Science and Technology Studies Ethics and Integrity requirement plan

To: The Graduate School
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Re: Scholarly Ethics and Integrity Requirement Update
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The Science and Technology Studies graduate program needs to update its plan to meet the Graduate School's Scholarly Ethics and Integrity Requirement.

Previously, this requirement was met through STS 5514, "Research Designs and Practices for STS." Due to recent changes in our curriculum, however, this course will no longer be required for MS students. The relevant material from this course, therefore, will be moved to the one remaining course that is required for all students in both the MS and PhD programs in STS: STS 5024: "Introduction to Science and Technology Studies."

This course will be modified to cover the following ethics topics:
   a. Plagiarism and other violations of the Graduate Honor Code;
   b. Proper use of professional conventions in citation of existing research and scholarship, accurate reporting and ownership of findings, and acknowledgement of contributions to the work;
   c. Guidelines for maintenance of confidentiality and anonymity in research;
   d. Guidelines for determining authorship in multi-authored works;
   e. Appropriate research protocols involving human subjects, and familiarity with the purpose and procedures of the Institutional Review Board.
   f. Fair use of publications and software.

The revised curriculum will be in place beginning in the Fall 2016 semester. Henceforth, as each student completes STS 5024, a note will be placed into the comments box for the Plan of Study on Banner specifying that the student has met the Graduate School ethics requirement.