This course focuses on the study of culture – what it is; how it operates; and how and why cultures around the world have similarities and differences in their customs, behaviors, beliefs, forms of organization, and artifacts. The goal of the class is to expand our view of what it means to be "human" to include an understanding of the full range of customs, behaviors and beliefs of people around the world. Students will have the opportunity to do original research and/or creative work that engages with the major themes of the course.