

Permaculture Design Course description

Permaculture is a cutting-edge approach to living that helps both people and the environment.

By cooperating with nature and her energies, we are able to design our lives, from backyards to neighborhoods, farms or even cities, to be more abundant, more long-lasting, more ethical, healthier for all life in the system, and more enjoyable.

This internationally respected Permaculture Design Course developed by Growth Permaculture™ is focused on giving you the tools to create a regenerative life, and a higher quality of life, through the basics of food, shelter, energy, water, health, nature, and community. It is a healthy mixture of theory, hands-on application, and group activities. Different learning styles are accommodated. The course will address strategies and techniques for both urban and rural areas in different climates and circumstances.

The training is designed to offer multiple opportunities including career mentoring and pathways, community building opportunities, resource networking, skill building, as well as what is for many, a life changing experience. We will offer written materials and study aids and exercises before the course and urge students to use them, as you will get much more out of the course.

You will earn an internationally recognized certificate.

Some of the subjects covered include:

- Permaculture design ethics and principles.
- Master planning and site analysis.
- Reading the landscape.
- Pattern recognition in nature and society.
- Organic, intensive gardening and farming.
- Edible landscaping, food in small spaces.
- Soil building.
- Composting and vermicomposting.
- Designing sustainable water use.
- Water harvesting and greywater techniques.
- Building food forests.
- Agroforestry and ecoagriculture.
- Aquaculture.
- Alternative pest management.
- Natural building, regenerative building technology.
- Reducing energy costs in your home.
- Best forms of alternative energy.
- Appropriate technology including solar.

- Self-reliant living, urban and rural strategies.
- Boosting your career with permaculture.
- Sustainable economies.
- Increasing quality of life through “placemaking” design.
- Community revitalization and rebuilding.
- Successful strategies for intentional communities, ecovillages and cohousing, urban and rural.

This course exceeds the requirements laid out by permaculture founder Bill Mollison for the internationally recognized 72-hour Permaculture Design Course. The training provides a deep and wide overview of permaculture design, focusing on skill sets you can apply immediately. It is a thorough introduction to a subject that has many levels and areas of expertise and professional practice. Further study is available through our apprenticeship programs and advanced study.

Who Takes This Permaculture Design Course?

- Artists.
- Community activists.
- Do it yourselfers.
- Educators – homeschool, teachers, professors.
- Environmentalists.
- Gardeners.
- Green architects/builders.
- Green consultants.
- Homesteaders.
- Landscapers.
- Natural health practitioners.
- Non-profit/community organizers.
- People who care about the earth and each other.
- People who love healthy food.
- Permaculturists.
- Policy makers.
- Professionals (of many types).
- Recent college graduates.
- Students.
- Urban and rural farmers.
- Vegan, raw food, slow food, and/or local food.
- Yoga practitioners.

Testimonials:

"This course changed my life forever. It changed the way I look at everything and gave me tools to address problems I thought had no solutions. It reinvigorated my connection to, respect for and love of the natural world and increased my understanding of it tremendously. It made me feel powerful and able to change things rather than helpless or apathetic. It gave me hope again, a renewed purpose for life and so many tools that I never dreamed existed! It brought back magic to my life, lightness, and fun!"

"Realization: Permaculture is a thought process that can be applied to all systems."

"This course is the most exciting one I've ever attended because it's all about finding solutions and connecting people together."

"I found this course to be very intense and comprehensive. At first it was a bit overwhelming, but the key points were repeated over and over as the course progressed. About halfway thru the pieces started to fit together. Then we got lots of real universe examples of existing permaculture farms and installations. Discussion made me start to think about application and discern the successful from the less- or non-successful."

"The comprehensive dovetailing of skills, data and disciplines which then got used to create a design came together so beautifully - I know I can do this now."

It's like a giant puzzle that you work and work till all the pieces fit . It changed my thinking and made me so much more aware. I believe that I am more responsible, aware and empowered from knowing what I now know. And there's hope for the future.

I also feel I have met my GROUP! The friendships and contacts I've made on this course will be for a lifetime. "

"I've had my permaculture friends tell me this course changed their life. I never understood why, or what the fuss was about, until I did the course myself. It is a paradigm shift to a much nicer and better paradigm. Don't hesitate to do this course!"

"I would highly recommend this course, taught by Koreen and her associates to anyone who has great concern for the future of this planet and the destructive path it is on."