Overview: This 2-unit seminar will introduce students to the principles and practice of environmental planning, with an emphasis on environmental planning in the United States and California.

Specific objectives include:

- A general understanding of environmental 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. Each week will also feature a professional environmental planner as a guest speaker.

Grading: Grades will be based on class participation (35%) and a written case study in environmental planning that will be due at the end of the seminar (65%). There is no midterm or final exam.

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

Topical Outline  Week 1: The environmental planning process, land use planning, general plans
                  2: Regional transportation planning, regional sustainability planning
                  3: Climate adaptation planning, Local Coastal Plans
                  4: Justice in environmental planning, biodiversity conservation planning