

# Specialization in Science, Society and Policy

The COLLABORATIVE MASTER'S PROGRAM in Science, Society and Policy (SSP) allows students registered in one of the participating master's programs to specialize in science and innovation policy.

The Collaborative Program will provide students with the knowledge and skills needed to evaluate the challenges confronting decision-making at the interface of science and policy. Students will have an opportunity to explore how evidence is used in decision-making, how current policies shape the scientific enterprise, and how emerging technologies interact with society.

Students who complete the Collaborative Master's are awarded a degree in their primary program with an explicit indication of "Specialization in Science, Society and Policy."

## FACULTY

Our professors provide a wealth of experience and interdisciplinary breadth from various faculties at the University of Ottawa. SSP faculty have extensive professional science and technology (S&T) experience. Our faculty have served in various director or senior advisory positions within the federal government, non-government organizations and national research and development (R&D) funding organizations.

## LANGUAGES OF INSTRUCTION

The program is offered in English and in French. In accordance with University of Ottawa policy, you may submit your essays and exams in either language.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be accepted into the collaborative program, you must:

- Have completed a bachelor's degree in any discipline with an overall average of B (70%);
- Be admitted to one of the programs participating in the collaborative Master's program at the University of Ottawa;
- Submit an application form and a cover letter outlining your research interests in science, society and policy;
- Obtain, in the case of thesis-based program, consent to participate in the program from your thesis supervisor.

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

- All SSP collaborative students must complete a thesis or major-research paper focused in science, society and policy.

### Specialization credits

- **ISP 5101** Decision-making at the interface of science and policy (3 cr.);
- **ISP 5903** Science, society and technology capstone practicum (for students enrolled in a major-research paper program) (3 cr.).

## PARTICIPATING PROGRAMS

- MA in Communication
- MA and MSc in Geography
- MA in Public and International Affairs
- MSc in Biology
- MSc in Chemistry
- MSc in Earth Sciences
- MSc in Physics
- MASc in Chemical Engineering
- MASc in Civil Engineering
- MASc in Electrical and Computer Engineering
- MIS in Information Studies

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