



Center for Biology and Society

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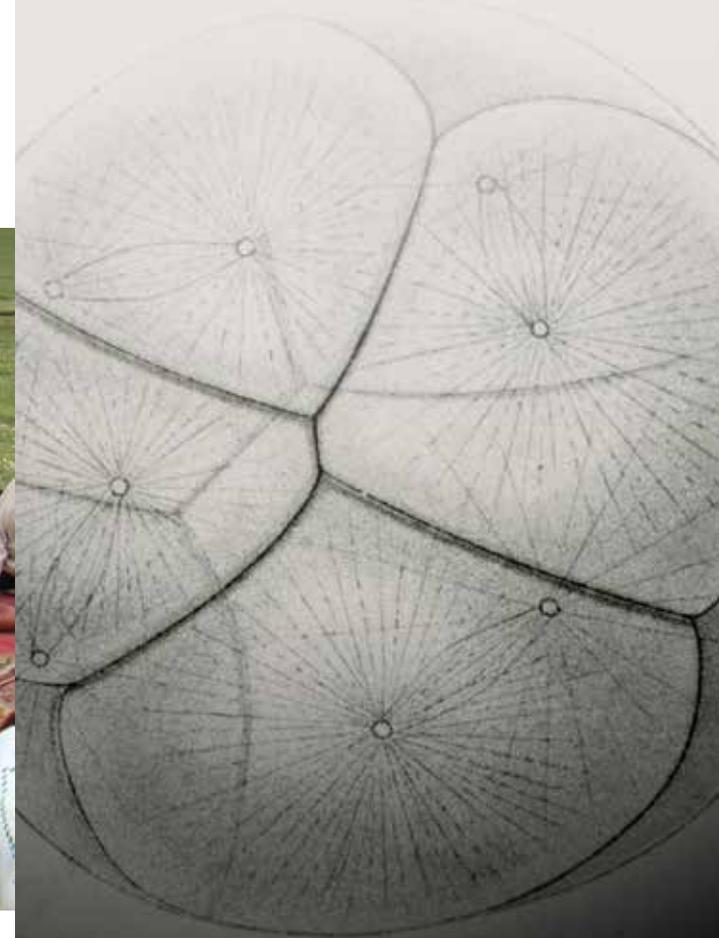
How to Apply

The Biology and Society M.S./Ph.D. Program admits one cohort annually for programs of study that begin in the fall semester. The target date for applications is December 15. B.S./M.S. students may apply at anytime.

To apply, please visit:

sols.asu.edu/grad/bio_soc_apply.php

graduate programs in biology and society



Award-Winning Faculty

Biology and Society faculty members have earned recognition for outstanding teaching and research. Members include winners of the highest honors at ASU, a Carnegie Foundation Arizona Teacher of the Year, a MacArthur Fellow, and presidencies of the ISHPSSB, History of Science Society, and American Society for Environmental History. We also work closely with partners at the Max Planck Institute, the Marine Biological Laboratory, the Encyclopedia of Life, and other institutions.

Graduate Students and Postdocs

Our graduate students come from such diverse disciplines as archeology, biology, history, medicine, law, philosophy, and psychology. They have a common desire to explore conceptual and historical foundations of the biosciences, and to look at the complex interrelations of science and society. Postdoctoral fellows also come from multiple disciplines to work on collaborative projects in our unique interdisciplinary environment.



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In Biology and Society, we do things a little differently. As part of the New American University organized around knowledge creation instead of traditional disciplines, we are housed among the life sciences and maintain close working relationships with researchers in biology as well as law, medicine, economics, ethics, philosophy, history, and public policy. Students can join our studies through several entry portals, each with a different emphasis and all working together to enhance learning. All are coordinated through the Center for Biology and Society. cbs.asu.edu

Our scholars work together across disciplines drawing on multiple skills, yet maintain their own emphases. For instance, those primarily interested in philosophy can enter through History and Philosophy of Science option, while those who are primarily interested in theoretical biology, bioethics, or the history and philosophy of biology can enter through the Biology and Society option.

This structure allows students to go on to careers in traditional disciplines, interdisciplinary programs, medicine, law, public health, government, or industry by preparing them to ask and answer interesting questions, no matter where they lie.

Biology and Society Degree Programs

- Ph.D. or M.S. in Biology and Society
With tracks in:
 - Bioscience Ethics, Policy, & Law
 - Ecology, Economics, and Ethics of the Environment
 - History and Philosophy of Science
- Ph.D. in History and Philosophy of Science
- B.S./M.S. in Biology and Society
A five-year program for ASU undergraduates

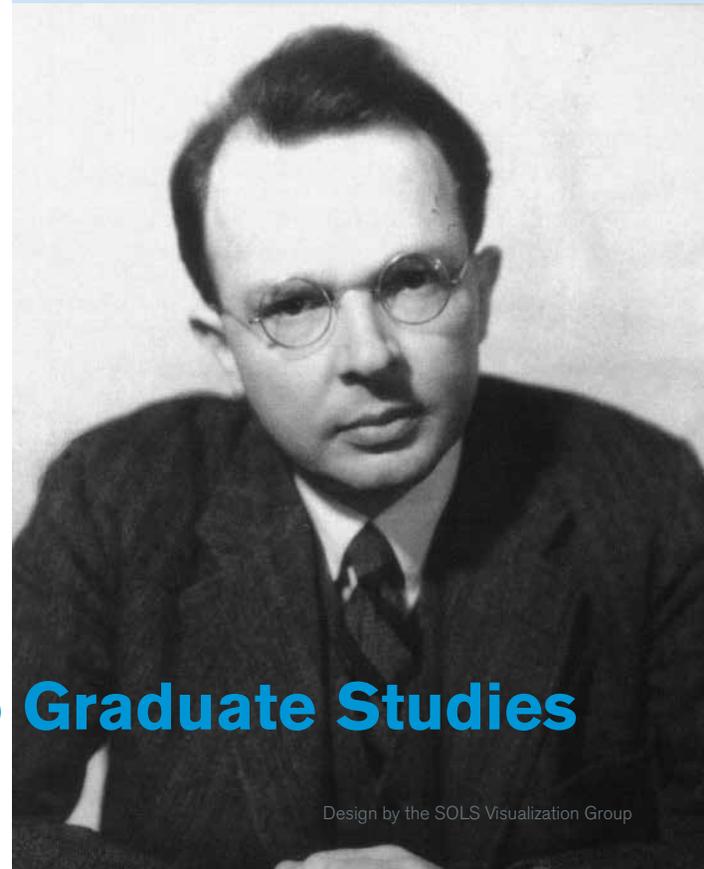
Related Programs

- Ph.D. in Human and Social Dimensions of Science and Technology
hsd.asu.edu
- M.A. in Applied Ethics and the Professions
lincolncenter.asu.edu

Research Projects

Faculty members, graduate and undergraduate students, and staff researchers are involved in a number of major initiatives, including:

- Carnap Papers (Richard Creath)
- Ecological Ethics (Ben Minter)
- Ecosystems Services (Charles Perrings, Ann Kinzig and Joshua Abbott)
- The Embryo Project (Jane Maienschein and Manfred Laubichler)
- Neuroscience and Society (Jason Robert)
- Social and Cultural History of Fire (Stephen Pyne)
- Research on Research Ethics (Karin Ellison)
- Theories of Development and Complexity (Manfred Laubichler)



A New Approach to Graduate Studies