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Design

Course

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The philosophy behind Permaculture is one of working with rather than against Nature, and of protracted and thoughtful observation, allowing natural and designed ecosystems to demonstrate how to live sustainably. By participating in the course you will learn the philosophy, ethics and many aspects of drylands Permaculture. The class will offer a balance of hands on experience, classroom time and actual landscape design practice. Dynamic class exercises encourage you to notice the connections between plants, animals, climate, landforms, energy flows and all other elements that make up natural and human made systems. These connections are the basis for sustainable design.

Participants learn to "read the landscape", to map and analyze energies flowing through the site, and to develop integrated designs for sustainable systems.

Course topics include design principles and patterning, site analysis, dryland gardening principles, soil building and erosion control, water harvesting techniques, community design, solar and building design, regenerative economics, ecosystem restoration, appropriate technology as well as many other topics.

The course is challenging and fun while showing the big picture of sustainable design in the Southwest Desert.

A Permaculture Design Certificate will be awarded upon the successful completion of this course.

Course Fee: \$650, (\$600, if minimum of \$100 paid by August 1.)

Dates: Oct 1 & 2, Oct 15 & 16, Oct 29 & 30, Nov 12 & 13, Nov 19

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