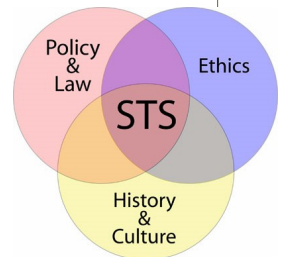




EVIDENCE, DISCOURSES, AND ETHICS OF CHANGING GLOBAL NATURAL RESOURCES

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This course first examines the scientific basis for concern about global natural resources trends in regard to biodiversity, forests, oceans, water, and climate change. Among other issues examined are scientific uncertainty about global natural resource trends and how these trends could affect human interests.

Next the course examines how different discourses structure discussion about these natural resource issues. In particular, the course considers economic, environmental, and sustainable development discourses about the state of global natural resources with a goal of enhancing critical thinking about these matters through a better understanding of how each discourse structures and sometimes limits debate about natural resources.

The efficacy of international institutions responsible for coordinating action on global natural resources is next explored in the course.

Finally, we explore these issues through an ethical lens.



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The purpose of this course is to enable students to become competent critical thinkers about trends in global natural resource issues and the societal implications of these trends.