From the earliest human civilizations to today’s global economy, people have relied on the environment for material and cultural resources. Failure to conserve these resources can have catastrophic, lasting consequences for people’s well-being. In this course, we will investigate and discuss the motivations and histories of conservation, the primary avenues through which humans impact the environment, and approaches toward managing natural resources and addressing emerging environmental issues. Examples used to illustrate concepts will span geographical scales from those specific to our local community to international and global issues affecting nations abroad.