Plants, and the soil in which they grow, are living materials that form the foundational palette from which cultural communities, including landscape architects, design and cultivate landscapes. Students in this course will learn multiple ways of ‘knowing’ plants through investigative methods for species identification and key management considerations of Pacific Northwest native and naturalized plants. The course will include investigations into ethnobotanical histories, relationships with and uses for plants as well as key ecological conditions and maintenance considerations. As such, this course provides students with an opportunity to gain broad insights to botanical topics in landscape architecture including ethnobotany, horticulture, taxonomy, biological complexity and the structural and cultural contributions of plants to urban ecology.

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