

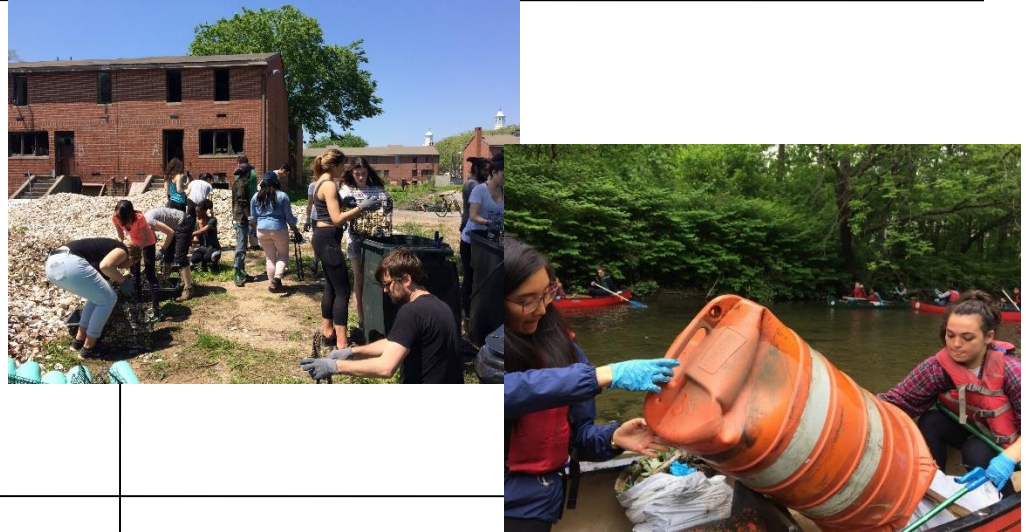
Nature and the City: An urban environmental field course

Participants:

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The course is taught as a 9-day, field trip based intensive during May intermission. As it is also a civic engagement course, an important component of the work is to complete 20 hours of citizen science volunteer work, which is integrated into the topic of each day's class.



This course explores the biodiversity and richness of the natural areas in New York City, and trains students in citizen science research on mammal, avian, plant, amphibian and marine communities. We also examine the many different ways that people perceive and engage with nature in their city, including parks, urban wildlife, water bodies, and claimed and unclaimed green spaces.