Department of Engineering and Public Policy Courses

About Course Numbers:
Each Carnegie Mellon course number begins with a two-digit prefix that designates the department offering the course (i.e., 76-xxx courses are offered by the Department of English). Although each department maintains its own course numbering practices, typically, the first digit after the prefix indicates the class level: xx-1xx courses are freshmen-level, xx-2xx courses are sophomore-level, etc. Depending on the department, xx-6xx courses may be either undergraduate senior-level or graduate-level, and xx-7xx courses and higher are graduate-level. Consult the Schedule of Classes (https://enr-apps.as.cmu.edu/open/SOC/SOCServlet) each semester for course offerings and for any necessary pre-requisites or co-requisites.

19-101 Introduction to Engineering and Public Policy
Fall and Spring: 12 units
This course examines the processes of public and private decision making and of policy formation, which shape the evolution of a technology and its impact on our society. Technology plays an important role in shaping our worlds. At the same time, social forces often play a central role in the evolution of a technology. A particular technology such as an automobile or computer is chosen to study technology and policy in context. Specific topics covered in the case of the automobile includes automotive design and manufacture, safety, pollution, fuel economy and their interactions. In the latter area, we discuss the technological and institutional issues, the interaction, the possible need for public policy and the factors that govern the policy. The course will involve several group problem-solving sessions.

19-201 EPP Sophomore Seminar
Fall: 1 unit
EPP Sophomore Seminar is for students enrolling in the Engineering and Public Policy (EPP) Additional Major and the Science, Technology and Policy (STPP) Additional Major. The course presents the interdisciplinary nature of EPP/STPP problems at the interface of technology and society. Students are introduced to the technical and policy dimensions of these problems as well as to skills such as data collection and analysis, group work, and oral and written presentations. Sessions include discussion of case studies dealing with aspects of decision-making and ethics in policy issues with a technological basis. Seminars by EPP faculty and students are included to give the student an idea of careers and problems in this area.

19-211 Ethics and Policy Issues in Computing
Spring: 9 units
Should autonomous robots make life and death decisions on their own? Should we allow them to select a target and launch weapons? To diagnose injuries and perform surgery when human doctors are not around? Who should be permitted to observe you, find out who your friends are, what you do and say with them, what you buy, and where you go? Do social media and personalized search restrict our intellectual horizons? Do we live in polarizing information bubbles, just hearing echoes of what we already know and believe? As computing technology becomes ever more pervasive and sophisticated, we are presented with an escalating barrage of decisions about who, how, when, and for what purposes technology should be used. This course will provide an intellectual framework for discussing these pressing issues of our time, as we shape the technologies that in turn shape us. We will seek insight through reading, discussion, guest lectures, and debates. Students will also undertake an analysis of a relevant issue of their choice, developing their own position, and acquiring the research skills needed to lend depth to their thinking. The course will enhance students' ability to think clearly about contentious technology choices, formulate smart positions, and support their views with winning arguments.

19-213 The American Railroad: Decline and Renaissance in the Age of Deregulation
Intermittent: 6 units
Railroads in the USA are often considered as a subject for nostalgia or public sector failure, an image largely based on passenger service. However, the USA's private sector freight rail industry is considered a model for the world as the result of its renasence following deregulation in 1980. This is a "stealth" industry whose history and economics are both intertwined and complex. Starting with the development of the first U. S. railroads, students will gain a basic understanding of the industry's history and economics, with special attention to the past half-century. In addition, students will participate in small group research projects in particular areas of special interest — for example, economic history, industry culture, network economics, utility regulation or transportation policy.

19-290 Decision Making Methods for Engineers and Scientists
Fall: 9 units
This course covers various economic, statistical, and decision analysis techniques used for examining complex decisions where technology, society, and policy interconnect. Topics covered include: estimation techniques, benefit-cost analysis, decision trees, dealing with uncertainty, risk perception and analysis, survey design and implementation, utility theory, heuristics and biases in inference and prediction, methods for combining information from different sources and dealing with conflicting objectives. Prerequisites: 36-220 Min. grade C or 19-250 Min. grade C or 36-217 Min. grade C
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19-303 Cryptocurrencies, Blockchains and Applications
Spring
Note: Previously offered as 19-355. Cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin have gained large popularity in recent years, in no small part due to the fantastic potential applications they could facilitate. This course will first provide an overview of the technological mechanisms behind cryptocurrencies and distributed consensus and distributed ledgers (“blockchains”), introducing along the way the necessary cryptographic tools. It will then focus on more advanced blockchain applications, such as “smart contracts,” that is, contracts written as code. Finally, the course will also introduce some of the legal and policy questions surrounding cryptocurrencies. Prerequisites: Introduction to Computer Systems or equivalent strongly recommended

19-325 Technology and Policy Writing for Lay Audiences
Fall and Spring: 9 units
This course is designed to teach the fundamentals of persuasive, accurate writing about technical, highly specialized information for a general audience, based on an axiom attributed to Albert Einstein: If you can’t explain it simply, you don’t understand it well enough. Readings will be selected from writing style guides, and from nonfiction and science fiction literature. Course work will include the translation of data and journal articles into prose for a sophisticated general audience, as well as original writing.

19-351 Applied Methods for Technology-Policy Analysis
Spring: 9 units
This course synthesizes concepts from economics, statistics, decision analysis, and other humanities and social science areas as they relate to analysis of technology and public policy issues. Students will focus on applying skills, tools, and techniques of social science to critically examine issues of current importance to society that have engineering systems at the core, and how public policy can be informed by the results of these analyses. Students will discover the relationship between formulating research questions considering a wide range of perspectives (e.g., political, ethical, social, economic, and legal aspects) and implementing the appropriate research methods for answering them. The course will emphasize interpretation and communication of analysis results in written and oral presentation, especially to non-technical audiences. As a precursor to the EPP Project courses, the course also prepares EPP juniors for structuring real-world problems into a feasible work plan, and to deal with revising work plans as work proceeds.

