

**HORT 93 Course Outline as of Fall 2024****CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: HORT 93            Title: LANDSCAPE DRAFT & DESIGN  
 Full Title: Landscape Drafting and Design  
 Last Reviewed: 11/25/2024

Units		Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total	
Maximum	3.00	Lecture Scheduled	2.00	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	35.00
Minimum	3.00	Lab Scheduled	3.00	6	Lab Scheduled	52.50
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	5.00		Contact Total	87.50
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 70.00

Total Student Learning Hours: 157.50

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable

Grading: Grade or P/NP

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

Also Listed As:

Formerly:

**Catalog Description:**

Introduction to landscape drafting and design techniques for producing scaled plan-view and elevation drawings, construction details, and landscape plans. Includes steps and sequence in the design process; design themes, principles, and elements; general plant selection and usage; and client-designer relations. Drafting equipment required.

**Prerequisites/Corequisites:****Recommended Preparation:**

Eligibility for ENGL 100 OR EMLS 100 (formerly ESL 100) or equivalent

**Limits on Enrollment:****Schedule of Classes Information:**

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Limits on Enrollment:

Transfer Credit: CSU;

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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 2004 Inactive:

**UC Transfer:** Effective: 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. Produce a professional quality reprographic print from an original vellum drawing, using reprographic equipment.
2. Employ the use of landscape design principles and elements in a design project.
3. Select and place plants on a landscape plan according to proper size, exposure, climate, and soil adaptation.

### **Objectives:**

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

1. Utilize professional manual drafting tools, equipment and materials.
2. Demonstrate pencil drafting and lettering techniques based on professional standards and methods.
3. Recognize standard graphic symbols used on landscape drawings.
4. Construct an elevation view from a plan view using orthographic projection.
5. Distinguish between preliminary sketches, working drawings and presentation drawings.
6. Lay out a drafting project on vellum paper, using typical border and title block formats.
7. Use measuring tapes and other tools to measure and record site dimensions.
8. Produce a plan view scale drawing of a landscape using actual site dimensions.
9. Produce a professional quality reprographic print from an original vellum drawing.
10. Describe education, experience and license requirements for landscape career positions.
11. Differentiate between the characteristics of public, private and service/utility areas in common residential landscapes.
12. Evaluate the use of design principles in landscape designs.
13. Judge appropriate use of a focal point and accents.
14. Employ the use of the landscape design principles and elements in a design project.
15. Select and place plants on a landscape plan according to proper size, exposure, climate, and soil adaptation.
16. Organize plant selection information into a standard plant list format.

17. Understand the client-designer relationship in a typical residential project.

## **Topics and Scope:**

### **I. The Landscape Industry**

- A. Definitions and descriptions
- B. Types of firms, professional titles, scope of work, license requirements

### **II. Manual Drafting Tools and Materials: Identification and Use**

- A. Pencils, leads and erasers
- B. Straight edges: horizontal bar, T-square, triangles
- C. Circle templates and other useful templates
- D. Architect and/or engineer scale

### **III. Lettering: Vertical, Uppercase, Non-Serif Style**

- A. Sizes appropriate for titles, subtitles, general labels
- B. Use of Ames lettering guide as practice tool
- C. Freehand technique
- D. Use of vertical straight edge aid

### **IV. Types and Uses of Lines**

- A. Border and title block lines
- B. Visible lines
- C. Leader lines and dimension lines
- D. Layout and lettering guidelines
- E. Line quality/characteristics

### **V. Scale, Graphic Symbols**

- A. Plant symbols
- B. Types of views (plans, section, elevation)
- C. Construction/planting details dimensioning

### **VI. The Residential Landscape**

- A. "Outdoor rooms" concept
- B. Types of landscape use areas
  - 1. Public
  - 2. Private
  - 3. Service/utility

### **VII. The Design Process**

- A. Site inventory/analysis
- B. Client profile
- C. Design program
- D. Functional diagram
- E. Form study/preliminary plan
- F. Final plan
- G. Presentation

### **VIII. Design Principles**

- A. Order
- B. Unity
- C. Rhythm

### **IX. Plant Uses**

- A. Architectural
  - 1. Screens
  - 2. Barriers
  - 3. Canopies
  - 4. Walls
  - 5. Baffle

- 6. Buffer
- B. Functional/Engineering
  - 1. Temperature control
  - 2. Windbreak
  - 3. Erosion control
  - 4. Noise control
  - 5. Dust control
- C. Aesthetic
  - 1. Focal point/ accent
  - 2. Fragrance
  - 3. Frame/screen views

XI. Client Relations and Presentation Methods

NOTE: All topics covered in lecture will also be covered in lab.

**Assignment:**

Lecture-Related Assignments:

- 1. Weekly reading and homework (10 - 20 pages per week)
- 2. Assignments and exercises (2 - 12) related to: drafting tools, lettering, analyzing and identifying different types of landscape drawings (e.g., site plan, site analysis, functional diagram, master plan, various construction documents)
- 3. Quizzes (4 - 15); midterm

Lab-Related Assignments:

- 1. Lab exercises (4 - 15) related to: elevation and plan view drawings, landscape graphic standards, orthographic projection, and construction details
- 2. Lab Quizzes (2 - 12)
- 3. Field work including: site measuring, inventory, and analysis
- 4. Field trips may be required (0 - 4)

Lecture- and Lab-related assignments:

- 1. Final project and presentation: residential landscape design

**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.

Lecture assignments, Homework, Field work

Problem solving  
30 - 50%

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

Lab Exercises, Final Project, Final Project Presentation

Skill Demonstrations  
10 - 30%

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

Lab Quizzes, Lecture Quizzes, Midterm

Exams  
20 - 40%

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

Participation including field trips

Other Category  
0 - 20%

**Representative Textbooks and Materials:**

Residential Landscape Architecture. 6th ed. Booth, Norman and Hiss, James. Pearson. 2011 (classic)

The Planting Design Handbook. Robinson, Nick. Ashgate Publishers. 2011 (classic)

Sunset Western Landscaping. Brenzel, Kathleen. Oxmoor House. 2006 (classic)

Plan Graphics for the Landscape Designer. 2nd ed. Bertauski, Tony. Pearson. 2006 (classic)

Landscape Graphics: Plan, Section, and Perspective Drawing of Landscape Spaces. Reid, Grant. Watson-Guption Pub. 2002 (classic)

Lettering for Architects and Designers. 2nd ed. Sutherland, Martha. Wiley. 1989 (classic)