FORESTRY AND ENVIRONMENT STUDIES (F&ES)

* F&ES 255b / EVST 255b / GLBL 282b / PLSC 215b, Environmental Law and Politics  
John Wargo
We explore relations among environmental quality, health, and law. We consider global-scale avoidable challenges such as: environmentally related human illness, climate instability, water depletion and contamination, food and agriculture, air pollution, energy, packaging, culinary globalization, and biodiversity loss. We evaluate the effectiveness of laws and regulations intended to reduce or prevent environmental and health damages. Additional laws considered include rights of secrecy, property, speech, worker protection, and freedom from discrimination. Comparisons among the US and EU legal standards and precautionary policies will also be examined. Ethical concerns of justice, equity, and transparency are prominent themes.  

* F&ES 261a / EPS 261a / EVST 261a, Minerals and Human Health  
Ruth Blake
Study of the interrelationships between Earth materials and processes and personal and public health. The transposition from the environment of the chemical elements essential for life. After one year of college-level chemistry or with permission of instructor; EPS 110 recommended.  

* F&ES 422a / ANTH 409a / ER&M 394a / EVST 422a / GLBL 394a, Climate and Society: Perspectives from the Social Sciences and Humanities  
Michael Dove
Discussion of the major currents of thought regarding climate and climate change; focusing on equity, collapse, folk knowledge, historic and contemporary visions, western and non-western perspectives, drawing on the social sciences and humanities.  