



History of Science & Technology

1. What is the History of Science and Technology (HOST)?

Science and technology infuse every aspect of modern life. The History of Science and Technology requires students to rethink our relationships with everything. By examining science's living history, students gain perspectives on the changing ways in which we have conceptualized and interacted with nature, understood the human body, and reconsidered the relationship between technology and society. Through exploring the social and political implications of scientific discovery, technological innovation, and medical practices, historians of science effect change in scientific methodology, spread awareness of technological problems and possibilities, and influence the way science is legislated.

2. Why study HOST at King's and Dalhousie?

HOST has been known to complement both Arts and Science degrees as either an honours subject, a minor, or for fascinating elective courses. The honours program is specifically designed to be combined with a subject at Dalhousie, and students graduate with a joint degree from both institutions. Honours students of the History of Science and Technology have paired the program with subjects such as Biology, International Development, Classics, Physics, Philosophy, Computer Science, and Theatre Studies. Multiple HOST courses also count towards the newly offered Certificate of Medical Humanities at Dalhousie.

3. What courses are offered?

The History of Science and Technology Program offers four core classes: Ancient Science: The Beginnings of Wisdom, The Scientific Revolution, Science and Nature in the Modern Period, and Disputes: Methodologies in the History of Science and Technology. HOST also offers a two-part first year survey course—which fulfills the requisite Science credit for Bachelor of Arts students—called the Introduction to the History of Science pt. I & II. Additionally, HOST offers a plethora of unique electives such as Artificial Intelligence and Robotics, the Origins of Modern Medicine, Science and the Media, The Nature of Time, The History of European Alchemy, Science Fiction in Film, and Brewing Civilization: The History, Culture, and Science of Beer. All HOST courses are open to Dalhousie students.

4. What kind of jobs do people with a degree in HOST have?

Graduates of the History of Science and Technology program have gone on to have rewarding careers in law and medicine, conduct challenging and engaging scientific research, shoot Academy Award winning films, and continue their studies at institutions such as Harvard, Cambridge, and U of T.

5. Where do I start?

Register for the Introduction to the History of Science and Technology pt. I and II, HSTC: 1201 & HSTC 1202, or consider taking any elective which sparks your interest. To **learn more**, check out <https://ukings.ca/area-of-study/history-of-science-and-technology>.

Have questions? Contact registrar@ukings.ca for more information.

