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Dear WTMC PhD students and supervisors,

From the academic year 2007-2008 onwards, WTMC offers new and first year PhD students enrolled in the WTMC program the opportunity to do one course in one of the Science, Technology and Innovation Studies (research)masters in the university institutes which participate in WTMC. These are the MSc program Philosophy of Science, Technology and society (PSTS) at Twente University, the MSc Program Science and Innovation Management (SIM) at Utrecht University, the MPhil Program Cultures of Science, Technology and Arts (CAST) at Maastricht University, and the MA European Program on Society, Science and Technology (ESST) at Maastricht University.

This will enable the students to meet particular deficiencies in their basic knowledge of STIS. It also facilitates students to get acquainted with STS programs at other universities than the ones they are affiliated with.

‘Doing a course’ in this case means that the students can attend the course, and write papers if the course requires this, but will not do an official exam or acquire official ECTS credits. The coordinator of the course, however, will inform the supervisor of the PhD student about the students’ attendance of and contribution to the course, and will read and correct the papers of the students. PhD students cannot do more than one course. The costs involved for traveling or staying at the other university, as well as the costs involved for buying literature (if necessary) are the responsibility of the university with which the PhD student is affiliated. This means that attending a course always involves the approval of the supervisor. Some of the programs have a maximum of one or two WTMC PhD students they admit per course.

Since the various Master programs are very differently organized in terms of length of the courses, number of meetings a week, schedules, use of literature, and syllabi, the PhD students should always contact the coordinators of the Master programs in advance, preferably at least two months before the start of the course they aim to attend.

See for information about the STIS Master Programs and the contact persons: the WTMC website ([www.wtmc.net](http://www.wtmc.net)) under STIS Master Programs, or contact [hannie.spronck@fdcw.unimaas.nl](mailto:hannie.spronck@fdcw.unimaas.nl)