Science, Technology and the World

(J-Term) #5025 IDST 300-92 Social Aspects of Modern Science

Instructor: Edward Davis

A film-based course emphasizing social aspects of some major scientific ideas and discoveries. Topics include evolution and Christian faith, nuclear fission, relativity, and DNA. Significant attention is given to the intersection of science with warfare, religion, race, and gender. Not open to students majoring in any of the natural sciences, except by permission of the instructor.

#4455 IDST 300-01 HONORS: The Origins Controversy

Instructor: Edward Davis

We begin with an overview of various interpretations of the Genesis creation stories. Then we survey interactions between religion and science in the United States since the early nineteenth century, emphasizing the ways in which Americans grappled theologically with geology and evolution. Finally we compare in detail three important modern approaches to origins: scientific creationism, intelligent design, and theistic evolution. Lectures will be supplemented by a few films and extensive discussion of readings.

Ethics

#4449 IDET 300-01 HONORS: Advertising Ethics

Instructor: David Hagenbuch

Students will be able to describe various approaches to ethics and the methodological issues associated with each. Students will be able to articulate implications of selected ethical issues of significance in the contemporary world. Students will be able to apply Christian ethical approaches to selected ethical problems or issues. Students will develop and defend a perspective on contemporary ethical issues. Students will develop a framework for ethical decision-making, rooted in their Christian faith, which they will use to defend moral positions.