Course Title: Designing Your California Native Plant Garden  
Course Code: BOT 60  
Instructor Name: Peigi Duvall, APLD, BFQL

Grade Options and Requirements: 
No Grade Requested (NGR) or Credit/No Credit (C/NC) only

Most students will take the course for NGR. No work is required; no credit shall be received; no proof of attendance can be provided. (Not suitable for those requiring proof of attendance/completion.)

Requirements for Class Credit: Complete design of Planting Plan including plant name callouts and related Hydro-zone Plan for student-selected site – black and white or color rendering; hand drawn or computer generated. Plan is due on the final class date.

Tentative Weekly Outline:

Week 1: (6/21/16)  
- Native plant basics, landscape design basics, starting your design  
- Class assignment: Take inventory and make analysis of selected site.  
- Reading Assignment: pgs. 1 – 39 in *California Native Plants for the Garden*

Week 2: (6/28/16)  
- Review assignment progress.  
- Plant Community Specifics  
- Plant ID: trees and large shrubs (the “bones” of the garden)  
- Class assignment: Begin Concept Plan.

Week 3: (7/5/16)  
- Review assignment progress.  
- Preparing your site, demolition, soils, begin plant identification  
- Plant ID: shrubs and sub-shrubs  
- Review field trip details.  
- Class assignment: Finalize Concept Plant, begin Planting Plan, attend Saturday field trip

7/9/16: Saturday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, FIELD TRIP, Regional Parks Botanical Garden (RPG), Berkeley, and Bay Natives Nursery, San Francisco *  
- 8:45 am: Meet at the Rodin Sculpture Garden (Art Museum) to carpool  
- 10:00 am – 11:30 am: Docent-led tour of RPBG and discussion  
- 11:30 am – 12:30 pm: Brown bag lunch on site at RPBG
• 12:30 pm: Depart for native plant nursery visit.
• 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm: Tour Bay Natives Nursery, San Francisco.
• 2:30 pm: Depart for home but linger longer if you like.

*Schedule is approximate. Please remember to wear comfortable walking shoes, sunscreen, and a brimmed hat, and bring water, a sack lunch, a picnic blanket, and a camera (optional). Carpooling is encouraged: Meet in the parking area at the Rodin Sculpture Garden (Art Museum) by 8:45 am. Heavy rain cancels.

Week 4: (7/12/16)
• Review field trip highlights and impressions.
• Review assignment progress: finishing Hardscape Plan
• Habitat gardening and wildlife in the garden
• Plant ID: finish shrubs, begin perennials
• Preview field trip garden visits.
• Class assignments: Continue Planting Plan.

7/16/16: Saturday, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm: FIELD TRIP, Residential Garden Visits*
• 8:30 am: Meet to carpool at the Rodin Sculpture Garden (Art Museum)
• 9:30 am – 10:45 am: First garden
• 10:45 am – 12 noon: Travel time and lunch as you like
• 12 noon – 1:15 pm: Second garden
• 1:15 pm – 1:45 pm: Travel time
• 1:45 pm – 3:15 pm: Third garden

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Week 5: (7/19/16)
• Review field trip highlights and impressions.
• Review assignment progress.
• Lawn substitutions and replacement
• Garden maintenance and pruning
• Plant ID: Continue perennials, ferns, succulents.
• Class assignments: Finalize design with Planting Plan for last class.

Week 6: (7/26/16)
• Irrigating California native plants
• Basic gray water systems

Week 6: (8/2/16) – final class
• All designs for class credit are due.
• Nurseries, plant sales, buyer’s lust
• Pests, weeds, and plant mortality, invasive native and alien
• Plant ID: vines, annuals, and bulbs
• Closure and housekeeping