Overview: This 2-unit seminar is intended to introduce students to the principles and practice of environmental planning with an emphasis on environmental planning in the United States. Specific objectives include:

- A general understanding of planning processes and tools
- Exploration of the relationship between planning and public policy
- Exposure to environmental planning in practice in California

Format: The course will be an informal, seminar-style discussion of each week’s reading, moderated by the professor and students responsible for each week’s topical area.

Grading: Grades will be based on class participation (35%), a small term project (50%) that will consist of a case study of an environmental plan of the student’s choice, and a brief, in-class presentation of the case study (15%). There is no midterm or final exam.

Course readings: All readings will be provided through the class website on Gauchospace.

Outline

Week 1: The environmental planning process
   2: Land use
   3: Open space and green infrastructure
   4: Air quality
   5: Water resources
   6: Biodiversity
   7: Planning as a design process
   8: Student presentations
   9: Student presentations
   10: TBD