19-355 Special Topic: Cryptocurrencies, Blockchains, and Applications
Spring
Cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin have gained large popularity in recent years, in no small part due to the fantastic potential applications they could facilitate. This course will first provide an overview of the technological mechanisms behind cryptocurrencies and distributed consensus and distributed ledgers (“blockchains”), introducing along the way the necessary cryptographic tools. It will then focus on more advanced blockchain applications, such as "smart contracts," that is, contracts written as code. Finally, the course will also introduce some of the legal and policy questions surrounding cryptocurrencies. Units: 9 (without semester-long project) or 12 (with semester-long project) Prerequisites: 15-213 or equivalent strongly recommended
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19-356 Special Topics: Information Technology Policy: Evidence, Communication, Advocacy
Spring: 9 units
In recent decades, developments in Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) have rapidly moved from research environments to products and services used by billions of people. This rapid rate of change has often resulted in a public which does not understand the technologies shaping their lives and lawmakers who are poorly equipped to make sound policy. It is therefore incumbent upon specialists to communicate how ICTs work to the public and lawmakers so policy making is shaped by evidence and reflects public desires. This course will train students to be effective communicators and advocates in the ICT space. Students taking this course will learn about the broader scope of technology policymaking including formal lawmaking, agency rule-making, strategic litigation, and corporate social responsibility. Current ICT policy topics in privacy, free expression, net neutrality, and competition will be covered. Public communication strategies such as writing op-eds, interviewing with journalists, producing explanatory videos and interactive games will be explored. Finally, students will learn how to perform an expert role in areas such as writing policy briefs and providing testimony. The course is open to advanced undergraduate and graduate students. Graduate students whose research has public policy implications are encouraged to develop projects related to their research. There is no requirement for programming knowledge, but students with experience in developing interactive media and games will be encouraged to utilize such skills. The class will focus heavily on readings, critical evaluation of real ICT advocacy campaigns, and homework will provide hands-on experience with numerous strategies for public engagement. At the end of the semester students will have a portfolio of projects which they may release publicly.

19-365 Water Technology Innovation and Policy
Spring: 9 units
Innovation in water technologies is necessary to confront profound water resource challenges facing countries around the world. Students successfully completing this course will be able to discuss the factors and conditions that drive innovation in the water sector. Students will begin by describing and classifying the historical drivers for innovation in water treatment, including technical, economic, and regulatory drivers. After an introduction to the fundamental principles of water treatment technologies, students will identify present day technology shortcomings and distill these into discrete design objectives. Students will then formulate and answer quantitative and qualitative questions that respond to these design objectives by leveraging their knowledge of engineering fundamentals, regulatory tools, and pricing policies. Comparing their own solutions with those proposed in the peer-reviewed academic literature in engineering and the social sciences, students will evaluate the technical feasibility, usability, and social desirability of proposed water innovations in developed and developing countries and summarize their findings in policy briefs. Prerequisites: 06-100 or 19-201 or 19-101 or 12-100

19-402 Telecommunications Technology and Policy for the Internet Age
Intermittent: 12 units
Modern telecommunications is the nervous system of society. The Internet and wireless communications have transformed every aspect of our modern life. This course provides a comprehensive introduction to basic principles of telecommunications technology and the legal, economic, and regulatory environment of today’s networks. Topics covered include the fundamentals of communication network technologies, including video, voice, and data networks; the rising dominance of wireless networks; principles behind telecommunications regulation from common carrier law and natural monopoly to information diversity, privacy and national security; traffic differentiation on the Internet and the debate over network neutrality; universal service and the digital divide; mergers, antitrust, and the changing industrial structure of the communications sector. We will explore current topical questions such as the future of competition; the shift of entertainment video from cable and satellite to Internet delivery; how cloud computing concepts are transforming networks; and communications support for the Internet of Things. Comparison with European approaches to communications regulation. Special emphasis on how new technologies have altered, and are altered by, regulation. Junior, Senior or graduate standing required. Prerequisites: 73-102 and 73-100

19-403 Policies of Wireless Systems
Intermittent: 12 units
This course will address public policy issues related to wireless systems. It investigates policies related to a wide variety of emerging wireless systems and technologies, including current and next-generation cellular systems, wifi and white space devices, emerging methods of accessing spectrum, communications systems for emergency responders (firefighters, police, emergency medical services), current and next-generation television, and satellite communications. This can include the government role in facilitating the creation of infrastructure, in advancing competition among broadcasters and communications service providers, in using scarce spectrum efficiently, in promoting public safety and homeland security, and in protecting privacy and security. Because these are inherently interdisciplinary issues, the course will include detailed discussions of technology, economics, and law, with no prerequisites in any of these areas. This course is cross-listed as 18-650, 19-403, 19-713, and 95-824. Senior or graduate standing required.

19-411 Global Competitiveness: Firms, Nations and Technological Change
Fall: 9 units
Global Competitiveness introduces students to the fundamental principles surrounding global competitiveness and technological change in the 21st century. The course is broken into three sections. The first section introduces students to competing economic, sociological, and political science theories on the structures supporting technological change. The second section presents the contemporary literature on technological change. The concluding section leverages lessons from the preceding two sections to evaluate national innovation systems, and the factors that lead to national comparative advantage. Students should leave the class able to reflect competently on what the existing literature tells us about the factors influencing global technology competitiveness, and on how modern changes in the structures supporting innovation as well as technology itself may be changing the rules of the game for firms and for nations. The course is open to undergraduate juniors, seniors & graduate students.

