

# POST-ASSESSMENT 1

## STS 201: Nanotechnology and Society

### *Section 84405*

Please rate your comfort level with the following topics.	Very	Comfortable	Slightly	Not
	Comfortable		Comfortable	Comfortable
1. The science of nanotechnology.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Any science or engineering field.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Science and society issues.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Nanotechnology and society.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Circle your answer to the questions below or reply in longhand.  
Feel free to comment, especially if you don't understand something.**

#### **Bio stuff**

5. You are a: Woman          Man

6. What is your year? (actual year, not by credits)

Freshman          Sophomore          Junior          Senior          Senior++

7. What is your major (or majors)?

#### **Class stuff.**

8. Summarize the class, as you have perceived it, now that it's (almost) over. (2-3 sentences)

9. Why did you originally take this class?

10. If you could go back in time, would you take the class again?

Yes, Definitely          Yes          Maybe          No          No, Definitely Not

Yes, with reservations:

11. Would you take it again if it didn't fulfill some requirement?

Yes, Definitely      Yes      Maybe      No      No, Definitely Not

12. Would you recommend the class to another student if it is offered again?

Yes, Definitely      Yes      Maybe      No      No, Definitely Not

Yes, with reservations:

13. Has your knowledge of the science of nanotechnology improved because of this course?

Yes, Definitely      Yes      Maybe      No      No, Definitely Not

Yes, with comment:

14. Has your knowledge of what nanotechnology is improved because of this course?

Yes, Definitely      Yes      Maybe      No      No, Definitely Not

Yes, with comment:

15. Has the course made you more (or less) concerned with the societal implications of technology?

Much More      More      No Change      Less      Much Less

16. How well has the course prepared you to explain, in general, what nanotechnology is all about to someone else?

Extremely Well      Very Well      Moderate      Passable      Very Little

Comment:

17. Do you think that "Nanotechnology and Society" is a valuable field of intellectual pursuit?

Yes, Definitely      Yes      Maybe      No      No, Definitely Not

Comment, please:

18. Before the course, were you planning to pursue a career in a science or engineering field?

Yes, Definitely      Yes      Maybe      No      No, Definitely Not

19. ...in nanotechnology?

Yes, Definitely      Yes      Maybe      No      No, Definitely Not

20. Has the course encouraged you to pursue a career in a nanotech-related (science or engineering) field?

Yes, Definitely      Yes      Maybe      No      No, Definitely Not

21. Has the course encouraged you to keep an eye out for opportunities and relations to nanotechnology in whatever field you were planning on pursuing?

Yes, Definitely      Yes      Maybe      No      No, Definitely Not

22. Has the course encouraged you to pursue a career in science and technology studies, history of science, social sciences, or a related field?

Yes, Definitely      Yes      Maybe      No      No, Definitely Not

23. Has the course encouraged you to become active in the political aspects of science policy?

Yes, Definitely      Yes      Maybe      No      No, Definitely Not

24. Do you feel that the public has a role to play in the direction of public nanotechnology funding?

Yes, Definitely      Yes      Maybe      No      No, Definitely Not

25. Did your perspective on science, technology, and societal implications change as a result of this course?

Yes, Definitely      Yes      Maybe      No      No, Definitely Not

Comment:

26. Should the class have been more challenging?

Yes, Definitely      Yes      Maybe      No      No, Definitely Not

Comment:

27. Could the class have been significantly better?

Yes, Definitely

Yes

Maybe

No

No, Definitely Not

28. Think about future versions of this class for moment. What would you change to improve it?

Structure of the class (groups, in-class activities, etc.?)

Do you think a more lecture-oriented class would have worked better?

Nano-related aspect (more science? Less? Different focus? ?)

Society related aspect (more? Less? ?)

Were the research projects and presentations a good idea? How could they have been improved?

Problems with the instructor, suggestions? (be honest!)

29. Any other suggestions?