ENYC-GE 2021 Environmental Politics

This course examines environmental politics with an emphasis on the American political system. Students will receive a broad introduction to the key concepts, actors, stakeholders, issues, and concerns related to this subject. Course material focuses on the role of government organizations - at the federal, state, and local level - institutional processes, and nongovernmental entities involved in environmental politics and policymaking. Throughout the semester, we will address substantive environmental policy issues, such as water and air pollution, hazardous waste, biodiversity, and land use. At the conclusion of the semester, students should have an understanding of the historical, cultural, institutional, and ideological forces shaping environmental policy and regulations in the United States.