Architectural Drafting

Course Syllabus

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A. Description

This course is focused on the principles, concepts, and use of complex graphic tools utilized in the field of architecture, structural systems, and construction trades. Emphasis is placed on the application of CAD tools in the creation of floor plans, foundation plans, basic roof design, section and details, and elevation drawings. Mathematics, science, and visual design concepts are reinforced. Work-based learning strategies appropriate for this course are apprenticeship and cooperative education. Hands on experience and SkillsUSA/Canada leadership activities provide many opportunities to enhance classroom instruction and career development.

B. Course Objectives

Students will be able to:

- 1. Assess conventional design strategies to create design efficiency and flow.
- 2. Identify commonly used structural components.
- 3. Draw complete floor plans
- 4. Draw foundation plans, and basic roof plans.
- 5. Generate cross sections, elevations, and detail views.

C. Course Topics

The course will cover the following topics:

- 1. Careers in Architecture
- 2. Job interview Skills
- 3. Computer Aided Drafting Terms
- 4. Constructing Architectural Drawings
- 5. Critique Architectural Designs
- 6. Residential space planning
- 7. Openings
- 8. Electrical work
- 9. Foundation plans
- 10. Roof Design
- 11. Section Plans
- 12. Elevation Plans

D. Grading Plans

Coursework will be weighted as follows:

 Assessments 70%
 Final Exam 20%
 Attendance 10% 100%

Assessments:

Assessments will be assigned to evaluate your comprehension of the subject. Each evaluation will be graded unless there are major errors or omissions and it is returned for correction or completion. Assessments with minor detail or other non-conceptual errors will be graded as submitted, and letter grades will be given.

Due dates will be given to you for each assignment. Unless you are absent on the date an assignment is due, it will not be accepted later than the class period when it is due. If you are absent from class when an assessment is due it will be accepted late – but only if submitted immediately upon your return and only if an acceptable, written excuse is presented. Due dates will not be changed because of earlier absences.

Final Exam:

The final exam will be comprehensive.

Attendance:

Attendance will be graded as follows:

No absences A+
One Absence A
Two Absences B
Three Absences C
>Three Absences F

Absences for which a medical excuse is provided will be recorded but not figured in the attendance grade. Any significant tardy or early departure from class will be figured as a half absence.

E. Tentative Schedule

This schedule offers you a brief overview of the topics that will be covered throughout the semester. This is only a tentative schedule to give you an idea of the topics that will be covered. The dates and topics, however, are subject to change due to time constraints and proficiency of the class as a whole.

Date	Topic/Activity		
	Introduction to the course		
	Job seeking		
	Job interview skills		
	Introduction to computer aided drafting(CAD)		
	Construction of CAD drawings		
	Introduction to single level residential space planning		
	Single level residential space planning		
	Door and window types		
	Introduction to floor plan symbols		
	Rules and standards for electrical placement		
	Electrical Symbols		
	Drawing, dimensioning, and annotating single-level floor plans		
	Drawing single-level residential floor plans		
	Introduction to foundation plans		
	Common foundation systems		
	Footing and foundation wall construction		
	Drawing foundation plans		
	Introduction to roof plans		
	Concepts of roof construction		
	Drawing roof plans		
	Introduction to sections and details		
	Wood sill and floor construction		
	Wood frame wall construction		
	Insulation, vapor barrier materials and construction techniques		
	Sections and details		
	Drawing wall sections		
	Introduction to exterior elevation		
	Exterior elevations		
	Generating exterior elevations		
	Final exam		