

# Water and Ocean Rights

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Water is fundamental to the survival of human societies. Global competition for access to water—both as a resource itself and as a physical environment from which fish, minerals, and hydro-energy are extracted—intensified during the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. This capstone seminar will probe questions of rights, space, and sustainability as they relate to struggles for water and water-based resources in the Americas and beyond.

In this course, students will explore:

- Ecological and socio-economic dimensions of water and oceanic regimes
- Theoretical roots of legal and policy paradigms in water and ocean rights
- Historical perspectives on contemporary global environmental challenges

*This is a Capstone Course!*