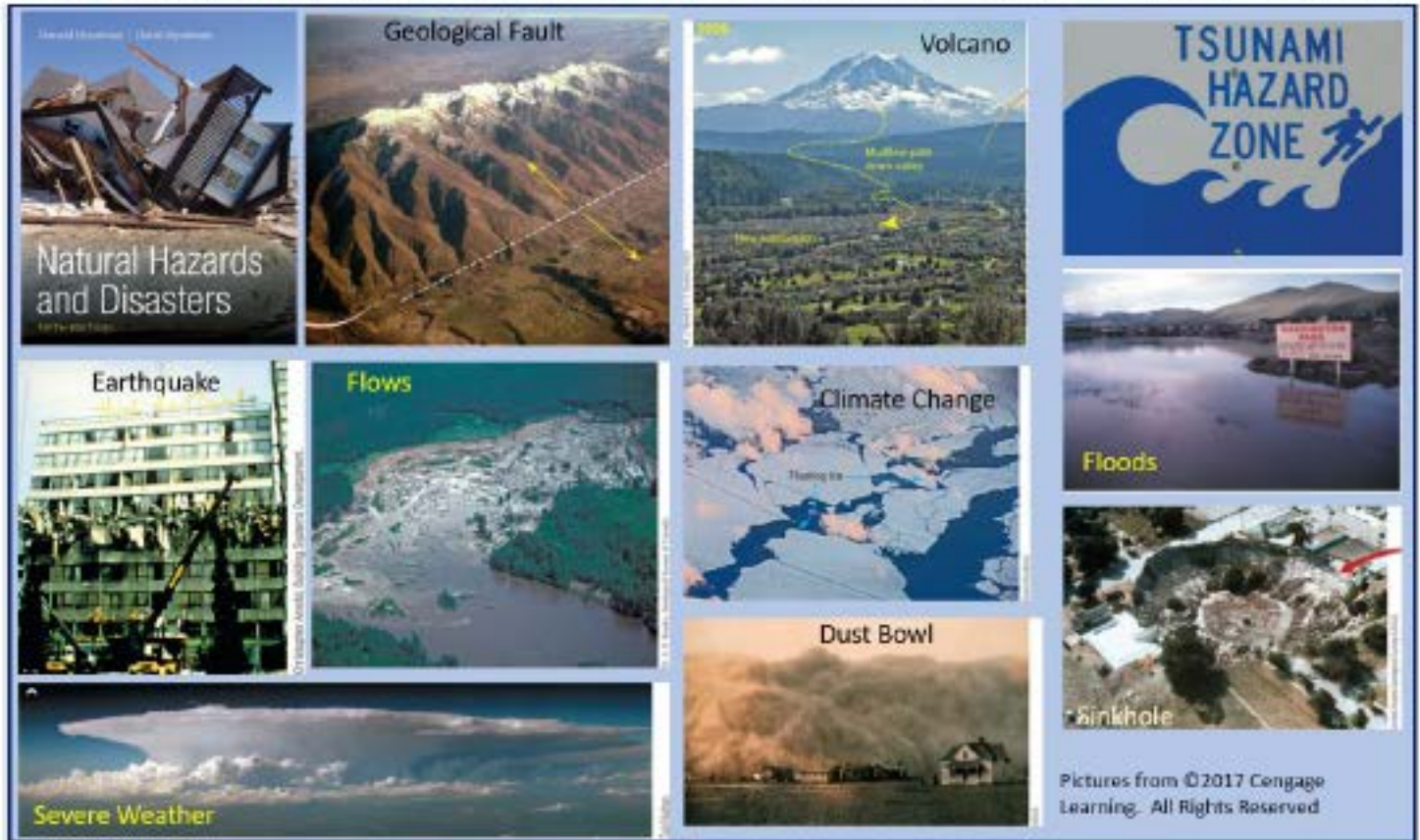


EARTHQUAKES AND OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS



Annually, the average toll due to earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, floods and other geologic phenomena is hundreds of lives, and billions of dollars in damage. This class offers students new perspectives about natural hazards, emphasizing societal damages, including loss of life and property and environmental degradation. Additionally, understanding the causes of natural disasters provides the student with knowledge on the basic dynamics of our planet.