

# Hampshire College Permaculture Design Course

## May 10<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 2010

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Dear Applicant,

This letter contains all the information you will need to apply to Hampshire College's first Permaculture Design Course. Please read thoroughly and contact us with any questions. **You can write to us at [HCPermacultureDesignCourse@gmail.com](mailto:HCPermacultureDesignCourse@gmail.com), or call Ned at 978.505.5152.**

### Course Description:

The first Permaculture Design Course at Hampshire College will empower participants to apply permaculture principles, processes, and techniques to their work and lives. Students and instructors will engage with historical perspectives to explore, challenge and innovate intellectual conventions describing humanity's ecological role.

An experientially diverse group of permaculture designers will teach the course, including Hampshire alumnae, local authors, and ecological agriculture professionals. A forest gardening practicum will involve participants with the ongoing development of the Greenwich Forest Garden, a young food forest on Hampshire's campus.

### Financial Context and Course Cost:

Most Permaculture Design Courses cost approximately \$2000. Thanks to significant financial support from student groups such as Local Foods Initiative, New Leaf and Community Garden, this course offers unprecedented affordability.

**Enrollment per student costs \$225-\$425 sliding scale.**

In the instance of applicants needing financial assistance to meet the course cost, every means will be taken to enable their enrollment. Scholarship recipients will supplement their reduced course fees with work-trade hours spent in the Community Garden and the Greenwich Forest Garden.

**Please request a scholarship application form if needed.**

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Mail Check (for Sage Garden Designs) to PO Box 406 Greenfield, MA 01302

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### Application Process and Prompts:

Please respond to the following prompts **by May 1<sup>st</sup> and send to [HCPermacultureDesignCourse@gmail.com](mailto:HCPermacultureDesignCourse@gmail.com)**. You may also snail mail to the address below. Apply promptly to secure your spot.

1. What does the word permaculture mean to you?
2. Why do you want to take a permaculture design course?
3. What topics within permaculture attract your curiosity?
4. Where might you practice permaculture? In what gardens, organizations, community networks, towns, regions, countries, etc?
5. What are your biggest blocks to getting started practicing permaculture?
6. What permaculture-related projects are you currently involved with, if any?
7. What do you enjoy about working in teams? What do you find challenging?
8. Please describe your most memorable learning experience.
9. Is there anything else you'd like us to know?

### Registration Completion:

Upon hearing back from us regarding your admission to the course (and your scholarship if applicable) please complete your registration:

1. Please send a check for **\$225-\$400 (or another amount according to scholarship agreements) made out to Sage Garden Designs and mail to: PO Box 406 Greenfield, MA 01302.**
2. When we receive your application, we will email you a link to our online registration form. After this step, you're done!

We look forward to reviewing your application!

Sincerely,

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