



# Permaculture Design at Zaytuna College

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Winter 2025

## Permaculture Design Certificate Course



### What is the Permaculture Design Certificate Course?

Zaytuna College's 72-hour Permaculture Design Certificate (PDC) course includes two days of field visits, spanning a total of 14 days.

The curriculum offers a comprehensive introduction to permaculture design, based on the principles pioneered by Bill Mollison, the renowned Australian biologist and author, known as the “father” of permaculture. Hosted at Zaytuna College’s upper campus, this upcoming course includes optional hands-on experience in the College’s permaculture garden. The Winter session will take place from January 1, 2025 to January 16, 2025.

The total cost of the course, which includes tuition fees of \$1,500 and accommodation at \$1,500 per person, is \$3,000. The accommodation fees apply to only those who opt for accommodation at Zaytuna campus. Those who do not apply for accommodation pay only the tuition fees.

## What is the course about?

The PDC course focuses on sustainable living systems tailored to various landscapes and climates. Topics include the application of permaculture principles to food production, home design, construction, energy conservation, and alternative economic structures. Instruction includes classroom learning, outdoor activities such as composting, and volunteering in the permaculture garden, all under the guidance of experienced staff. Field visits to several permaculture sites in the Bay Area are also part of the course.

View the [course schedule](#).

## What is Zaytuna College?

abide by the College's policies on general conduct and expectations. [Please read our policies here.](#)

## Key Program Dates

- October 10, 2024 | Applications open
- November 10, 2024 | Application deadline and scholarship request deadline
- November 18 – 22, 2024 | Interviews to select the final candidates
- November 25, 2024 | Announcement of selected candidates
- November 30, 2024 | Deadline for fee payment
- January 1, 2025 | First day of the Winter PDC
- January 16, 2025 | Last day of the Winter PDC
- January 17, 2025 | Departure of PDC attendees



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January 1st to January 16th, 2025



## Week One Schedule

Time	01.01.2025	01.02.2025	01.03.2025	01.04.2025	01.05.2025	01.06.2025
9:30-10 am	Sign-in and Morning Reflection					
10-11:30 am	Introduction/Evidence for Action	Concepts, Themes & Methods of Design	Understanding Pattern	Climatic Factors	Trees & Their Energy Interactions	Water
11:30-11:45 am	BREAK					
11:45 am-1:30 pm	Introduction/Evidence for Action	Concepts, Themes & Methods of Design	Understanding Pattern	Climatic Factors	Trees & Their Energy Interactions	Water
1:30 - 2:30 pm	LUNCH					
2:30 - 4 pm	Introduction/Evidence for Action	Concepts, Themes & Methods of Design	Understanding Pattern	Climatic Factors	Trees & Their Energy Interactions/Start Practicum	Water
4 - 4:15 pm	BREAK					
5:30-6:30 pm	Introduction/Evidence for Action	Concepts, Themes & Methods of Design	Understanding Pattern	Climatic Factors	Trees & Their Energy Interactions	Water



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## Week Two Schedule

Time	01.08.2025	01.09.2025	01.10.2025	01.11.2025	01.12.2025	01.13.2025
9:30-10 am	Sign-in and Morning Reflection					
10-11:30 am	Field Day	Soils	Earthworks & Earth Resources	Dryland Strategies	Humid Cool to Cold Climates	Aquaculture
11:30-11:45 am	BREAK					
11:45 am-1:30 pm	Field Day	Soils	Earthworks & Earth Resources	Dryland Strategies	Humid Cool to Cold Climates	Aquaculture
1:30 - 2:30 pm	LUNCH					
2:30 - 4 pm	Field Day	Soils	The Humid Tropics	Dryland Strategies	Humid Cool to Cold Climates	Aquaculture
4 - 4:15 pm	BREAK					
4:15 - 6:30 pm	Field Day	Soils	The Humid Tropics	Dryland Strategies	Humid Cool to Cold Climates	Aquaculture



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## Week Three Schedule

Time	01.14.2025	01.15.2025	01.16.2025	
9:30-10 am	Sign-in and Morning Reflection			
10-11:30 am	Strategies of Alternative Global Nation	Field Day	Design Exercise	
11:30-11:45 am	BREAK			
11:45 am-1:30 pm	Strategies of Alternative Global Nation	Field Day	Design Exercise	
1:30 - 2:30 pm	LUNCH			
2:30 - 4 pm	Strategies of Alternative Global Nation	Field Day	Design Presentations	
4 - 4:15 pm	BREAK			
4:15 - 6:30 pm	Strategies of Alternative Global Nation	Field Day	Design Presentations/ Where do we go from here?	

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### TRAVEL REQUEST

☐ Texas A&M AgriLife  
☐ Research  
556 RESEARCH

☒ Texas A&M AgriLife Extension  
☒ Service  
555 EXTENSION

☐ TVMDL  
☐ 557 TVMDL

Dep't/Unit/District: 9 Date: 12/4/24 Request Number: \_\_\_\_\_

From: 01/02/25 To: 01/17/25

Travel Dates (including travel time)

Destination: From: Rosenberg, TX To: Berkely, CA District: 9  
City State City State (AgriLife Extension)

Counties Visited (if applicable)\*: Alameda County  
\* County required for out of state travel

Purpose of Travel: Please see attached document.

#### ADDITIONAL TRIPS LISTED ON SECOND PAGE OF FORM

#### MODE OF TRANSPORTATION:

☒ Private Auto  
☐ Official Auto  
☐ University Aircraft

☐ Accompanying Another Party\*  
☐ Accompanied by\* \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Commercial Transportation (Includes Rental Car)

\*Explanation required for two or more employees attending the same or similar duties: \_\_\_\_\_

#### EXPENSE TO BE CHARGED TO: Personal

Account Name: n/a Account No: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Expenses: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Project No/Support Account: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Nisa Khan UIN: 6034 007365  
Print or Type Required

Signature: [Signature] Title: CEA-FCR

RECOMMENDED: [Signature]  
Supervisor

APPROVED: [Signature] 12-4-24 APPROVED: [Signature]  
Department Head/Resident Director Director/Designee