

# PUBH 860 : Global Environmental Change

The World Health Organization defines global environmental change as the large-scale and global environmental hazards currently threatening human health. Protecting health from these hazards requires a perspective that focuses on ecosystems and on the recognition that the foundations of long-term good health in populations rely in great part on the continued stability of our natural environment. Within the context of this course, students will explore the intricate relationship that exists between the environment and human health, causes and components of major environmental change; and discuss current and projected implications for distinct dimensions of human health. Throughout this course, systems thinking as applied by public health professionals in mitigation and adaptation strategies will be highlighted.

## **Core Course**