email Meg Meiman, Associate University Librarian for Learning, Research, and Engagement at mmeiman2@gmu.edu.

OAPI Use Only – Determination of SACSCOC Impact

Comments or Notes

Green Leaf Program Designation

Is this a Green Leaf program? No

Does this program cover material which crosses into another department?

Yes

Impacted
Departments

Department
College of Engineering and Computing
Schar School of Policy & Government

Additional
Attachments

Executive :

Reviewer
Comments

Additional
Comments

Is this course required of all students in this degree program?

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