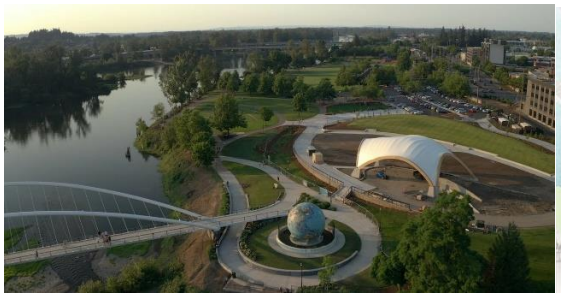

Riverfront Park, Salem
Salem Riverfront Park plan by Greenworks PC

LA 4/507 | Urban Park Equity Workshop

Spring 2024

Time	Tuesdays, 2:00 -4:50 pm
Location	Lawrence Hall 231
Credits	4
Instructor	Elizabeth (Ellee) Stapleton (she/her/hers, they/them/theirs) Visiting Assistant Professor Lawrence Hall 311 estaple2@uoregon.edu Office hours M 12pm-1pm & W 11am-12pm (sign up using Calendly) Or by appointment

Course Description

In this course, students will explore public park equity through a hands-on partnership with the City of Salem. The City of Salem is preparing to update the community's park system plan, with a specific focus on need-based equity. This course will support this effort by conducting a conditions assessment to evaluate the current conditions of Salem's parks. In the classroom, students will learn about key considerations in park systems including park service, park quality, and park classification, and will explore how these factors relate to equity. In the field, students will develop, test, iterate, and implement data collection methods for evaluating park conditions. Back in the classroom, students will learn how to process field data, interpret findings, and critically examine how these findings relate to equity.

Our work with the City of Salem is supported and facilitated by the Sustainable City Year program.

Course Format

This in-person course is structured as an interactive workshop. Students will be actively engaged with data collection in the field and interpretation of results. Note that this course includes at least two field trips that extend beyond designated class hours.

Learning Objectives

After participating in this course, students will be better able to:

- Describe municipal park systems and how their characteristics impact equity
- Collaborate with community partners on "real-world" projects
- Understand and apply methods for evaluating park service, accessibility, and quality
- Develop, test, refine and implement field data collection methods
- Process data, interpret results, and draw conclusions about the built environment