



Permaculture Internship

Are you interested in a holistic approach to environmental sustainability and human health? The Sustainable Agriculture Project at GVSU offers rewarding internships that expose students to practical, hands-on knowledge while encouraging creativity.

Position Summary:

The Permaculture Intern will learn how to research, design, and implement permaculture elements into the SAP. The successful applicant will integrate a perennial polyculture into the SAP's land to be used for both educational and production purposes. The position will allow the intern to foster a deep understanding of sustainable food systems.

Qualifications:

- Commitment to fully utilize the internship as a learning experience
- Tolerant of working outside in all weather conditions
- Most relevant majors for this position are Anthropology, Biology, and Environmental Studies, but all majors are welcome to apply

Special Project Opportunity:

Interns will have the opportunity to pursue independent research projects to enrich their academic experience, such as:

- Increasing quantities of native plant species, especially species that are edible and/or attract pollinators
- Implementing an aquaponics system
- Starting a nursery system
- Host permaculture workshops to promote food independence and security
- Initiating an heirloom seed-saving project and community seed bank
- Other projects are possible depending upon the intern's interests

Interns Will Learn to:

- ❖ Demonstrate an understanding of the complexities and approaches of sustainable food systems
- ❖ Recognize the impact of barriers to food access in our community
- ❖ Describe the importance of agriculture in the economy
- ❖ Recognize systems thinking and/or design thinking in processes
- ❖ Follow all appropriate food safety procedures
- ❖ Analyze the strengths and limitations of small-scale farming
- ❖ Apply appropriate tools and technology for sustainable agriculture