19-421 Emerging Energy Policies
Intermittent: 9 units
Interested in what’s happening in energy policy and how to analyze potential policy options? Focusing on current hot topics in energy policy, students will learn the basic principles of public policy analysis and underlying techniques such as program evaluation, cost-benefit analysis, life cycle analysis, cost-prime analysis, and risk analysis as well as the variety of policy mechanisms available. Class time will include a combination of faculty and guest speaker lectures, discussion of issues, videos, and problem solving. Students will review and edit Wikipedia entries on an energy policy topic of their choice, and then analyze policy options resulting in an executive summary or paper on that topic. While the course has no prerequisites, students should feel comfortable with scientific and technical topics. Upon completion of this course, students should have a deeper and more strategic understanding of the opportunities and challenges associated with emerging energy policies. Open to seniors. Open to juniors with permission only. Course Website: https://cmu.box.com/s/2ijvq8ne12jswqmvtev2w495s7tj5s5

19-424 Energy and the Environment
Intermittent: 9 units
This course will explore the relationships between environmental impacts and the utilization of energy through a series of case studies on topics of current interest. Such topics might include the use of renewable and non-renewable fuels for electric power generation; energy use for automobiles and other transportation systems; energy use for buildings and industrial processes; and environmental issues such as urban air pollution, ozone formation, acid rain, and global warming. The emphasis will be on analysis of energy-environmental interactions and tradeoffs, and their dependency upon engineering design choices, economic variables, and public policy parameters. Junior or Senior standing in CIT or permission of instructor.
19-425 Sustainable Energy for the Developing World
Fall and Spring: 9 units
This course examines the current state of the energy system in developing countries and the challenges these countries will face in sustainability meeting their energy needs in the 21st century. The following are examples of questions and issues we will cover throughout the semester. What is the current status of the energy system in the developing world? What is the role of energy in supporting economic growth and alleviating poverty? What are the future energy needs of developing countries? What are the challenges developing countries will face as they build/improve their energy systems? What technologies are available to meet the energy challenges in the developing world?
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19-427 Special Topics: Energy Innovation and Entrepreneurship
Fall: 9 units
Want to be an energy innovator, business entrepreneur, social entrepreneur, or intrapreneur? Students in this class will learn the fundamentals of energy innovation and entrepreneurship, and how innovation and entrepreneurship in energy differs from that in other fields. Students will then develop a mini-mash strategy for an idea of their own, or in response to a real-world challenge proposed by a business, industry, or a non-governmental organization. The resulting strategy can, if students wish, be submitted for student competitions that typically take place each spring throughout the United States.
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19-432 Special Topics: Bitcoin and Cryptocurrencies
Spring: 6 units
Provides an understanding of the technology, usability, business, and regulatory issues of digital currencies in the context of the cryptocurrency, Bitcoin. How does it work? How do people use it? Can I make money with it? Is it safe? Is it legal? To address these questions, we investigate Bitcoin's underlying technology: digital wallets; Bitcoin mining; cybersecurity; and regulatory issues.
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19-440 Combustion and Air Pollution Control
Intermittent: 9 units
Formation and control of gaseous and particulate air pollutants in combustion systems. Basic principles of combustion, including thermochemical equilibrium, flame temperature, chemical kinetics, hydrocarbon chemistry, and flame structure. Formation of gaseous and particulate pollutants in combustion systems. Combustion modifications and postcombustion technologies for pollutant control. Relationship between technology and regional, national, and global air pollution control strategies. The internal combustion engine and coal-fired utility boiler are used as examples.
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19-443 Climate Change Science and Adaptation
Fall and Spring: 9 units
This course consists of four parts. The first part will provide a primer for those who are curious about the physical mechanisms by which climate is determined, and by which climate change occurs. The treatment of these mechanisms will not be overly quantitative, and no knowledge of meteorology or atmospheric science is needed. College-level physics, as well as basic calculus and basic chemistry is, however, needed. The second part will describe the projected consequences of climate change, as well as those that are already occurring. This part will also familiarize students with how societies might adapt to these changes. The third part will explore (and critique) some of the tools that decision-makers use to quantify and compare the damages caused by these consequences. The final part of the course will discuss some of the technologies that could be used to prevent dangerous climate change.
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19-451 EPP Projects
Spring: 12 units
Interdisciplinary problem-solving projects in which students work as leaders or members of project teams. Problem areas are abstracted from local, state and national situations and involve the interaction of technology and public policy, with different projects being chosen each semester. Oral and written presentations concerning the results of project studies are required. NOTE: All students will enroll in section A at first. During the 1st class, students will choose either project A or B. Those choosing B, will be moved into that section.
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19-452 EPP Projects
Fall: 12 units
Interdisciplinary problem-solving projects in which students work as leaders or members of project teams. Problem areas are abstracted from local, state and national situations and involve the interaction of technology and public policy, with different projects being chosen each semester. Oral and written presentations concerning the results of project studies are required.

19-458 Special Topics: Organizational Theory for Engineers
Spring: 9 units
Why do so many technical problems of global importance persist even when there exists engineering solutions? This course will explore the organizational challenges that can hinder the deployment of engineering solutions towards solving some of our most critical global technical challenges. We will explore a variety of organizational theories such as institutional theory, network theory, social movement theory, and actor-network theory and then see how they are applied to a variety of engineering systems such as those around energy, mechanical design, water, information and communication technology, and other such civil infrastructure. By the end of the course, students will be able to a) learn how to read and synthesize organizational research from a variety of theoretical lenses, b) understand how such research can apply to a variety of engineering systems, and c) learn how to advance and conduct engineering research that incorporates an organizational perspective.
Intended for graduate students; seniors and juniors with permission.
Course Website: https://cmu.box.com/s/zjqv8ne12sjwqmtvev2w49s78ij5sm5

