

# Environmental Studies



## Assignment Description Form

Organization/Agency: Santa Cruz Permaculture  
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# of interns needed/Hours Needed for quarters: Options (choose one)  
worked per intern: XFall X Winter Remove your listing by \_\_\_\_\_  
1 to 2 / 12 - 15 hours XSpring XSummer XOr keep on file for one year

**Describe the internship assignment:** Brief statement about the agency; role of the intern and specific objectives of the projects assigned to the intern; tasks to be performed.

Santa Cruz Permaculture provides community development, land stewardship, holistic education, and eco-social design services for a thriving, just and sustainable world.

I am looking to sponsor senior internships with qualified students interested in learning and practicing permaculture design in our community. This will include "dirt time" with gardening and land stewardship, as well as "social entrepreneurship" skills needed to run a successful business or non-profit organization. Interns will learn practical skills for personal and professional development that are applicable in a wide variety of fields.

Specific projects will vary based on the interns passion and skills. Projects may include:

- land based restoration including installation and maintenance of resilient food and water systems at both urban and rural scales. This is a primary way that the interns will learn and contribute.
- attendance and support for the Santa Cruz Permaculture Design Course, and other workshops
- hosting community forums to learn about issues of social justice and sustainability, and to create a stronger group of people for getting things done
- creation of a Santa Cruz Bioregional Directory, a yellow pages of sustainable solutions
- creation of a Santa Cruz Permaculture course website with course notes, videos, articles, etc.
- Social documentation including: writing a monthly eNewsletter and blog posts, making facebook posts, making photos and videos

This is a 6-month internship, 5 units per quarter, offered twice a year (fall/winter, and spring/summer).

**Prerequisites:** Outline the skills and background information necessary to participate in this internship.

Required: Background with food, farming, and/or construction; Social, engaging, goal-oriented individual; Willingness to learn and share information about Santa Cruz Permaculture with the public; Good organizational and time management skills; Punctual; Excellent communication, in person, by computer, and on the phone; Ability to work independently as well as part of a team in a professional manner; Ability to think creatively to engage and coordinate volunteers for gardening, setup, cleanup, etc.; Willingness to commit to the internship for two quarters;

Preferred: Experience with promoting organizations via physical media, the web, and social media; Experience with photography and/or video production; Experience with Wordpress, Adobe Suite, and Google apps.; It is preferable that you already have a familiarity with permaculture or have already completed a Permaculture Design Course however in any case, the course will be included in your internship.