

LARCH 2780/7890

Autumn 2022

Seed Banks

Tuesday
2:20–5:05pm
Brendan Ayer

Seed banks are human-curated repositories of plant material created for many purposes - to preserve biodiversity, to ensure access to plant species in the event of climate change, selective breeding. Students will collectively establish the Knowlton seed bank of threatened Midwestern landscapes ensuring both of these critical access to plant material for landscape architecture and research. Over the course of the semester, students will engage with threatened natural systems across scales familiar and new - from territorial mapping to different forms of microscopy - through research, field work, plant material collection, close study, and curation of the knowledge gathered. The course will include field visits for students to experience and document these landscapes firsthand and gather seed bank resources, and guest speakers and guides from the natural sciences will introduce methods and practices for students to explore and connect to landscape architecture and design.



3 Credits
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