19-461 Invention & Innovation for Materials Intensive Technologies Part 1
Fall: 4.5 units
Two 4.5 unit classes that can be taken in sequence or as stand-alone mini’s. Courses will be cross-listed between EPP and MSE. This course is intended to instill a sense of how technologies are conceived and brought to market. The students will be exposed to a variety of formalized invention and innovation processes/concepts and will be asked to complete projects that will pull from the full range of their engineering training. It is intended for seniors who are eager to creatively apply their learned knowledge skills, and who are interested in invention, innovation, and entrepreneurship. The first half (part 1 (19461), mini 1) will focus on the process of invention for devices and technologies that are enabled by materials functionality. This will start by providing historical context and addressing the questions “What is invention?” This will be followed by an assessment of various systematic methods by which the process of invention is practiced, with a specific focus on materials intensive devices and products. The second half of the course (part 2 (19462), mini 2) will focus on invention theory in the context of materials intensive technologies. Specifically, the concepts of incumbency, disruption, value chain, supply chain, funding models and paths to market will be addressed. In this class, significant time will be dedicated to covering the impact of international market and technology development.
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19-462 Invention Innovation for Materials Intensive Technologies Part 2
Fall: 4.5 units
Note: students must take and pass 27-501/19-461 to take 27-502/19-462. Two 4.5 unit classes that can be taken in sequence or as stand-alone mini’s. Courses will be cross-listed between EPP and MSE. This course is intended to instill a sense of how technologies are conceived and brought to market. The students will be exposed to a variety of formalized invention and innovation processes/concepts and will be asked to complete projects that will pull from the full range of their engineering training. It is intended for seniors who are eager to creatively apply their learned knowledge skills, and who are interested in invention, innovation, and entrepreneurship. The first half (part 1 (19461), mini 1) will focus on the process of invention for devices and technologies that are enabled by materials functionality. This will start by providing historical context and addressing the questions “What is invention?” This will be followed by an assessment of various systematic methods by which the process of invention is practiced, with a specific focus on materials intensive devices and products. The second half of the course (part 2 (19462), mini 2) will examine innovation theory in the context of materials intensive technologies. Specifically, the concepts of incumbency, disruption, value chain, supply chain, funding models and paths to market will be addressed. In this class, significant time will be dedicated to covering the impact of international market and technology development.
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19-466 Spec Topic: Stochastic Discrete Choice Models: Estimation and Behavioral Theory  
Fall: 9 units  
This course will cover the rational and behavioral foundations of discrete choice models, current behavioral theories, and estimation methods. Content will include an overview of the history of thinking about discrete choice models, rational foundations, behavioral theories, signal detection theory, multinomial logit, mixed logit using restricted MLE and monte-carlo simulation, and experimental design. If time permits we will cover item-response models and Bayesian methods.

Spring: 9 units  
During this project-based class, students will develop non-market strategies for real-world clients. As defined, by David Baron, "The nonmarket environment consists of the social, political, and legal arrangements that structure interactions among companies and their public." This class will focus on non-market strategies at the intersection of new technologies, public policies, and business. Entrepreneurs and innovators interested in commercializing technology in the biomedical, energy, transportation, information technology, robotics, aerospace, food, healthcare, and other industries require more than knowing whether a technology works and the potential market. Non-market factors such as regulations, standards, and grants influence product, price, location, research, development, and testing, and other decisions. As a result, public policies provide both opportunities and challenges for the commercialization of an invention. Only by recognizing these opportunities or overcoming these challenges can an invention become a commercialized innovation.

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19-500 Directed Study in EPP: Undergraduate  
All Semesters  
Students may do undergraduate research as one course for EPP technical elective credit, with an EPP faculty member, or on an approved project with a faculty member from another department. The research credits must be pre-approved by your advisor, and should result in a written product, one copy of which should be sent to EPP.

19-534 Usable Privacy and Security  
Spring: 9 units  
There is growing recognition that technology alone will not provide all of the solutions to security and privacy problems. Human factors play an essential role in these areas, and it is important for security and privacy experts to have an understanding of how people will interact with the systems they develop. This course is designed to introduce students to a variety of usability and user-interface problems related to privacy and security and to give them experience in understanding and designing studies aimed at helping to evaluate usability issues in security and privacy systems. The course is suitable both for students interested in privacy and security who would like to learn more about usability, as well as for students interested in usability who would like to learn more about security and privacy. Students will also work on a project throughout the semester. The course is open to all students who have technical backgrounds. The 12-unit course numbers (17-334, 5-436, 19-334) are for PhD students and masters students. Students enrolled in these course numbers will have extended homework assignments and will be expected to play a leadership role in a group project that produces a paper suitable for publication. The 9-unit course numbers (17-334, 5-436, 19-534) are for undergraduates and masters students (if permitted by their program).

19-624 Emerging Energy Policies  
Intermittent: 12 units  
Interested in what's happening in energy policy and how to analyze potential policy options in response? Focusing on current hot topics in energy policy, students will learn the basic principles of public policy analysis and underlying techniques such as program evaluation, cost benefit analysis, life cycle analysis, prince analysis, and risk analysis as well as the variety of policy mechanisms available. Class time will include a combination of faculty and guest speaker lectures, discussion of issues, videos, and problem solving. Students will review and edit Wikipedia entries on an energy policy topic of their choice, and then analyze policy options resulting in an executive summary or paper on that topic. While the course has no prerequisites, students should feel comfortable with scientific and technical topics. Upon completion of this course, students should have a deeper and more strategic understanding of the opportunities and challenges associated with emerging energy policies. Open to seniors. Open to juniors with permission only.

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19-625 Sustainable Energy for the Developing World  
Fall and Summer: 12 units  
This course examines the current state of the energy system in developing countries and the challenges these countries will face in sustainably meeting their energy needs in the 21st century. The following are examples of questions and issues we will cover throughout the semester. What is the current status of the energy system in the developing world? What is the role of energy in supporting economic growth and alleviating poverty? What are the future energy needs of developing countries? What are the challenges developing countries will face as they build/improve their energy systems? What technologies are available to meet the energy challenges in the developing world?

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19-626 Climate Science and Policy  
Intermittent: 12 units  
This course will survey both scientific and policy issues associated with climate change. We will begin by surveying important factors governing the Earth’s climate including solar and terrestrial radiative equilibrium and ocean heat storage and transport. Next, we will discuss the several perturbations or “forcings” that industrial society has imposed on Earth’s climate: changes in greenhouse gas concentrations, ozone, and aerosols. The course will examine how complex climate feedbacks lead to significant uncertainty regarding the response of the Earth to these forcings. Decision-making strategies that policy makers can use to deal with these uncertainties will be discussed. We will outline major impacts of climate change on society as well as natural systems and strategies for mitigating climate change.

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19-627 Special Topics: Energy Innovation and Entrepreneurship  
Fall: 12 units  
Want to be an energy innovator, business entrepreneur, social entrepreneur, or intrapreneur? Students in this class will learn the fundamentals of energy innovation and entrepreneurship, and how innovation and entrepreneurship in energy differs from that in other fields. Students will then develop a business and non-market strategy for an idea of their own, or in response to a real-world challenge proposed by a business, industry, or a non-governmental organization. The resulting strategy can, if students wish, be submitted for student competitions that typically take place each spring throughout the United States.

