**GEO 5311 Environment and Security 3 SCH**

This course investigates how a host of unresolved environmental problems

are linked to the prevailing global economic and political system, and

examines how various actors, from small–scale producers to states and

international organizations, are responding to them. After introducing

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students to the concept of environmental security, this course explores the

ways in which environmental degradation and competition fir resources

can lead to different forms of conflict, including local intergroup conflict,

civil wars, and interstate violence. The course also critically assesses the

environmental security approach. The concept of security is applied to

various contemporary environmental concerns, including food production

and distribution, access to water, energy procurement, control and

ownership of resources, so called “natural” disasters, epidemics, pandemics

and environmental refugees.