

## Fact sheet and guidelines for joining EvoS <http://bingweb.binghamton.edu/~evos/>

### What is EvoS?

EvoS is a campus-wide program for studying evolution in relation to all human-related subjects in addition to the biological sciences. **It is available to all undergraduate and graduate students** and results in a certificate in evolutionary studies along with your degree. It differs from a second major or a minor because courses that count toward the EvoS certificate can also count toward your degree. **Thus, you can probably join EvoS and earn the certificate without an undue additional course burden.** See the EvoS website for details about the number of credits and distribution requirements.

EvoS is intended to teach both **depth** and **breadth**. Evolutionary theory can be used as a common language to transcend disciplinary boundaries (breadth), but it can also increase professional competence in any specific subject area (depth). The large number of EvoS course offerings across departments enables you to tailor your certificate to your particular interests. If you are only now becoming acquainted with evolutionary theory (especially in relation to human affairs), then you might want to begin with the introductory undergraduate (Biol 105) or graduate (Biol 57) course. If you are more advanced, however, you can proceed directly to other courses on the menu. If you are joining EvoS late in your academic career, you can count your past evolution-related courses toward the certificate.

The hub of EvoS is the **EvoS seminar series**, which brings approximately ten distinguished speakers to campus every semester to speak on a diversity of subjects from an evolutionary perspective. Each seminar is followed by a pizza-and-beer reception and continuing focused discussion with the speaker, ending at about 7PM. A two-credit course (Biol 480s/680s) build around the seminar series must be taken twice to earn the certificate, but all EvoS participants are welcome to the pizza/beer/discussions, **which gives the program a social in addition to an intellectual dimension.**

In addition to lecture courses, **independent study credits**, which often involve research with EvoS faculty and graduate student participants, can count toward the certificate. Realizing these opportunities depends in part on your own initiative, but the general goal of EvoS is to bring together undergraduate students, graduate students, and faculty as a single intellectual community. This is an excellent opportunity for undergraduate students to explore what it is like to operate in graduate student mode.

## Joining EvoS

Send the following information to the Director, David Sloan Wilson, at [dwilson@binghamton.edu](mailto:dwilson@binghamton.edu).

- Your name:
- Last four digits of your social security number:
- Telephone number of your choice
- Are you a graduate student or an undergraduate student?
- If an undergraduate student, what year do you intend to graduate?
- Your undergraduate major or graduate research concentration.
- Courses that you have already taken that count toward the certificate (check the listings on the EvoS website, or describe the content of the course if you think it should qualify and isn't on the website).
- Courses that you intend to take (this need not be complete and can be changed).
- Briefly describe your interest in joining EvoS and relevant career and/or personal interests.

After we receive this information, we will add you to the membership list and you will start receiving e-mail messages about EvoS-related events.

### Getting advice about EvoS and developing your evolutionary interests

I am very happy to talk with you about your interests and how they can be facilitated by EvoS. The easiest way is to have a conversation during the pizza-beer-discussion following an EvoS seminar, but we can also set up an appointment by e-mail. You are also welcome to contact other EvoS faculty participants (listed on the Website), especially in the subject areas that interest you the most.

Welcome to EvoS ☺

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