

Nature In the Neighborhood

**A Capstone or Independent Study Opportunity in
Portland's Natural Areas (www.nitn.pdx.edu)**

Greenspaces support native wildlife and are important for our community aesthetics and quality of life. Many of these natural areas are suffering from degradation due to human-mediated disturbance and invasion by alien plant species. Students participating in this capstone work with park personnel to document the biodiversity of greenspaces and the impact of invasive plant species on habitat quality. Students are expected to collect plant data in the field as well as engage in public education and outreach activities through interaction with the public and the development of written and web resource materials.



UNST 421 (CRN 81888) 6 credits

June 20-August 11

- **Weekly class meetings are usually Monday from 10:30am-12:50pm (some Wednesday class sessions will also be required)**
- **Students will be expected to be engaged in field work and community outreach activities six to eight hours each week outside of class. These times are flexible blocks of 4 hours that could be completed mornings, afternoons, or evenings on weekdays or weekends.**
- **Weekly journal essays and readings will also be required.**

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