

Department of
Science and Technology Studies



UCLA

MSc History and Philosophy of Science
MSc Science, Technology, and Society



Variety and Flexibility

Some modules are designed to survey a whole subject. Others are research-led, focusing on key problems in today's world. All are structured to develop key skills and competencies useful for careers.

History and Philosophy of Science catalogue (HPS)

- Science in Antiquity
- Science and Medicine Across Medieval Worlds
- Early Modern Science
- Science in the Eighteenth Century
- Science in the Nineteenth Century
- Disease in History
- Science, Art, and Philosophy
- Models and Facts in Science
- Causality, Mechanism, and Evidence in Science
- Knowledge, Explanation, and Classification in Science
- Special Topics Seminar in HPS

Science, Technology, and Society catalogue (STS)

- Science in the Twentieth Century and Beyond
- STS Perspectives on Security and War
- Science Journalism
- Sociology of Science and Technology
- Curating Science and Technology
- Science, Media, and Culture
- Engaging the Public with Science
- Science, Technology, and Identity
- Political Economy of Science
- Science Policy in an Era of Risk and Uncertainty
- Responsible Science and Innovation
- Special Topics Seminar in STS

Degree structure

Our degrees are designed to be straightforward and flexible. We cover a wide range of subjects and work to ensure you can balance the depth and breadth you want in a programme of study.

One compulsory module

Introduction to Science and Technology Studies

Many options

Four option modules from the module catalogue for your degree (STS or HPS).

Three electives

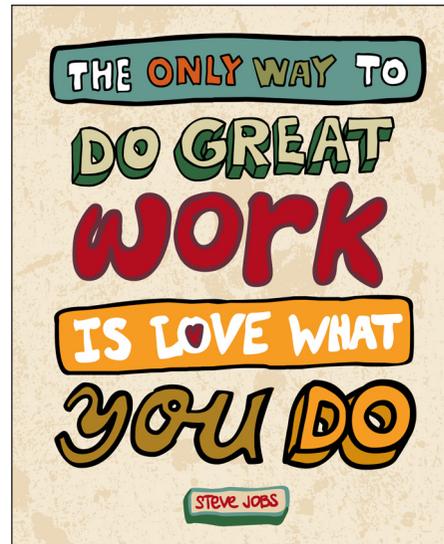
One additional module must be from our department catalogue (either STS and HPS), plus two additional modules from any department in UCL (including us).

Research project

One research project of your own design, completing a 10,000 word dissertation or project report.

Interdisciplinary range

Our interdisciplinary range caters to many interests, and our degrees are flexible. We allow substitutions between our catalogues to create a coherent programme of study in line with your interests.



Time management

Our modules are designed for efficient use of your time. Each is structured around 20 classroom hours (normally two hours per week over a 10-week teaching term).

Assessment varies between modules. Some ask for one long essay. Others ask for combinations of shorter writing or reports, or they involve projects such as films or proposals.

A full-time student's week typically involves 4x2-hour seminars, research and writing time, plus participation in the busy social and intellectual life of London's largest department in the field.

UCL's variety

UCL has Masters-level modules in many fields. We've built our programme with flexibility so you can explore in directions you choose.

Top-quality teaching

STS scored highly in the 2016 PTES, our MSc student survey on quality.

- 80% overall satisfaction
- 90% "staff are enthusiastic"
- 85% "course is intellectually stimulating"
- 87% "staff are good at explaining"

More information

Much more information, including funding opportunities, is available on-line: www.ucl.ac.uk/sts/msc

Our admission tutors are happy to answer questions you have about our programmes.



Entry requirements

A minimum of a second-class Bachelor's degree in a relevant discipline from a UK university or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard.

Applications from overseas are welcome. Contact our admissions team to discuss your interests and qualifications.

For international students: the English language proficiency level (non-native language speakers) required is "Good".

Flexible study options

Full-time students complete the degree in one year.

Part-time students complete the degree in two years.

Post-Graduate Diploma (PGDip) follows the same structure as the degree, without the dissertation.

Post-Graduate Certificate (PGCert) requires three modules plus "Introduction to Science and Technology Studies," our programme-wide survey module.

PGDips and PGCerts have no part-time option.



Careers

Our programme provides essential training for students wishing to pursue PhD-level study in related fields. It also provides appropriate training for those pursuing careers in education, museum and archival curatorship, or civil service and policy-making.

Some of the careers our various Master's graduates have followed include:

- doctoral studies at top universities in the UK and abroad
- lecturer, assistant professor, and tenure-track academic posts
- museum curator
- journalism
- political activism and NGOs
- civil service
- heritage officer
- author and broadcaster
- public engagement programmes officer
- playwright and director with broadcasts on BBC

STS offers a series of summer studentships each year related to research projects underway in the department. We also work hard to connect our students with internships offered across UCL and in related institutions in London.