This class meets with GEOL-G 190. This course is a prerequisite for students interested in participating in the two-week (3 cr) field course, Volcanoes of the Eastern Sierra Nevada (LLC L130) during Summer 1. The 15-day field excursion to the Sierra Nevada is planned for early May, where a group of 14 to 18 undergraduate students will learn about the geology and natural history of the Sierra Nevada mountain chain of eastern California. The course will focus on the geological processes and natural history of one of the most geologically and biologically dynamic parts of the continent, as well as the natural hazards and environmental issues facing this unique and environmentally sensitive area of the western U.S. For more information and to obtain authorization, students must apply on-line at http://www.indiana.edu/~sierra/.