This course will give students a sense of place about California through virtual environments and guest lectures that show the geography, geology, ecology, and natural history that help make California a place, not just a space on a map. Students will participate in a variety of activities in the virtual environments, on their own and in small groups. Each week will be 80 min of synchronous lecture and 80 minutes of small group activities using virtual field sites. All work will be done in class, no other homework or readings outside of class are required. The virtual field sites only require an internet browser to view. This is an experiential course, students will be expected to attend and actively participate. No prior knowledge required. Intended for frosh/soph.

Example of the virtual field sites that will be used in the course:

https://web.stanford.edu/group/field-education/virtual_california/example/output/index.html