This course examines life in the Americas from the first settlement at the end of the last ice age until the arrival of the Europeans in the 15th and 16th centuries. The culture history and evolution of native peoples of North, Central, and South America are treated. Specific topics covered include settlement of the Western Hemisphere by Native Americans, hunting-gathering lifeways, plant and animal domestication, the origins of village life, and the formation of state-level societies.