

FALL 2026

Biology & Society



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This course introduces the scientific study of life, with an emphasis on real-world applications and the societal, social, ethical, and legal consequences of biological advances. We will place key biological principles within the context of issues that affect individuals and society, highlighting the connection between biology and everyday life. Designed for non-scientists with little or no recent college-level science experience, the course encourages discussion and reflection. Many topics are at the leading edge of scientific discovery, and we will examine the ongoing ethical and legal debates surrounding how and whether these advances should be applied.

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YOUR INSTRUCTOR: Eric Simon, PhD



Eric Simon, PhD, is a professor of biology at New England College and holds a PhD in biochemistry from Harvard University. An avid traveler and award-winning nature photographer, he leads educational trips to destinations such as Belize, the Galapagos, Tanzania, Cuba, the Amazon River, and Patagonia. Simon is also the author of a best-selling series of college biology textbooks—used in over 40 countries—with more than 2 million copies in print.

THURSDAYS, OCTOBER 1 THROUGH NOVEMBER 5

8 a.m. PT | 9 a.m. MT | 10 a.m. CT | 11 a.m. ET

Each live session is 90 minutes

- Thursday, October 1
- Thursday, October 8
- Thursday, October 15
- Thursday, October 22
- Thursday, October 29
- Thursday, November 5

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