Nature and Education

This course contributes to broadening and deepening student understanding of the relationship between nature and education. The scope, scale, trends, and implications of nature and education in classroom practices, pedagogy, and curriculum are theoretically and experientially examined and practiced. This course will research topics such as: How contact with natural settings, animals, and other natural objects or phenomena influence the development, identity, and well-being of children; how nature experiences can positively impact children’s social, emotional, and behavioral functioning; and developmentally appropriate ways to address environmental interests or concerns with children. The coursework will draw attention to various forms of biology, botany, diversity, socioeconomic class and culture as they relate to the social construction of, and access to, nature. Course fee.

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