



# History of Science



## Special Points of Interest

- Program is designed to be flexible for students who choose to double major or pursue dual degrees.
- Program integrates leadership to assist students in preparation for future leadership roles.
- Students will develop strong academic and persuasive writing skills.

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## Interested in History of Science?

### About the Major

Become a part of the new undergraduate major in one of the only history of science programs in the country. You will join a vibrant community of students, faculty, and visiting scholars who enjoy unique access to the world-class resources of the History of Science Collections. Through a diverse and exciting range of courses you will gain insight into the past, present, and future of science, technology, and medicine. Students also acquire a perspective on science and society that can be applied to many of the challenges facing our contemporary world.

Our programs emphasizes essential skills: the ability to write well, persuasively convey your ideas to others, and assess and integrate new knowledge. These are crucial practical skills that you will use every day in whatever career you choose.

### Why History of Science?

A degree in the History of Science, Technology and Medicine offers an exciting Intellectual experience that will enhance your opportunities to succeed in your chosen career path. Graduates can apply their education and training in a wide variety of professions including: public policy to journalism, data analysis to healthcare and education. Historians of science are involved in shaping many aspects of policy, education, and public debate about the place of science and technology in our common future. A degree in history of science also provides an excellent foundation for graduate work in many fields, including education, history, law and medicine.



### Why we are so Unique

Because OU is one of only a small number of American universities with a department devoted to the History of Science, Technology, and Medicine, you have a special opportunity to study a wide range of topics that many students elsewhere can't duplicate.

The department has integrated ideas and question from across the campus, bringing perspectives from sociology, philosophy, communication, media studies, art history, literature, women's and gender studies and more to bear on all kinds of histories – using topics in science, technology, and medicine as our shared prism.

Whatever your future plans, gaining insight into the past & present of science, technology, and medicine empowers each of us as we meet the challenges of the modern world.

## History of Science Curriculum

Professors are as curious about the world as you are, and they are building an exciting curriculum that will enhance your strengths in assessing and integrating new knowledge, thinking clearly and creatively, and communicating effectively. Students may choose a specific emphasis within the major: technology and society; biology, medicine and society; or a traditional history of science emphasis. Students are autonomous in creating their own focus with the curriculum. Students can earn the Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts, and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in the History of Science, Technology and Medicine. An undergraduate minor is also available and can be valuable in helping you place your major interest in social, cultural, and historical context.