

ETHNOBOTANY (Biology 130), 4 credits

Spring 2015, Mondays 1:00-2:50 pm and Wednesdays 1:00-4:50 pm

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- Interested in medicinal plants?
- Interested to know the origin of your veggies and fruits?
- Would you like to know how to make beer, paper and chocolate?

If you answered “YES” to all these, then you should register for ETHNOBOTANY!

Ethnobotany (Bio 130) is the scientific study of how different people use plants in their cultures. Learn how to identify culturally important plants, including plants used as medicines, as well as assess their effectiveness using simple assays. Meet an NYC herbalist who specializes in traditional medicine, visit the Brooklyn Botanical Garden, and learn how many of the plants we use now originated from indigenous people! Students will also learn about the botany of baking, paper making, chocolate making, exotic spices, beer/wine making, and will have the opportunity to enjoy a smorgasbord of plant-based delicacies! This is an advanced undergraduate elective course.

Prerequisites: Bio 3 and 4 and a passion for learning natural history ☺

