UWA’s breadth of expertise across the science disciplines is unequalled!

Designed for art practitioners, scientists, or humanities scholars who wish to engage with the creative crossover of art and science, this course focuses on recent advances in the life sciences, both in theory and practice. Emphasis is placed on critical thought, ethical and cultural issues and cross-disciplinary experimentation in art and science.

Students have access to scientific laboratories, techniques and expertise and undertake art and science units and a core of SymbioticA units that include a major project and dissertation.

This course is unique as it is offered by a science faculty and enables access to laboratories and expertise as well as in-depth understandings of biological sciences. It is a bridge between disciplines as well as between academia and the community (through public exhibitions of research results) and contributes to the development of strategic relationships and community engagement.

Career opportunities

Completion of this degree can lead to wide and diverse career opportunities in the fields of art, science or social science, especially in positions dealing with issues of policy, communication and commentary, or in education. It offers opportunities for further academic pursuits, including higher degree by research.

Course Structure

All students study the core units of:
- Advanced Aesthetic Crossovers of Art and Science
- Biological Art Integration Studies I
- Advanced Art and Life Manipulation
- Biological Art Integration Studies II
- SymbioticA Special Topic
- Project Design

- Project and Dissertation:
  - Major Project and Dissertation Part I
  - Major Project and Dissertation Part 2
  - Major Project and Dissertation Part 3
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and two electives chosen in consultation with the course coordinator.

* Academic Ranking of World Universities 2013
Admission requirements

You must have a relevant bachelor’s degree.

English Language Competence

All applicants for UWA coursework programs must demonstrate a minimum level of English Language Competence. See studyat.uwa.edu.au/undergraduate/admission/english

Key information

While the standard timeframe for completion of this degree is two years (full time), it may be possible for students who have previously completed an undergraduate degree with majors in both science and either arts or fine arts of equivalent as recognised by the faculty to complete within 1.5 years.

Example cognate areas are: Biological Science Majors, Arts or Fine Arts Majors or equivalent as recognised by the faculty.

Partial scholarships are available for high achieving international students.

A number of bursaries are available for domestic students. See science.uwa.edu.au/courses/scholarships.

Intake periods: February and July each year

How to apply

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Crawley, WA 6009
studyat.uwa.edu.au/applynow

Course enquiries

Email: postgrad-science@uwa.edu.au
Online enquiries: ask.uwa.edu.au
science.uwa.edu.au

International students should also visit international.uwa.edu.au/studentnet/esos which gives more information about the study environment, course fees and refund policy, support services, and schooling obligations for dependent children.

^ SymbioticA is an artistic laboratory dedicated to the research, learning, critique and hands-on engagement with the life sciences. It is the first research laboratory of its kind, enabling artists and researchers to engage in wet biology practices in a biological science department. It also hosts residents, workshops, exhibitions and symposiums. www.symbiotica.uwa.edu.au