Anthropology Department Course “Extinction” Chosen to Help Launch SAS 21st Century Signature Program

The Anthropology Department course “Extinction” was chosen as one of the first courses for the SAS 21st Century program, launched in fall 2009. “Extinction” was co-taught initially by Professor Fran Mascia-Lees and Professor Rob Scott, and will be offered again in fall 2010, to be taught by Professor Scott. This course takes a multi-perspective, interdisciplinary approach to understanding the extinction of human cultural systems and groups and other species, and its consequences. It provides a critical and holistic understanding of extinction as a biological and cultural process and probes the meaning and significance of such processes for humans around the globe in the 21st century.

“Extinction” is suitable for social science, humanities, and natural science students. It can be used to fulfill the social science, natural science, and diversity & global awareness requirements. It is particularly recommended for students who intend to pursue majors or minors in anthropology, various area studies, biological sciences, ecology, geography, history, linguistics, philosophy, political science and public policy, religion, sociology, and women and gender studies. This course carries credit toward the major and minor in Anthropology.