Summer Travel Course to the American South-west

*Arid Land Ecology and Resource Management:*
The Minerals, Mountains and Deserts of Southern Arizona
ENVS 195 (Crn # 60324) – 3 credits – May 23 – June 4, 2005

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*Travel cost: Tuition plus aprox. $1300 – includes air, ground transportation, lodging and food*

The southern Arizona landscape of desert basins and mountain ranges harbors fascinating biological and geological diversity. The mineral resources of this region are also well known and appreciated. This field course explores the natural and social history of this area with a focus on desert and mountain ecology and the legacy of hard rock mineral development and its environmental and cultural legacy.

Visits to national parks, monuments, and other protected areas and to both active and abandoned mining sites will enable course participants to gain a broad appreciation of the region’s natural heritage and its reliance on a place-specific resource base for economic development. This exploration will take place within the context of the diverse indigenous cultures of southern Arizona and adjacent Mexico and the dynamic conservation and restoration activities of the region’s public agencies, environmental organizations, native tribes and business ventures. We will also attend a major conference on environmental conflict resolution being held in Tucson during this time.

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