Ph.D. in
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Many people who care deeply about the environment continue to engage in harmful practices that produce an increasingly unsustainable way of life.

Why?

Environmental Social Science works to find the answers.

As 'environmental' issues—ranging from climate change to pollution to water shortages—increasingly take center stage, there is also a growing understanding that these issues involve complex interactions of human and environmental systems. While there is much concern about what kind of world will be left for future generations, consumption and environmental degradation continue to rise. If we are to address these contradictions, we must understand the social dynamics that are at the root of human-environmental interactions.

The Ph.D. in Environmental Social Science explores these social dynamics from a transdisciplinary perspective to identify and advance innovative approaches to universal problems that will determine our future.

Learn more about the program at www.asu.edu/shesc

Is it for me?

Graduates are trained to be ready for teaching and research positions, or leadership roles in non-governmental organizations (NGOs), government, or industry. Coursework for the degree is focused on developing real-world skills and a solid grasp of complex concepts. Students work closely with their committee to develop a curriculum appropriate to their chosen interests and career goals. The degree is designed to be completed in no more than five years post-master’s degree.

Is there funding?

Competitive funding is available, including attractive multiple-year packages for the top applicants. Most other students are supported through teaching and research assistantships. The School of Human Evolution and Social Change is engaged in numerous large-scale research initiatives that provide significant training and support for students.

How do I apply?

Applications are due before January 1 for first consideration for fall admission (there are no spring admissions). Applicants are required to have a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution with a grade point average of 3.2 (4.0 scale) or better in the last two years of coursework. A master’s degree in any relevant field is advantageous, or students can earn a master’s-in-passing as part of the Environmental Social Science graduate program. Information on the program can be found at www.asu.edu/shesc (see “graduate studies”) or apply online at http://graduate.asu.edu/.
About the Faculty
While the Ph.D. in Environmental Social Science is housed in the School of Human Evolution and Social Change, it involves more than 30 faculty from diverse disciplines across ASU. Students approach real-world problems from a broad and innovative perspective drawn from the following schools, centers and departments:

**Schools:**
- Community Resources and Development
- Computing and Informatics
- Geographical Sciences
- Human Evolution and Social Change
- Life Sciences
- Planning

**Centers and Departments:**
- Center for Population Dynamics
- Center for Social Dynamics and Complexity
- Center for the Study of Institutional Diversity
- Consortium for Science, Policy and Outcomes
- Department of Political Science

About the School of Human Evolution and Social Change
Known for its leadership in innovative education and research, the school integrates tools and knowledge from across the sciences and social sciences to discover not only who we were but where we are going and how we may alter our destiny.

From anthropologists, mathematicians and geographers, to sociologists, economists and natural scientists, our diverse faculty are defining revolutionary approaches to long-standing questions and contemporary issues challenging humankind. Whether your interests lean toward classic four-field anthropology or cutting-edge transdisciplinary research, the School of Human Evolution and Social Change provides a unique setting.

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