



GEOG-G 357

Urban Alternative Agriculture

DESCRIPTION:

Urban Agriculture (UA) is the growing, processing, and distribution of food and other products through intensive plant cultivation and small-scale animal husbandry in and around cities. As an alternative to the industrial food system and its detrimental effects, urban farmers contribute to the food supply in their cities and promote access to locally grown, nutritious and healthy food. Through discussions, lectures and service-learning activities, we will examine how urban farmers strengthen community resilience and encourage equitable food access. We will also address key limitations in the practice of UA and conflicts that arise among urban gardeners, city governments, and land developers. As a student, you will identify key research resources for carrying out UA initiatives, and demonstrate practical knowledge of multiple UA techniques and tools through working with community partners.

HOW DOES THIS COURSE COUNT TOWARDS YOUR DEGREE?

- COLL (CASE) S&H Breadth of Inquiry Credit
- Certificate in Food Studies

INSTRUCTOR AND CLASS TIME:

Instructor: Olga Kalentzidou

Class Time: Tu 9:45 AM- 12:15 PM



WHY TAKE THIS COURSE?

- Explore a variety of UA initiatives locally through field trips and guest speakers
- Research a particular UA issue
- Understand urban agriculture and evaluate the possibilities and limits of UA and food system localization