

KU Language Across the Curriculum  
**Spring 2010 KULAC Courses in Spanish**

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**Social Change and Ecology  
in Tropical Latin America**

LAA 302 (88513) / 602 (88532) MW 4:00-5:15p.m.

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This course is taught **en español**, and the primary objective is to introduce the anthropological perspective of the social processes that have affected the ecosystems of the American tropics and to understand the interrelationship that mediated the evolution of both populations and the environment. As we discuss the causes and consequences of this process, the course will apply conceptual tools as space, social structure, ecology, evolution, among others, and will evaluate information from other sub-disciplines.

We will compare the anthropogenic impact to the environment by different social formations in Latin America, from hunters and gatherers (c. 30,000 B.P.) to modern industrial societies. In addition to readings, it is expected that the student will be able to gain a comprehensive, long term and spatial understanding of the anthropogenic impact on the environment, and understand that both entities modify each other through this process.