Increasingly we understand that we cannot really think of the natural environment or ecosystems without humans: our actions and needs have affected every part of the earth. What role does culture play? And how do the effects of human action affect different cultural groups? This course explores such questions and examines similarities and variation in inherited, learned and shared ways of thinking about, evaluating, and acting toward the natural environment, especially as we understand them through ethnographic and ethnohistorical research. Readings and lectures deal with culture and environment in Asia, the Americas, Africa, and Oceania.

This course may be used to fulfill the following requirements:

- Writing Requirement
- Social Sciences Requirement
- Diversity Requirement
- Global Awareness Requirement