

ENV381H1Y - Special Topics Course: Urban Agriculture

Practices, will be offered over the two summer terms in 2024.

Thursdays 10am-12pm, 1pm-4pm May 6-June 18, July 2-Aug 12

Learn to grow your own food! This spring/summer course is an experiential immersion into urban agriculture on our campus. As the future of planetary health depends on re-localizing food systems, this course aims to engage students in developing best practices for sustainable, bountiful, and local food production in urban settings. Students will develop hands-on skills for urban growing, be empowered with tools for food sovereignty and strengthen scientific experimental research skills, all within a critical theoretical framework of sustainable urban agriculture.

Working directly with Trinity College's Integrated Sustainability Initiative, students will participate in the growing cycle at indoor and outdoor sites dedicated primarily to food production, as well as pollinator diversity.

Students will hear from guest speakers on Indigenous agriculture, food systems transformation, rooftop growing innovations, food in ecological restoration, and food as medicine. Students will explore campus farms in the GTA as case studies on the complex challenges and strategies involved in shifting urban institutional landscapes.