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19-639 Policies of the Internet  
Fall: 12 units  
This course will address public policy issues related to the Internet. This may include policy issues such as network neutrality and the open Internet, Internet governance and the domain name system (and the role of the United Nations), copyright protection of online content, regulation of indecency and pornography, universal access to Internet and Internet as a “human right”, government surveillance of the Internet, Internet privacy and security, and taxation of electronic commerce. It will also teach some fundamentals of Internet technology. Because these are inherently interdisciplinary issues, the course will include detailed discussions of technology, economics, and law, with no prerequisites in any of these areas. Senior or graduate standing required.
19-648 Special Topics: International Climate Adaptation & Infrastructure Innovation
Spring: 6 units
Although an international problem, climate change will affect each country's critical infrastructure in diverse ways. This course will focus on understanding how international communities are adapting and innovating to reduce critical infrastructure risk. Students will be able to list and describe natural hazards affected by climate change, focusing on their impacts on natural and built critical infrastructure systems in physically, socially, and economically diverse countries. Students will then use cost-benefit analysis, the triple bottom line approach (physical, social, economic), and robust decision making to analyze, compare, and contrast different countries' responses. The class will culminate in a final paper and presentation on one country's approach to decision-making under uncertainty for adaptation. Learning Objectives: By the end of the semester, you should be able to: Understand risk. o Define risk; hazard, vulnerability, exposure, adaptation, hazard mitigation, greenhouse gas mitigation. o Explain the link between some natural hazards and climate change. o List 10 natural hazards and their impacts on the international community. o Analyze outcomes/impacts. o Predict how physically, socially, and economically detrimental a given natural hazard will actually be in different critical infrastructure systems. o Compare and contrast different adaptations to reduce risk. o Create recommendations for improving adaptation in an international community

19-653 Climate Change Mitigation
Intermittent: 12 units
Have you ever thought about how we could address the climate change problem? In this course we will study the technological and policy options for responding to the threat of climate change. We will review climate change science, understand the current systems for energy supply and use, and have a deep dive into technological solution for low-carbon energy supply and use, as well as the policy frameworks that can help us reduce greenhouse gas emissions. 2hrs 40min of lectures per week.

19-665 Environmental Politics and Policy
Fall: 6 units
Engineers, scientists, policymakers, industry, environmental groups, and the public all influence environmental policy making, and should have an understanding of past and current environmental issues, technologies, policies, programs, and politics. Using a case study approach, students will learn how to use program evaluation to analyze the effectiveness of past policies (e.g., CFCs, DDT) and apply the lessons learned to conduct policy analysis of current environmental challenges (e.g., nanotechnology, climate change). Students will gain an understanding of the variety of policy mechanisms available to attain environmental goals including the use of voluntary standards. Student interest will guide topic selection for both issues discussed in class and for project work. Class time will include a combination of faculty and guest speaker lectures, discussion of issues, videos, and problem solving time. While the course has no prerequisites, students should feel comfortable with scientific and technical topics.

19-666 Energy Policy and Economics
Intermittent: 6 units
This course will begin with a review of microeconomic concepts and tools necessary for analysis of the topics covered in the class. The course will explore how past energy technology policies and choices are intertwined with pathways of economic development, social impacts, macroeconomic measurement and performance. This course will explore how a wide variety of policy mechanisms- technology policy, utility regulation and restructuring, emissions policies, multilateral interventions and agreements, and corporate strategies-can shape energy use and the environmental impacts of energy systems. Study examples will draw from both developed and developing countries.

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Intermittent: 12 units
This course provides engineers with a multidisciplinary mathematical foundation for integrated modeling of engineering design, manufacturing, and enterprise planning decisions for commercializing new technologies and products. Topics include economics in product design, manufacturing and operations modeling and accounting, consumer choice modeling, survey design, conjoint analysis, optimization, model integration and interpretation, and professional communication skills. Students will apply theory and methods to a team project for a new product or emerging technology, developing a business plan to design technical and economic competitiveness. This course assumes fluency with multivariable calculus, linear algebra, and probability theory.

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19-671 Tech Start-up: Market Discovery
Spring: 6 units
The first three years of a technology start-up are the most critical; when the company's DNA or trajectory is set. Too few entrepreneurs appreciate this fact and, as a result, many start without the essential skills talents and capabilities needed to set the company on a successful path. Some of these entrepreneurial skills can only be learned through starting and growing a business while others can be learned. This course attempts to bridge the challenging gap between learning and doing entrepreneurship. We introduce you to an essential skill of market discovery or learning to create, develop and evaluate your concept of your business. Is my idea a realistic innovation? Is it also a business or a product or neither? How do I know how big the market is for my product? What are the technology market and competitive risks in my idea and how do I assess them? Can I compete? Can I sell it? How? When? Where? Students will have the opportunity to apply their newfound practical skills gathered in part from lectures from experienced entrepreneurs and investors to case studies role-playing and solving actual problems of local tech businesses. The best way to learn entrepreneurship is by doing, which is why this course will use 'true-to-life' scenarios as the anchor for the course. The class will be divided into 4 teams, each of which will focus on a company that is either (1) a student idea for new start-up, (2) an existing start-up (ideally local) or (3) a hypothetical start-up proposed/conceived by the students, the professor or both.

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19-672 Special Topics: Tech Start-up: Building Your Own Company
Fall: 6 units
(Session 2) - The first year or two of a tech start-up set the trajectory and character of that company for years to come. Too few entrepreneurs appreciate this reality and, as a result, many carry forward misperceptions and misconceptions about creating and building a successful tech company that set it on the path for failure. This course aims to remedy that challenge by exposing the student the practical reality of building a team and founding a start-up team. This class should help the student answer (or know how to find the answer) to the following questions: How do I find manage and evaluate a start-up team? Do I have the skill motivation and ability to be a tech entrepreneur? Can I build a company from scratch? Should I be the CEO? Sales account manager VP of engineering or something else altogether? How much money do I raise and where and when do I raise it? Students will have the opportunity to apply their newfound practical skills gathered in part from lectures from experienced entrepreneurs and investors to case studies role-playing and solving actual problems of local tech businesses. The best way to learn entrepreneurship is by doing, which is why this course will use 'true-to-life' scenarios as the anchor for the course. The class will be divided into 4 teams, each of which will focus on a company that is either (1) a student idea for new start-up, (2) an existing start-up (ideally local) or (3) a hypothetical start-up proposed/conceived by the students, the professor or both.

