

# BIOLOGY & SOCIETY: *Guidelines for Application*

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**Fall '09 APPLICATION DUE DATE:**  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER, 21, 2009**

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## GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATION TO THE BIOLOGY & SOCIETY MAJOR

Candidates for admission to the Biology & Society Major must complete the prerequisites (BioG 1101-1104 or BioG 1105-1106, BioG 1107-1108, AP credit or two entry level Biology courses). 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. Please note that BioG 1109-1110 (Biology for Non-Majors) is not acceptable as a base for majoring in Biology & Society if you are premed. Students in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and the College of Human Ecology may use Advanced Placement credit to fulfill the basic courses. Beginning with the Class of 2007, students in the College of Arts and Sciences may only use Advanced Placement credit to fulfill the basic courses if these credits are used as electives rather than used to meet their college distribution requirements.

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 February 16. Go to <http://transcript.cornell.edu/> for information on obtaining a transcript.
- (4) **HUMAN ECOLOGY STUDENTS ONLY:** You must complete page 5 of the application listing by semester the courses you plan to take to meet the college requirement of 43 credit hours in Human Ecology. Your advisor must sign this form.
- (5) **ARTS STUDENTS ONLY:** Your application must also be accompanied by the College of Arts & Sciences Advisor/Major form, which may be obtained in 306 Rockefeller Hall.

**Office hours** for faculty are posted. The office in 306 Rockefeller is open from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 pm  
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# IMPORTANT DATES

## DEADLINE

Our Fall '09 deadline for application to the Major is **MONDAY, September 21**. When a student is accepted into the Major, the student is assigned a Biology & Society faculty advisor who can assist with course enrollment. 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.

## INFORMATIONAL MEETING

A Biology & Society/S&TS Informational Meeting is scheduled for interested students from the Colleges of Arts & Sciences, Agriculture & Life Sciences and Human Ecology on **Thursday, September 17 at 4:30 p.m. in 701 Clark Hall**. Watch for announcements in the Daybook, *Cornell Daily Sun*, and in the office, 306 Rockefeller. Prospective students are urged to attend.

## OPEN HOUSE

To aid in course selections for next semester, an Open House for current majors and others interested in the major will be held on **Monday, October 19 at 4:30 p.m. in 700 Clark Hall**. Information about next semester's courses will be presented. Faculty teaching next semester's courses are invited to attend.

**Submit applications to the Biology & Society office, 306 Rockefeller Hall.**

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## SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT DATES:

**Thursday, Sept. 17**    **Informational Meeting, 4:30 p.m., 701 Clark Hall.**  
**Monday, Sept. 21**    **Deadline for application. Turn complete application in to 306 Rock.**  
**Monday, Oct. 19**    **Open House (to discuss courses), 4:30 p.m., 700 Clark**

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**Further information may be obtained from:**

### **Biology & Society Office**

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