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This course will explore the different definitions of ‘coast’ and its conservation. Current issues will be explored, both from a local and international perspective. Many topics will be covered, with themes including coastal habitats and ecosystems, coastal resource use, anthropogenic activities and disturbance, coastal development, and coastal protection and conservation. An overall appreciation of coastal ecology and physical biogeography will be developed, as well as an understanding for management and protection policy.

There will be in-class discussion of topics, with students asked to present on a topic of interest.

