

GEM Permaculture Design Certificate Course

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College
of Natural Resources

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

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Course venue:

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's
Saukville Field Station

Permaculture Design Certificate (PDC) Course

This is a 72-hour course in sustainable living-systems design for all climates and landscapes. This is an exciting, hands-on course in which participants will join in interactive learning exercises. You'll make super compost quickly, build soils, analyze sites for greening opportunities, and use your new Permaculture design skills in real-world applications in your own home, apartment or land. The course includes field trips to observe Permaculture practices in action, and more.

Who should attend: Anyone with an interest in improving our world through the adoption of sustainable practices, including urban and suburban residents who would like to learn how to create productive growing systems in a small space; small-acreage residents and rural landowners who want to conserve and improve their land; and farmers, landscape professionals and others who work on the land and have an interest in sustainable practices.

Course instructors

Mai Phillips, Ph.D., Conservation and Environmental Science Program Manager, UW-Milwaukee; Registered PDC instructor with Bill Mollison's Permaculture Institute of Australia

John Sheffy, GEM Sustainable Agriculture and Forestry Program Manager and Permaculture Design Certificate holder

Victor Phillips, Ph.D., GEM Director; Registered PDC instructor with Bill Mollison's Permaculture Institute of Australia

"The cutting edge of real sustainability. It is the most vital, vibrant and useful information I have ever studied."

"Field trips added a lot, as did sand pit, composting, compost tea, and other hands-on practical learning activities."

"Thanks to everyone who made this possible. Well worth my time and money."

(Comments from student evaluations of previous GEM Permaculture Design Certificate Courses)



Above: Course participants build an herb spiral garden.

Right: Course participants and instructors turn a compost pile the class built from scratch using local materials.



Visit gem.uwsp.edu for more course information and an online registration form. Course tuition of \$1,000 includes textbook, and lunch each day.

Permaculture is the conscious design and maintenance of agriculturally productive ecosystems which have the diversity, stability and resilience of natural ecosystems. It is the harmonious integration of landscape and people providing their food, energy, shelter, and other material and non-material needs in a sustainable way.

*—Bill Mollison,
founder of Permaculture*

