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PERMACULTURE DESIGN COURSE ONLINE TUITION AND FEES (effective **July 1, 2005**)

Subject to Change

| Program selection | Fee |
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| Full Course, certificate track, paid in advance | \$ 1,200 |
| Full Course, certificate track, paid after course cycle begins | 1,300 |
| Full Course, private student, distance learning | 3,000 |
| Full Course, less design practicum + \$100 for registration after course starts. | 700 |
| Full Course repeated (One repeat is free if you qualify, see protocol) | 800 |
| Non-refundable deposit to hold place in course (applied to tuition) | 300 |
| Design Practicum (requires Section 1) | 800 |
| Design Practicum, repeat for a new draft submitted within 18 months* | 600 |
| Design Practicum, extended with permission** | 250 |
| Design Practicum, Advanced (Holders of our certificate only) | 600 |
| Design Review, Certificate holders not enrolled in our online course | Minimum 1,600 |
| Section 1 Permaculture Design +\$100 for registration after course starts | 300 |
| Section 2 Permaculture Techniques and Technology | 400 |
| Section 3 Invisible Structures, Design Reports | 200 |
| Monitor Course (includes course CD) | 250 |
| Monitor re-enrolls to monitor again (option for free CD update) | \$125 |
| Ten or more people working on the same design, full course, each***: | 700 |

* For designs submitted but not approved within the deadline. This fee applies to designs that have gone through the review process but do not yet meet certification standards.

** For designs that the student needs more time to complete. If the student has submitted a full draft for certification, then the above fee (*) applies. Permission is required for this extension status and depends, in part, on enrollment in the next course cycle.

*** Add \$100 each if paid after course begins.

NOTE: Reading requirements often change between course cycles. Students participating in discussions are responsible to buy any reading materials that have been added since they began the course. Reading requirements are not changed during a course cycle. Students may also need to upgrade their course CD when participating in a second cycle.

Discounts

Discounts are subtracted from the last payment due and apply to people prepaid and taking the full certificate course only. Amounts listed are subtracted from the current tuition fees.

| Reason for Discount | Amount/student |
|--|----------------|
| Married Couple or comparable life partners (2) | \$ 250 each |
| First two (not married) people working on the same design | 150 each |
| Each additional person up to 9 | 250 each |
| Practicum begun in EPC 10-day or 2-week design intensive (each)* | 400 each |
| Monitor takes full course within 12 months (CD upgrade not included) | 100 |
| Monitor repeats course as monitor (includes exchange for updated CD) ∞ | 125 |

* If more than one student from a workshop present the same design, they must submit **one integrated design as a team at the same time**. Once I've finished with a design, I'm not going back to it because someone else wants a discount in a later course cycle. —DH

∞ Either the tuition discount or the CD upgrade discount applies, not both.

Special CD Terms

| Special Situation | Financial adjustment |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Student doesn't get course reading list, just wants course posts on CD | \$150 |
| Monitor enrolls to monitor again. Monitor fee and CD update (exchange) (Old CD must be sent at re-registration) | Free with tuition (See above.) |
| Self-Study students only wants course posts, no support materials | \$150 |
| Former Monitor Enrolls as Full Student, exchange old CD for upgrade* | \$150 |
| Update CD (not an upgrade) (exchange) | 1/2 current price |
| Older version of CD for self-study (specify Mac or Windows 98)** | \$75 |

See the Course Reading List for more CD content and fee info.

* Applies to upgrade from Self-Study version to Certificate Student Version only Not applicable if transfer discount is used.

** Subject to availability.

Refunds

Refund Policy

Tuition: Advance payments of tuition are refundable, less \$300, which we retain, if you cancel at least 30 days before the course cycle begins. Thereafter, there are no tuition refunds. The course reading package is discounted and non-refundable. If the process involves significant correspondence, we may also assess a service charge of no more than \$50.

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Reading materials. There are no refunds for the course CD or for publications purchased as part of a discounted package. We will replace materials received in defective condition if you **return them to us within 60 days of receipt.** **Please check the contents of your order immediately on receipt.**

For publications purchased at retail, the refund policy on the Yankee Permaculture Order Form applies.

Installments and Deposits

Please pay fees in full. By dividing the course into three sections and the practicum, we have made it possible for you to pay in smaller increments. We absolutely will not set up accounts to deal with smaller increments than these. Save up and send the full fee all at once. You are not entitled to begin any section or practicum until you have paid in full, anyway. **Fees due are those in effect at the time full (final) payment is made.**

Exception: We accept as little as \$300 to hold a place in the course prior to the beginning of a cycle. Your deposit of \$300 is non-refundable. If you take the practicum separately, you may also make a non-refundable deposit of \$300 to hold a place in the practicum treatment for a certain course cycle. (This is because we must budget our time for reviewing designs, which is a time-consuming process.)

Deposits on a place in the course as a whole or on the practicum are the only installments that we will account. Please respect this policy. We are permaculture teachers, not accountants.

Scholarships

We offer one scholarship available per course cycle (or 2 half scholarships, etc.) The main purpose of our scholarships is to make the course available to people in places where US dollars are impossible, or nearly so, to accumulate. Inability to pay must be absolute and involuntary.

While we may applaud lifestyle choices that involve a minimum exposure to money, and while we appreciate the difficulties of college students, our scholarship will not underwrite these choices. We make exceptions for people on an **established** path of service, whom we regard to have paid in advance. Download the scholarship info from our web page for more details.

Interns at Barking Frog Permaculture Center may take the online course free so long as they are interning while the course is in session. This policy may be suspended after cycle 10 of this course.

Our scholarships do not include reading materials.

We encourage people to seek scholarships from other sources, such as philanthropic individuals and organizations, organizations that may benefit from your training, etc.

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Contributions

Contributions to our scholarship fund and to our literature donation fund can help people meet these expenses. Contributions are also needed for reading packages, which may be beyond the reach of people otherwise qualifying for scholarships.

We encourage students who may not meet our scholarship requirements to request support from individuals, groups and/or foundations who may actually have some money. We are a grassroots organization and have always operated on minimal finances.

More Information

Our web site, <http://barkingfrogspc.tripod.com/frames.html> , contains much more information. For the cost of required reading materials, see the **Course Reading List**. You may find prices and titles for a broader range of permaculture publications on the **Yankee Permaculture Order Form**. We have prepared an extensive **Course Protocol** to more fully explain the course approach, content, policies, fees, and so forth. **Intern FAQs** are the first place that you should go if you wish to take the course while interning at Barking Frogs Permaculture Center. They may be found on our web site. You may download a free design course pamphlet from the Barking Frogs web site, check out the credentials of our teachers, and gather many other kinds of information there.