

CNST-1411: CAD TECHNOLOGY IN CONSTRUCTION

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Subject Code

CNST - Construction Engineering Tech

Course Number:

1411

Title:

CAD Technology in Construction

Catalog Description:

Working drawing techniques of domestic structures using computer-aided drafting software. Floor plans, foundation plans, wall-sections, elevations, site plans and dimensioning techniques will be the core concepts.

Credit Hour(s):

2

Lecture Hour(s):

1

Lab Hour(s):

3

Requisites

Prerequisite and Corequisite

CNST-1290 Construction Print Reading; or departmental approval.

Outcomes

Course Outcome(s):

Recognize common drawing scales used for architectural drawings.

Objective(s):

1. Utilize Computer-Aided Drafting (CAD) software to represent full size information with appropriate drawing scale output.
2. Use an existing set of architectural drawings as examples showing different drawing scales.

Course Outcome(s):

Recognize the traditional format of architectural drawings.

Objective(s):

1. Explain the need for different types of drawings required for the traditional format based on aspects of construction.
2. Review an existing set of drawings as an example of the traditional format.
3. Recognize basic dimensioning techniques required for architectural drawing.

Course Outcome(s):

Develop working drawings for a domestic structure.

Objective(s):

1. Use CAD software commands to generate all geometry and text for exterior elevations.

2. Use CAD software commands to generate all geometry and text for structural wall sections.
3. Use CAD software commands to generate all geometry and text for structural site plans.
4. Practice sketching techniques with 1/4" grid paper.
5. Replicate common architectural symbols used in drawings.
6. Use CAD software commands to generate all geometry and text for structural floor plans.
7. Use CAD software commands to generate all geometry and text for structural foundation plans.

Course Outcome(s):

Recognize basic framing systems used for domestic structures.

Objective(s):

1. Differentiate between "balloon framing" and "platform framing."
2. Depict the structural components, and component sizes, used in basic framing systems.

Course Outcome(s):

Exhibit drafting skills and skill progression with CAD software commands.

Objective(s):

1. Develop task-oriented patterns associated with the length of time to complete portions of a drawing.
2. Used existing CAD drawing components to generate a new drawing at a faster time rate.
3. Format appropriate text styles required for architectural drawings.
4. Format appropriate dimension styles required for architectural drawings.
5. Format drawing size limits needed to contain all drawing elements.

Methods of Evaluation:

1. Written assignments
2. Laboratory assignments
3. Participation and discussion
4. Quizzes
5. Final exam/project

Course Content Outline:

1. Residential working drawings
 - a. Floor plans
 - i. wall thickness and materials
 - ii. room sizes
 - iii. room layout patterns
 - iv. object representations
 - v. door types
 - vi. window types
 - vii. dimensioning procedures
 - viii. appliance and fixture sizes
 - ix. stair layout
 - x. basement plans
 - b. Foundation plans
 - i. concrete footings
 - ii. footing depth
 - iii. foundation walls
 - iv. drainage and waterproofing
 - v. step footings
 - vi. reinforcement

- vii. soil boring considerations
 - viii. dimensioning procedures
 - c. Wall sections
 - i. foundation details
 - ii. first-floor details
 - iii. second-floor details
 - iv. roof details
 - d. Roof plans
 - i. roof types
 - ii. ridge beams
 - iii. hips & valleys
 - iv. dormers
 - v. ventilation
 - vi. overhang
 - e. Exterior elevations
 - i. relationship to wall section for determining height
 - ii. door and window details
 - iii. use of hidden lines to indicate footings & foundation
 - iv. finish materials and material details
 - f. Door and window schedules
 - i. information required for schedules
 - ii. placement of schedules
 - g. Site plans
 - i. building footprint
 - ii. property description
 - iii. topography
 - iv. utility locations
 - v. yard setback distances
 - vi. driveways, parking, asphalt and concrete courts/patios
 - vii. bodies of water, streams, pools, etc.
 - viii. building floor elevations
- 2. Drawing sheet sizes
 - a. common sheet sizes
- 3. Drawing scales
 - a. architectural scales
 - b. engineering scales
- 4. Sketching techniques
 - a. use of 1/4" grid paper
 - b. use of sketches to determine geometry dimensions
- 5. AutoCAD software commands
 - a. "Draw" commands
 - b. object tracking
 - c. "Modify" commands
 - d. "View" commands
 - e. basic drawing setup
 - f. object properties
 - g. "Object Snap"
 - h. "Dimension" commands
 - i. "Plot" commands

The Course Schedule is subject to change due to pedagogical needs, instructor discretion, parts of term, and unexpected events.

Resources for the Instructor

Stine, D. J. (2024) *Residential design using AutoCAD 2025*, SDC Publications.

Richard, P. & Fitzgerald, J. (2007) *Introduction to AutoCAD 2007*, Upper Saddle River, NJ:Prentice Hall.

Stine, D. J. (2021) *Residential design using AutoCAD 2022*, SDC Publications.

Baumback, W. (2021) *Introduction to drafting and AutoCAD3D*, Vancouver Community College. <https://opentextbc.ca/autocad2d/>

Additional Resources for the Instructor

- Whitton, A. (2022). MyCADSite. <https://www.mycadsite.com/>
- OHDOT CADD Engineering Standards Manual. (2024). <https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/working/engineering/cadd-mapping/cadd-standards-manual-ohdot/> (<https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/working/engineering/cadd-mapping/cadd-standards-manual-ohdot/>)
- Autodesk's AutoCAD YouTube Channel. <https://www.youtube.com/c/autocad> (<https://www.youtube.com/c/autocad/>)
- City of Akron Engineering Standard Drawings. https://www.akronohio.gov/cms/engineering/operationssupport_admin_standarddwgs/index.html (https://www.akronohio.gov/cms/engineering/operationssupport_admin_standarddwgs/)

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