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19-680 E&TIM Seminar on Innovation Management in Practice
Intermittent: 6 units
Innovation has been described as "the intersection of invention and insight, leading to the creation of social and economic value." Companies increasingly rely on innovation to establish and drive their success. Public policy makers see innovation as a critical driver for economic development. This course is an opportunity to learn about innovation management from those in the front lines. How are innovation opportunities identified? What are the challenges to realizing these opportunities, and how can the challenges be addressed? What roles are played by processes, technologies and the business environment, as well as by individuals in organizations? This course will feature speakers who drive innovation in a variety of settings, paired with readings from the innovation literature that will help frame the presentations and discussion.
19-681 Managerial and Engineering Economics
Intermittent: 12 units
This course will introduce students to the fundamentals of engineering and managerial economics. The course emphasizes the application of economic frameworks to understand how technology markets evolve and what strategies allow firms to capture value from innovation. The aim of the course is to develop a rigorous foundation in the relevant economic models that students can use to manage innovation in high-technology organizations. The course is oriented around developing answers to three key questions: (1) How should managers of technology firms evaluate potential strategic or projects when the outcome of innovation is uncertain? To address this question, the course introduces cost-benefit models for determining project value and how to use these models to make managerial decisions. (2) How do market characteristics shape the optimal pricing decisions of the firm? This part of the course provides economic models that translate the competitive dynamics of markets into the return-based measures required for optimal decision-making. (3) How do market characteristics shape a firm’s ability to capture value from innovation? The final part of the course extends the frameworks in the second module to model value capture when firms invest in the development of breakthrough innovations. We will cover a number of different game theoretical models of innovation competition, bargaining, and pricing of platform and information products.

19-682 The Strategy and Management of Technological Innovation
Intermittent: 12 units
Strategy is distinctive approaches executives use to realize firm performance goals. In this course, we will prepare you for analyzing how technology and innovation affects how executives formulate and execute strategies. This course teaches how incorporating technology and innovation into the corporate strategy of the firm can achieve profitable and sustainable competitive advantage. It addresses the role of technology management in both emerging and established firms, and examines how all of the firm’s activities, assets, and relationships must complement one another in order to capture value from innovation. The course will progress in two parts. We will first cover how strategy is formulated through frameworks, models, and tools essential for those actively engaged in the innovation process within a firm and apply these to case studies illustrating their importance in technology industries. We will then cover the obstacles that prevent firms from formulating the ideal strategy. In each framework we analyze during the class, we will have the following objectives: 1) Recognizing the performance metric targeted by each framework; 2) Identifying the assumptions each framework makes about firm structure, the speed of market and technological change; 3) Analyze the strengths and weaknesses of each framework; 4) Apply tools suited for each framework to determine the appropriate strategy that the firm should undertake; 5) Using organizational theory to recognize obstacles that prevent the firm from implementing the desired strategies and how to overcome such barriers to implementation.

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19-684 Engineering and Technology Innovation Management in Practice
Intermittent: 6 units
Innovation takes place inside organizations, whether it’s a small company, a large corporation, a university or a government laboratory or agency. In this course, we will focus on the people who lead innovative organizations, what they do to promote and sustain innovation, and the skills and attributes they need to be successful. The instructor’s experience as President of Carnegie Mellon, guest lecturers from industry and the literature will be the sources from where the course will draw. Students will gain insight into the roles they may play in contributing to and leading innovative organizations, and the skills and attributes they will need for success. 19684 is part of the Engineering and Technology Innovation Management (ETIM) Masters Program. ETIM students should register for the 6 unit course, reflecting the supplemental course requirements for ETIM. Other students are welcome to enroll for the 3 unit course.

19-687 Managing Research, Development and Innovation
Intermittent: 6 units
This course considers key issues and trade-off in R&D strategy and organization, paying attention to dynamic competitive contexts where technology plays a key role. These topics are treated assuming the organization, paying attention to dynamic competitive contexts where technology plays a key role. These topics are treated assuming the role of technology management in both emerging and established firms, and examining how all of the firm’s activities, assets, and relationships must complement one another in order to capture value from innovation. The course will progress in two parts. We will first cover how strategy is formulated through frameworks, models, and tools essential for those actively engaged in the innovation process within a firm and apply these to case studies illustrating their importance in technology industries. We will then cover the obstacles that prevent firms from formulating the ideal strategy. In each framework we analyze during the class, we will have the following objectives: 1) Recognizing the performance metric targeted by each framework; 2) Identifying the assumptions each framework makes about firm structure, the speed of market and technological change; 3) Analyze the strengths and weaknesses of each framework; 4) Apply tools suited for each framework to determine the appropriate strategy that the firm should undertake; 5) Using organizational theory to recognize obstacles that prevent the firm from implementing the desired strategies and how to overcome such barriers to implementation.

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19-693 Managing and Leading Research and Development
Intermittent: 12 units
This course will provide an insider’s look at issues in industrial research and development laboratories that future industrial R&D personnel are likely to face.

