

PERMACULTURE

A Systems Approach to Holistic,
Sustainable Design

Permaculture is a way of thinking as well as a system of organizing intelligent and ethical design. It does not focus on the elements of sustainability in themselves, for example the details of organic living, eco-building, appropriate technology, community building, green finance, or rainwater harvesting, but on the beneficial relationships between these elements. Further focusing on how they are put together to make them as energy efficient and sustaining as possible for people, the planet and our ecosystem.

Permaculture (Permanent Culture) enhances our observation and understanding of natural patterns and universal principles. It teaches us to contemplate nature and natural systems and then to apply these ecological truisms to our own living environments. *(Definition partially excerpted from the Permaculture UK magazine editorial by Maddy Harland).*

Don Began offering the Permaculture Design Course in 2006 and it is offered twice a year in the Spring and Fall. Some classes are intense, others relaxed, but all will be rewarding. Just ask a past student!

ARE YOU NEXT?

Visit www.4dirs.com/fdpc for registration forms, additional information, and payment options.

A primary feature of this course is that you will personally experience permaculture by taking the classes at permacultured homesites with experienced local teachers and experts, and do so in a perfectly sized group for incredible collaboration and friendships. You will be guided step-by-step through the design process.

**For Questions regarding
the course, scholarships,
and class openings please
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PERMACULTURE DESIGN COURSE

**FOR THE URBAN DWELLER
AND BEYOND**

*Care of the Earth
Care of the People
Care of the Future*



WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The Permaculture Design Course is for everyone who is serious in learning how to create a more sustainable life in all areas: food production, energy use, transportation, housing/shelter, water use, community building, and so much more. Your view of sustainability will be broadened and deepened, stretching your idea of what is possible.

This course is suitable for every level of knowledge. From novice gardeners, landscapers, architects, tradesfolk, homemakers, and all levels in between. Plus those interested in preparing for the transition from oil dependency to sustainable preparedness.

Your experience will go beyond the classroom, as you develop your design project and community along the way. Each topic and weekend is organized to build upon each other, so that by the end of the course you will have all you need to create an Integrated Permaculture Design.

Required Text Book:

- *Introduction to Permaculture* - Bill Mollison

COURSE DETAILS

Students will be required to complete:

- 72 hrs of in-class instruction
- Course enhancing homework
- 12 hours of hands-on instruction

Participants will become certificated permaculture designers upon successful completion. Any class (or portions) missed will have to be made up at a future time. Four primary permaculture homesites will be hosts for each of the weekend classes, plus other arranged tours.

Course Topics Include

- Permaculture Ethics and Principles
- Patterns in Nature - Patterns that Connect
- Sector Analysis, Site Assessment, and Mapping
- Design Practicum
- Water Harvesting and Drylands Strategies
- Zones, [Micro] climates and Guilds
- Chickens and Bees - Animals in Permaculture
- Organic Gardening, Soils, and Composting
- Trees and Forest Systems
- Alternative Energy and Alternative Cooking
- Zone 00 - Body, Mind, Spirit
- Zone 0 - Green Building [day-long tour]
- Alternative Money Systems
- Children in Permaculture
- Eco Village Design and Community
- Transition Movement

Other recommended books

- *Rainwater Harvesting for Drylands vol.1:* guiding principles to welcome rain into your life and landscape - by Brad Lancaster.

- *Earth Friendly Desert Gardening* by K.Cromell of the U of A Extension Service.

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Course Dates

- September 6th & 7th
- September 27th & 28th
- October 18th & 19th
- November 8th & 9th
- November 22nd (Presentation Day)

Time: 8:30 am - 5:30 pm each day

Cost and Registration Deadline

Course cost: \$750 (\$650 with discount)

Register before August 9th to receive the \$100 Early Bird Discount. Register now!

A \$100 non-refundable deposit reserves your spot.

There are 15 spots available. Registration closes August 30th.

Full balance is due on or before September 6th, 2014.

Specials:

Couples, Scholarships, Sponsorships, payment plans, all details are on the web site.

All payment options
are on the website

A portion of the proceeds goes to support a local permaculture non-profit.

Sign Up Today!

Go to www.4dirs.com/fdpc and click on the Permaculture Design Course option

