

# INTERDISCIPLINARY GRADUATE EMPHASIS IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIETY

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University of California, Santa Barbara

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## **EMPHASIS IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIETY – 2025-26**

Students pursuing a Ph.D. in the following programs may apply to add an Emphasis in Information Technology and Society: Anthropology, Communication, Computer Science, Education, English, Environmental Science and Management, Film and Media Studies, Geography, Global Studies, History, Linguistics, Media Arts and Technology, Political Science, Psychological and Brain Sciences, Sociology, and the Technology Management Program. Candidates pursuing the Emphasis in Information Technology and Society must also fulfill the departmental and University requirements related to their degree program.

The Emphasis brings together doctoral students in engineering, science, social science, and the humanities to engage in multidisciplinary coursework and research into the cultural and societal changes resulting from the use of information technologies. The Emphasis features a structured set of courses that may be taught individually or collaboratively by faculty across disciplines in the participating departments.

To be eligible for admission to the Emphasis, students must be enrolled and in good standing in their home department. Applications for adding the Emphasis can be made at any time in a student's graduate career, but typically will be made after at least one successful year of study in the home department. Work completed prior to admission that meets Emphasis requirements (as determined by the Information Technology and Society Ph.D. Emphasis Faculty Steering Committee) may be counted toward its completion.

<b>REQUIRED COLLOQUIUM (1.0 unit total)</b>			
<b>COURSE #</b>	<b>COURSE NAME</b>	<b>UNITS</b>	<b>GRADE</b>
	Gateway Information Technology and Society Colloquium	1.0-2.0	

<b>COURSES (16.0 units total)</b>			
In addition to the Colloquium requirement, students must complete four 4-unit courses with a grade of B or better. Approved courses are listed on the website ( <a href="http://www.cits.ucsb.edu/education">http://www.cits.ucsb.edu/education</a> )*			
Students are encouraged to take courses across both of the following areas:			
Area 1 – Culture and History: These courses explore the humanistic study of cultures, histories, and meanings as they intersect with technology.			
Area 2 – Society and Behavior: These courses investigate the social scientific study of technology in relationship to human behavior, organizations, and social structures.			

\*Only one course from the student's home department may be applied toward meeting this requirement. Students can petition to substitute a non-listed course, subject to approval by the Information Technology and Society Faculty Executive Committee.

### **CAPSTONE REQUIREMENT**

The student's dissertation must have relevance to at least one of the two Emphasis areas. In addition, the student's dissertation committee must include an affiliated faculty member from a department participating in the Emphasis. Exceptions are subject to approval by the Information Technology and Society Faculty Executive Committee.

Valid Committee: ☐

Requirement satisfied: \_\_\_\_\_

### **VERIFICATION OF COMPLETION**

EMPHASIS REQUIREMENTS SATISFIED (DATE): \_\_\_\_\_

EMPHASIS DIRECTOR SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_