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About Engineering and Public Policy

History of the Department
EPP was established as a full academic department in Carnegie Mellon's College of Engineering in 1976. The undergraduate program was developed prior to that with support from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. As of 2013 the department had graduated over 800 double major undergraduates and roughly 240 Ph.D. graduates.

Academic Programs
Undergraduate programs
EPP offers double major undergraduate degrees with all five of Carnegie Mellon's traditional Engineering Departments and with the undergraduate program in the School of Computer Science (SCS). These degrees are designed to add additional dimensions and skills of students who plan to pursue traditional technical careers. In addition to their regular technical courses, double major students take a range of courses in social analysis and in technology and policy.

All EPP double majors also complete two unique group project courses in which they address a real-world problem in technology and public policy. Between 6 and 8 percent of all engineering undergraduates pursue the double major. The department also offers a minor in technology and policy for students outside of engineering or computer science. Details on the undergraduate programs can be found at www.epp.cmu.edu/undergraduate/index.html.

Graduate programs
The doctoral program in EPP prepares students with backgrounds in science, engineering or mathematics for careers doing research or analysis on problems in technology and public policy. Many students complete an M.S. in EPP on their way to the Ph.D.

Forty percent of the graduates of this program have gone to academic jobs. The remaining sixty percent are distributed fairly evenly among industry, government, and think tanks or consulting firms. Details on the graduate programs can be found at www.epp.cmu.edu/graduate/index.html.

EPP also offers a one-year M.S. program in Engineering and Technology Innovation Management (E&TIM) that provides a technical alternative to an M.B.A. for students with technical backgrounds. Details can be found at www.cit.cmu.edu/etim.

Washington, DC Office
EPP maintains a small office in Washington, DC in the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) building at 1200 New York Avenue, NW. This office is used to interact with EPP students and faculty, and relevant policy organizations and decision makers in Washington.

Research
Engineering and Public Policy is the leading academic department in the world that combines deep technical analysis with modern social science and policy analysis in order to address problems in technology and public policy.

Research in the department is focused on problems in:
• energy and environmental systems;
• information and communication technology (ICT) policy;
• risk analysis and communication; and
• technology policy and the management of R&D.

Across these four focal areas, EPP faculty and students also study issues in: engineered systems and domestic security, technology and organizations, and technology and economic development (focusing in particular on Brazil, China, India, and Mexico). Researchers in EPP frequently undertake the development of new software tools for the support of policy analysis and research.

EPP's quantitative interdisciplinary systems approach is unique. Our research is defining the field of interdisciplinary, technically-informed policy analysis. Much of this work is conducted in research centers and groups. The next page provides a few examples. For additional examples and details see www.epp.cmu.edu/research.
Climate Change and Climate Policy

Much of EPP's work in this area takes place through the NSF Center for Climate and Energy Decision Making (http://cedmcenter.org). The center has collaborators in leading research groups across the U.S., Canada and in Europe.

The Electricity Industry

Through the Electricity Industry Center (www.cmu.edu/electricity) and the Electric Energy Systems Group (www.eesg.ece.cmu.edu) researchers in EPP are addressing the full range of issues faced in controlling and operating modern electric power systems, including integration of renewables, distributed generation and micro grids, and its control and operation of “smart grids.”

Risk Analysis and Communication

With psychologists, economists and engineers working together, EPP has long been the source of important innovations in risk analysis and risk communication spanning topics from energy and the environment to homeland security and health (www.hss.cmu.edu/departments/sds/risk).

Energy Efficiency and Energy-Related Behavior

Improving the efficiency with which society uses energy is at least as important as developing new clean sources of energy. Work in EPP covers both technology (LEDs, plug hybrids, etc.) and also consumers' behaviors and choices.

Managing Technical Innovation and R&D Policy

Research includes studies of how relocating manufacturing overseas affects U.S. innovation, how innovation affects supply chain specialization, how regulation can induce innovation, the determinants of science productivity in developing nations, the history and sociology of technological change, and the management of intellectual property in a global context (www.cmu.edu/SETChange).

Fine Particle Air Pollution

Very fine particles produce health damage from air pollution and have climate impacts. The Center for Atmospheric Particle Studies (http://caps.web.cmu.edu) performs laboratory and field studies to support effective emissions control and improve scientific understanding.

Life Cycle Methods

Tracking the flows of materials and energy through production, use, recycling, and disposal is a valuable strategy to assess the impacts of technologies and systems. Investigators in the Green Design Institute (www.cmu.edu/gdi) have pioneered such methods as EIO-LCA.

Information and Communication Technology Policy

Research in EPP in information and communication technology policy ranges from improving communication for first responders, to cognitive radio, radio spectrum management and the design of a next generation Internet.

Privacy

The CyLab Usable Privacy and Security Laboratory (http://cups.cs.cmu.edu/) performs a wide range of research on developing and implementing usable privacy in computer systems.

Energy Behavior

People make decisions about how, where and when to do things that use energy. Shaping those choices requires both empirical studies in behavioral social science and serious technical analysis.

Big Data Analytics for Policy and Management

Research looks at how large datasets on consumer behavior can be used to support policy making and management in information systems, media, education and energy. Network-centric randomized experiments are used to complement these analyses to learn how consumers use and shape the development of new technologies.

Reduced CO₂ from Fossil Fuels

EPP researchers have built some of the world's leading engineering-economic models of conventional and advanced coal and gas power plants, including CCS systems that capture and sequester CO₂ (www.iecm-online.com). They have also addressed the economics of decarbonizing the electricity system and developing a regulatory framework for CCS (www.CCSReg.org).
Faculty in EPP

Most faculty in EPP have joint appointments with traditional departments. These include:

CEE  Civil and Environmental Engineering
ChemE  Chemical Engineering
Chem  Chemistry
ECE  Electrical and Computer Engineering
Heinz  H. John Heinz III College
Hist.  History
MechE  Mechanical Engineering
MSE  Materials Science and Engineering
SCS  School of Computer Science
SDS  Social and Decision Sciences
Tepper  Tepper School of Business

Peter J. Adams  Professor, CEE and EPP; Director, Center for Atmospheric Particle Studies. Climatic effects of fine particles, global and regional models of atmospheric chemistry, and air quality in developing countries. Ph.D. California Institute of Technology, 2001.

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