

APTE 45 Course Outline as of Summer 2025**CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: APTE 45 Title: BASIC DRAFTING SKLS

Full Title: Basic Drafting Skills

Last Reviewed: 5/8/2023

Units		Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total	
Maximum	1.50	Lecture Scheduled	1.00	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	17.50
Minimum	1.50	Lab Scheduled	1.50	4	Lab Scheduled	26.25
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	2.50		Contact Total	43.75
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 35.00

Total Student Learning Hours: 78.75

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable

Grading: Grade Only

Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

Also Listed As:

Formerly: APTECH 45

Catalog Description:

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Transfer Credit: CSU;UC.

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ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

AS Degree:	Area			Effective:	Inactive:
CSU GE:	Transfer Area			Effective:	Inactive:
IGETC:	Transfer Area			Effective:	Inactive:
CSU Transfer:	Transferable	Effective:	Fall 1989	Inactive:	
UC Transfer:	Transferable	Effective:	Fall 1991	Inactive:	

CID:

Certificate/Major Applicable:

Both Certificate and Major Applicable

COURSE CONTENT

Student Learning Outcomes:

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Describe the role of drawing and drafting in contemporary industries
2. Utilize manual drafting equipment to produce technical drawings
3. Compare manual drafting to Computer-Aided Drafting (CAD) methods

Objectives:

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Describe drafting career and employment opportunities in contemporary industries
2. Select appropriate drafting equipment and supplies
3. Utilize drafting tools effectively in the production of drafting projects
4. Produce consistent linework on drafting projects
5. Produce legible lettering in drafting projects
6. Execute geometric constructions
7. Execute sketching and freehand drafting
8. Develop orthographic projections and isometric drawings
9. Utilize dimensioning conventions
10. Prepare hand-drafted working drawings
11. Compare manual-drafting to CAD-drafting processes

Topics and Scope:

- I. Introduction to Contemporary Drafting
 - A. History of the profession
 - B. Drafting occupations and industries
 - C. Language of drawing
 - D. Design process

- E. Contemporary drafting
- F. Types of basic engineering graphics
- II. Drafting Equipment and Supplies
 - A. Conventional drafting supplies
 - B. Conventional drafting equipment
 - C. Production of copies and prints
- III. Drafting Conventions and Formats
 - A. Linework
 - 1. Conventions
 - 2. Use of tools
 - 3. Drawing procedure
 - 4. Construction linework
 - 5. Reproducible linework
 - B. Lettering
 - 1. Conventions
 - 2. Lettering shapes
 - 3. Lettering practice
 - C. Drafting conventions
 - D. Drawing formats
- IV. Geometric Construction
 - A. Use of compass and other tools for geometric constructions
 - B. Basic geometric drafting techniques
 - 1. Dividing lines
 - 2. Constructing regular polygons
 - C. Complex geometric constructions
 - 1. Tangencies of lines, arcs, and circles
 - 2. Fillets
- V. Freehand drawing
 - A. Sketching for technical drawings
 - B. Freehand drafting techniques
- VI. Introduction to Multiview Orthographic Projection
 - A. Principles
 - 1. Selection of views
 - 2. Freehand three-view drawings
 - 3. Planes of projection
 - 4. Angles of projection
 - 5. Visualization
 - B. Drawing procedures
 - C. Orthographic projections from incomplete data
 - D. Isometric drawing
 - 1. Introduction to isometrics
 - 2. Drawing isometrics using instruments
- VII. Dimensions and Tolerances
 - A. Systems of dimensioning
 - B. Dimensioning elements
 - C. Dimensioning guidelines
 - D. Tolerancing basics
 - E. Surface finish notation
- VIII. Overview of CAD applications - Comparison of Manual Drafting to CAD

All topics are covered in the lecture and lab portions of the course.

Assignment:

Lecture-Related Assignments:

1. Weekly reading assignments (1-5 pages)
2. Quiz(zes) (1-3)
3. Final exam

Lab-Related Assignments:

1. Linework and lettering exercises (2-5)
2. Manually drafted technical drawings (6-8)

Lecture- and Lab-Related Assignments:

1. Freehand drawing exercises (4-8)
2. Geometric construction exercises (5-10)
3. Orthographic and isometric projection sketches (5-10)
4. Basic CAD drawing(s) (1-2)

Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:

Writing: Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

None, This is a degree applicable course but assessment tools based on writing are not included because problem solving assessments and skill demonstrations are more appropriate for this course.

Writing
0 - 0%

Problem Solving: Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

Exercises; drawings; sketches

Problem solving
60 - 70%

Skill Demonstrations: All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

Quiz(zes)

Skill Demonstrations
5 - 10%

Exams: All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Quiz(zes); final exam

Exams
15 - 25%

Other: Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

Participation

Other Category
0 - 10%

Representative Textbooks and Materials:

Fundamentals of Modern Drafting. 2nd ed. Wallach, Paul Ross. Cengage Learning. 2014
(classic).

Instructor prepared materials