Course Website: http://www.ece.cmu.edu/courses/items/18703.html

19-694 Leadership and Innovation Management
Fall: 6 units
The attributes and skills of the contributors to innovation are important elements in the effectiveness of the innovation process and the success of the outcome. In this course, we will focus on these skills and attributes, with an emphasis on the leaders of innovation and innovative organizations. Selected literature, case studies, and guest lectures by leaders, as well as the instructor’s own experience as Carnegie Mellon’s eighth president, will be the sources from which the course will draw. Students will gain insight into the roles they may play in contributing to and leading innovation and organizations and the skills and attributes they will need for success.
and innovation and how this, in its turn, affects economic efficiency and arrangements and public policy decisions influence entrepreneurial activity. In entrepreneurial activity and innovation are strongly influenced by entrepreneurial talent being directed towards seeking rents rather than creating new substantial paths to growth. Uncovering new substantial paths to growth. This course will explore how technology and business contribute to sustainable development. Course segments will include examining global megatrends in ten major sectors (e.g., food, water, energy, health, etc.), opportunities and risks in these key sectors, and developing key metrics for success in sustainable development. Solution pathways that use existing, transferable, and new models in both policy and innovation will be discussed and proposed by the class. Issues for both large multi-nationals and start-ups will be covered. Class time will include a combination of lectures, guest speakers from industry, and problem solving activities. Students will experience how to create a business in this climate of sustainable development. Instructor is former CTO of Alcoa, and Co-Chair of the Vision 2050 project of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development. He is also currently an Advisor & Board Member at a number of Venture Capital firms and a Adjunct Prof. at CMU. The course is intended for M5 students. Upper-level undergraduates may enroll with permission.

19-699 Special Topics: "Principles and Practices of Corporate Entrepreneurship" Fall: 6 units This course defines the key concepts of corporate entrepreneurship as part of the process for building new business within an established organization. Emphasis will be placed on viewing corporate entrepreneurship as a part of the overall growth strategy, paying specific attention to how to integrate corporate entrepreneurship practices with other kinds of strategic growth initiatives. The topics will include corporate entrepreneurship strategies, structures and processes, and decision making (at both the team and organizational levels) to achieve commercial impact. Key challenges that companies face when pursuing corporate entrepreneurship will be addressed and systematic frameworks for designing new businesses, the fit of entrepreneurial efforts at the organizational level, and the transition of successfully validated new business concepts to business units in order to achieve meaningful growth. Specific attention will be given to the context of technology-driven enterprise and technological innovation, as well as to the role that Technology and R&D organizations should play in uncovering new substantial paths to growth.

19-699 Special Topics: Institutions Entrepreneurship and Innovation Interim: 6 units Institutional environment and public policy greatly affect incentives determining the direction of entrepreneurial activity and innovation that are the engines of economic growth. In societies with poor institutions, entrepreneurial talent is mostly directed towards seeking rents rather than generating productive innovations. Even in modern capitalist economies entrepreneurial activity and innovation are strongly influenced by public policies, for example, those related to intellectual property rights. This course seeks to provide students with analytical frameworks that will enable them to understand how various formal and informal institutional arrangements and public policy decisions influence entrepreneurial activity and innovation and how this, in its turn, affects economic efficiency and growth potential of nations.

19-701 Introduction to the Theory and Practice of Policy Analysis Intermittent: 12 units This course reviews and critically examines a set of problems, assumptions and analytical techniques that are common to research and policy analysis in technology and public policy. Topics covered include the difference between science, trans-science and policy analysis, policy problems formulated in terms of utility maximization, issues in the valuation of intangibles, uncertainty in policy analysis, selected topics in risk analysis, limitations and alternatives to the paradigm of utility maximization, issues in behavioral decision theory, issues related to organizations and multiple agents, and selected topics in policy advice and policy analysis for the federal government. The objective is to look critically at the strengths, limitations and underlying assumptions of key policy research and analysis tools and problem framing and sensitize students to some of the critical issues of taste, professional responsibility, ethics, and values that are associated with policy analysis and research.

19-702 Quantitative Methods for Policy Analysis Intermittent: 12 units Economic framework for identifying and analyzing investment and operation options facing agencies and firms, (both in theory and in practice); economic efficiency, utilization, pricing, and investment; and multi-objective evaluation.

19-703 Special Topics: Applied Data Analysis 1 Intermittent: 6 units Students will gain a basic understanding of the estimation, interpretation, and diagnostic assessment of the most widely used statistical models in the social sciences. This includes: graphical and inferential statistics, multiple regression with interactions, logistic regression, multi-level models, and panel data. Assignments include six data analysis projects in R. 19703 is part 1, 19704 is part 2.

19-704 Applied Data Analysis 2 Intermittent: 6 units Students will gain a basic understanding of the estimation, interpretation, and diagnostic assessment of the most widely used statistical models in the social sciences. This includes: graphical and inferential statistics, multiple regression with interactions, logistic regression, multi-level models, and panel data. Assignments include six data analysis projects in R. 19703 is part 1, 19704 is part 2. Prerequisite: 19-703

19-705 Workshop Applied Policy Analysis Intermittent: 6 units This workshop course is about learning how to structure messy un-structured policy problems. It is designed to provide experience in setting up, analyzing, and writing about policy problems of the type that are used in the EPP Part B qualifying exam. Over the course of the semester, the class works through six or seven policy case problems. Much of the work is done in small groups. The principal focus is on integrating the qualitative and quantitative aspects of the problems and on identifying and practicing general problem-solving strategies.

19-707 Special Topics: Multiple Criteria Decision Making Fall: 6 units Problems with multiple, conflicting objectives are ubiquitous in the private and, especially, the public sector. The objective of this course is to provide an overview of the techniques for the analysis and resolution of multiple criteria decision making (MCDM) problems. Topics will include multiobjective programming, multattribute utility theory and several MCDM methods such as the Analytical Hierarchy Process. The emphasis will be on theory and technique, but there will be several applications to demonstrate the methods.

