

Syllabus

Kursbeschreibung

Titel der Lehrveranstaltung	Histories of Science and Technologies
Code der Lehrveranstaltung	47214
Zusätzlicher Titel der	
Lehrveranstaltung	
Wissenschaftlich-	M-STO/05
disziplinärer Bereich	
Sprache	Englisch
Studiengang	Master in Kritische Kreative Praxis
Andere Studiengänge (gem.	
Lehrveranstaltung)	
Dozenten/Dozentinnen	A. UnivProf. Lecturer to be defined,
Wissensch.	
Mitarbeiter/Mitarbeiterin	
Semester	Zweites Semester
Studienjahr/e	1st year
KP	6
Vorlesungsstunden	30
Laboratoriumsstunden	0
Stunden für individuelles	120
Studium	
Vorgesehene Sprechzeiten	18
Inhaltsangabe	This course explores the historical trajectories of science and
	technology, with a focus on their profound impacts on society,
	culture, and ethics. The course is centred on developments in the
	20th century and examines how scientific and technological
	advancements shaped, and were shaped by, the values, ethics,
	and power dynamics of different world civilizations.
Themen der	- Developments of Science and Technology in World Civilizations The Internal Polymon Science Values and Ethics
Lehrveranstaltung	- The Interplay Between Science, Values, and Ethics



	- Science and Technology in the 20th Century - Gender and Science - Ethics and Controversies in Science and Technology
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	Key topics include the evolution of science and technology across global contexts, the transformative effects of technological innovations on society, culture, and the environment, the reciprocal relationship between social and personal values and scientific progress, and the critical role of gender in shaping scientific practices and institutions. Special attention will be given to the interplay between technology, power, and globalization, as well as the ethical challenges posed by scientific progress. Students will also investigate major ethical dilemmas and controversies in science and technology, analyzing how these debates influenced public perception and policy.
	By engaging with case studies and theoretical frameworks, students will develop the analytical tools to critically assess the historical roots of current technological issues and to contextualize their creative and professional practices within the ethical and cultural dimensions of science and technology.
Stichwörter	
Empfohlene Voraussetzungen	
Propädeutische Lehrveranstaltungen	
Unterrichtsform	Through lectures, readings, and discussions, the course situates these topics within broader socio-political and ecological contexts, fostering critical perspectives on the responsibilities of scientists, technologists, and designers in addressing contemporary challenges.
Anwesenheitspflicht	not compulsory



Spezifische Bildungsziele und erwartete Lernergebnisse

Educational objectives

Understand the Evolution of Science and Technology Across Civilizations

Explore the historical trajectories of scientific and technological advancements, emphasizing their development in global contexts and their influence on world civilizations.

Analyze the Interplay Between Science, Technology, and Values Examine how social and personal values, ethics, and power dynamics shaped—and were shaped by—scientific progress and technological innovation.

Critically Evaluate Gender and Representation in Science
Investigate the critical role of gender in shaping scientific practices,
institutions, and the accessibility of technological advancements.
Address Ethical Dilemmas and Controversies in Science
Develop the ability to critically assess ethical challenges and
controversies in science and technology, understanding their
societal and policy implications.

Contextualize Contemporary Technological Challenges
Equip students with analytical tools to connect the historical roots
of scientific and technological developments to current global,
ecological, and cultural challenges, fostering informed and ethical
professional practices.

Learning outcomes

Knowledge and understanding:

Know digital and analogue technologies and their applications in visual arts and design;

Possess specific knowledge on the cultural, social and ethical implications of the use of technologies in artistic practices; Understand the processes of integrating technologies into creative contexts, analyzing them considering the connections with other fields of knowledge, such as the philosophy of technology, computer science and cognitive sciences.

Applying knowledge and understanding:

Use advanced software and digital techniques to create innovative



works of art and design.

Experiment with augmented reality, 3D printing, artificial intelligence and other technological tools to expand the boundaries of artistic practices.

Collaborate with engineers, programmers and other professionals to develop interdisciplinary projects that integrate art and technology.

Making judgements:

Collect and interpret cultural and material data from the fields of art, design, technology and spatial and curatorial practices, demonstrating the ability to place events, works and production operations in the historical context and current trends.

Grasp the authority and evaluate the reliability of the various available sources.

Reflect and express an independent judgement, including on social, ethical and political-cultural issues.

Interpret specific facts and events, within subject of their field of study.

Communication skills:

Writing scientific and technical articles and reports with clarity and effectiveness

presenting projects and ideas verbally in a professional and convincing manner

Learning skills:

The strengthening of the critical operational autonomy of students. The development of their ability to choose, compare and adapt to the new knowledge and technologies.

Spezifisches Bildungsziel und erwartete Lernergebnisse (zusätzliche Informationen)

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Art der Prüfung	
Bewertungskriterien	
Pflichtliteratur	
Weiterführende Literatur	
Weitere Informationen	
Ziele für nachhaltige Entwicklung (SDGs)	