

BIOLOGY & SOCIETY: *Guidelines for Application*

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Fall 2017 APPLICATION DUE:
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2017

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATION TO THE BIOLOGY & SOCIETY MAJOR

Candidates for admission to the Biology & Society Major must complete a sequence of Introductory Biology, or First Year Biology courses such as (BioG 1105-1106, or two of the following: BioEE 1610 or BioSM 1610; BioG 1440 or BioG 1445; BioMG 1350; BioEE 1780 or BioSM 1780. Students are not required to take BioG 1500, but may wish to for a lab experience. Starting with the class of '14, we will no longer accept AP Bio to fulfill the Intro Bio requirement. All students must submit an application for admission to the Major. Applications may be submitted during the fall or spring semester of a student's sophomore year, after the student has completed the prerequisites. Sophomores in process of completing introductory biology may apply. They will be admitted provisionally, contingent upon satisfactory completion of this prerequisite.

The application process includes the following steps:

- (1) a completed **Biology & Society Application for Admission** consisting of:
 - (a) personal and academic information
 - (b) your elected theme in the Major
 - (c) a tentative plan of courses that fulfill the Biology & Society requirements, including courses you have taken and those you plan to take.

- (2) a **statement** of approximately 250-500 words (one or two double-spaced, typewritten pages) explaining your intellectual reasons for selecting the Biology & Society Major and how your academic goals can be achieved within the Major. Your statement should indicate the rationale for the selection of courses (especially the "theme package" of biological sciences, social sciences, and humanities courses) listed in your tentative course plan. The tentative course plan should be as complete as possible -- list on the application the department name, course number, full course title, and credit hours for each course given in the course plan. **The set of courses chosen should yield a coherent focus on an issue-oriented area taken from the list of suggested themes listed on page 2 of the application or a theme created by the student which is consistent with your academic goals.**

- (3) a **transcript** of work taken at Cornell University or elsewhere, current as of the date of application. Students should request a Transcript ASAP so the transcript reaches me by September 8. Go to <http://transcript.cornell.edu/> for information on obtaining a transcript. We accept Official Paper Transcripts-Mailed Option and E-Transcripts.

Office hours for faculty are posted. The office in 303 Morrill Hall is open from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 pm

IMPORTANT DATES

DEADLINE

Our fall '17 deadline for application to the Major is **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**. When a student is accepted into the Major, the student is assigned a Biology & Society faculty advisor who can assist with course planning. We will only consider students who have submitted complete applications. Applications of students who have not yet completed the biology prerequisites may be deferred until after receipt of a transcript containing grades earned in all prerequisite courses.

EXTRA OFFICE HOURS

The Director of Undergraduate Studies, Professor Rachel Prentice, will be holding extra office hours for students who have questions about Science & Technology Studies (the major or the minor) or Biology & Society. This includes any questions about the application process. They are scheduled for **Tuesday, September 5, from 1:00-3:00pm in 315 Morrill Hall**.

Submit applications to the Biology & Society office, 303 Morrill Hall.

Further information may be obtained from:

Biology & Society Office

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