19-713 Policies of Wireless Systems Intermittent: 12 units This course will address public policy issues related to wireless systems, and to the Internet. It begins by investigating policies related to a wide variety of emerging wireless systems and technologies, including wifi computer networks, broadband to the home, broadcast radio and television, and satellite communications. This can include the government role in facilitating the creation of infrastructure, in advancing competition among broadcasters and communications service providers, in managing spectrum, and in protecting privacy and security. The course will then address Internet policy issues, which can include Internet governance and the domain name system, taxation, privacy and security, and intellectual property. Because these are inherently interdisciplinary issues, the course will include detailed discussions of technology, economics, and law, with no prerequisites in any of these areas. Note: ECE students must take this course under 18-650 only.
19-714 Environmental Life Cycle Assessment
Spring: 12 units
Cradle-to-grave analysis of new products, processes and policies is important to avoid undue environmental harm and achieve extended product responsibility. This course provides an overview of approaches and methods for life cycle assessment and for green design of typical products and processes using the ISO 14040 family of standards. This includes goal and scoping definition, inventory analysis, life cycle impact assessment (LCIA), interpretation, and guidance for decision support. Process-based analysis models, input-output and hybrid approaches are presented for life cycle assessment. Example software such as MATLAB, Excel, and Simapro are introduced and used in assignments. A group life cycle assessment project consistent with the principles and tools of sustainability to solve real-world engineering problems is required.
Prerequisites: (12-421 or 12-706) and 12-712
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19-716 Special Topics Science and Technology Policy, Analysis and Processes
Spring: 6 units
Science and technology policy is concerned with the allocation of resources for and encouragement of scientific and engineering research and development, the use of scientific and technical knowledge to enhance the nation’s response to societal challenges, and the education of Americans in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. This course will provide students with a better understanding of each of these areas and how decisions are made regarding science and technology at the national level and who influences those decisions. Upon completion of this course, students should have a deeper and more strategic understanding of how Washington works, how to analyze and present the results of science and technology policy analysis, and of long-term and emerging science and technology policy issues. Although the focus will be on the United States, these issues are as global as science and technology itself.

19-717 Sustainable Engineering Principles
Fall: 12 units
This course presents an overview of the concept of sustainability, including changing attitudes and values toward technology and the environment through the late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries. Relevant issues in sustainable engineering, including population growth, urbanization, energy, water, food and material resources are discussed. Tools for sustainable engineering are presented, including metrics of sustainability, principles of design for the environment, and use of material and energy balances in sustainable systems. Publicly available data sets and computational models will be explored to assess sustainability. A team-based project is required.

19-718 Public Policy and Regulations
Spring: 6 units
Will provide an economic framework for identifying and analyzing investment and operation options facing agencies and forms (both in theory and practice); economic efficiency, utilization, pricing, and investment; and multi-objective evaluation. Intended for PhD’s

19-722 Telecommunications Technology and Policy for the Internet Age
Intermittent: 12 units
Modern telecommunications is the nervous system of society. The Internet and wireless communications have transformed every aspect of our modern life. This course provides a comprehensive introduction to basic principles of telecommunications technology and the legal, economic, and regulatory environment of today’s networks. Topics covered include the fundamentals of communication network technologies, including video, voice, and data networks; the rising dominance of wireless networks; principles behind telecommunications regulation from common carrier law and natural monopoly to information diversity, privacy and national security; traffic differentiation on the Internet and the debate over network neutrality; universal service and the digital divide; mergers, antitrust, and the changing industrial structure of the communications sector. We will explore current topical issues such as the future of competition; the shift of entertainment video from cable and satellite to Internet delivery; how cloud computing concepts are transforming networks; and communications support for the Internet of Things. Comparison with European approaches to communications regulation. Special emphasis on how new technologies have altered, and are altered by, regulation. Junior, Senior or graduate standing required.
Prerequisite: 73-102

19-724 Materials for Energy Storage
Intermittent: 6 units
This course will examine functional materials used to store and release electrical energy. An overview of the thermodynamics of power, energy and energy use provides an introduction to how to use subsequent investigations into the dominant methods in use today: electrochemical, electrical, and electromechanical (chemical/combustion and nuclear processes will not be covered). For each sub-topic, the physical and chemical mechanisms exploited will be discussed, followed by a detailed exposition of specific materials functionality and device applications. Particular focus will be given to several relevant emerging technologies: Li-ion batteries, hydrogen-based fuel cells (polymer proton exchange membrane and solid-oxide based systems), and large capacitors (both electrolytic and dielectric).
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19-758 Special Topics: Organizational Theory for Engineers
Spring: 12 units
Why do so many technical problems of global importance persist even when there exists engineering solutions? This course will explore the organizational challenges that can hinder the deployment of engineering solutions towards solving some of our most critical global technical challenges. We will explore a variety of organizational theories such as institutional theory, network theory, social movement theory, and actor-network theory and then see how they are applied to a variety of engineering systems such as those around energy, mechanical design, water, information and communication technology, and other such civil infrastructure. By the end of the course, students will be able to a) learn how to read and synthesize organizational research from a variety of theoretical lenses, b) understand how such research can apply to a variety of engineering systems, and c) learn how to advance and conduct engineering research that incorporates an organizational perspective.
Intended for graduate students and seniors; juniors with permission.
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Fall: 12 units
This course will cover the rational and behavioral foundations of discrete choice models, current behavioral theories, and estimation methods. Content will include an overview of the history of thinking about discrete choice models, rational foundations, behavioral theories, signal detection theory, multinomial logit, mixed logit using restricted MLE and monte-carlo simulation, and experimental design. If time permits we will cover item-response models and Bayesian methods.

19-801 Special Topics in IT: IT Innovation and Business in Africa
Intermittent: 6 units
Africa is often called the global economy’s last frontier. Although Africa remains by far the poorest continent, in recent years several African countries have enjoyed sustained political stability and economic growth. Information technology (IT) is playing a significant role in the development of these economies. This course will explore the underpinnings and prospects for the future of IT and its applications in sub-Saharan Africa. Focusing on the most recent literature and reports on economic and technology development in Africa, the aim will be to understand the critical factors that will determine how technology will develop in Africa and what business models are likely to succeed in creating economically viable IT enterprises in this rapidly changing part of the world. Student assignments will include readings, presentations, and projects on selected topics of relevance to the course goals and objectives. The course is intended for graduate students familiar with information technology and its current applications who are interested in Africa as a prospective place of employment and entrepreneurship in IT and its applications.

19-802 Special Topics: Bitcoin and Cryptocurrencies
Spring: 6 units
Provides an understanding of the technology, usability, business, and regulatory issues of digital currencies in the context of the cryptocurrency, Bitcoin. How does it work? How do people use it? Can I make money with it? Is it safe? Is it legal? To address these questions, we investigate Bitcoin’s underlying technology; digital wallets; Bitcoin mining; cybersecurity; and regulatory issues.