Definition
Drafting is the drawing or designing of manufactured products, machines, structures, etc. Computer Aided Design (and Drafting) means using the computer and peripheral devices in producing the documentation needed in support of the design process.

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Program Description
The Drafting/Computer Aided Design program at Antelope Valley College offers mechanical, architectural, electronic, and aerospace drafting as it relates to industry and engineering transfer. This certificate program (which can be combined with the associate degree requirements to earn an associate degree) will prepare students for entry-level employment in industry.

Students must receive a minimum grade of “C” or better in all required core courses and the specific courses listed as program electives in order to qualify for the degree or certificate.

Distinctive Features
Many of the classes in the Drafting/Computer Aided Design program use the latest computers, laser printers, and color plotters; along with the current industry standard software, AutoCAD.

Career Options
Computer Aided Design Drafter

Program Learning Outcomes
Drafting/Computer Aided Design
1. Construct and edit 3-D models, in computer aided design program, from samples, sketches, or written descriptions.
2. Create multiple views, orientations, and reference frames for hand-drawn, 2-D or 3-D computer drawn models.
3. Recognize and utilize industry and military terminology, labels and symbols related to drafting.
4. Construct and edit electronics, wiring, circuit, and interconnection drawings in computer aided design program from preliminary sketches or descriptions.

Certificate Program
Drafting/Computer Aided Design
The following courses (20 units) are required for the certificate.

Required Courses: units
ENGR 115, Basic Engineering Drawing 3
DFRT 120, Introduction to 2-D AutoCAD 3
or
DRFT 125, Mechanical Drafting 3
or
DFRT 230, Architectural Drafting II 3
DRFT 130, Architectural Drafting I 3
DRFT 150, Internm. 2-D AutoCAD 3
DRFT 240, Electronic Drafting 3
DRFT 250, Introduction to 3-D AutoCAD 2
Total 20

For a recommended plan of study for the certificate, please refer to the Associate Degree plan minus the general education requirements.

Associate Degree
The requirements for an associate degree in Drafting/Computer Aided Design may be satisfied by completing the certificate program in addition to the associate degree requirements. (See Graduation/Associate Degree Requirements.)

Students who complete the associate degree in Drafting/Computer Aided Design will have drafting skills of value in the engineering technology fields including aerospace manufacturing, construction technology (including building codes), and industrial research and development. They will have entry level skills that would serve as a foundation for advancement in their field of employment. Moreover, the associate degree will also provide students with a broad range of knowledge with which: to evaluate and appreciate the physical environment, the culture, and the society in which they live; the ability to think critically; and the ability to communicate clearly and effectively.

Except in cases of a prerequisite requirement, it is not required to take courses in exactly this sequence; they are recommended in this order to facilitate success.

Recommended Plan of Study
First Semester units
ENGR 115, Basic Engineering Drawing 3
DRFT 120, Introduction to 2-D AutoCAD 3
Course from GE requirement Area D1 3
Electives 7
Total 16
## Drafting/Computer Aided Design

### Second Semester

- **DRFT 130, Architectural Drafting I**
  - 3 units
  - 6 lecture hours weekly
  - (1.5 lecture hours, 4.5 lab hours)

- **DRFT 150, Interm. 2-D AutoCAD**
  - 3 units
  - 6 lecture hours weekly
  - (1.5 lecture hours, 4.5 lab hours)

- **DRFT 250, Introduction to 3-D AutoCAD**
  - 2 units

- Course from GE requirement Area B
  - 3 units

- Course from GE requirement Area D
  - 3 units

**Total 14 units**

### Third Semester

- **DRFT 125, Mechanical Drafting**
  - 3 units
  - 6 lecture hours weekly
  - (1.5 lecture hours, 4.5 lab hours)

- **DRFT 230, Architect. Drafting II**
  - 3 units

- **DRFT 240, Electronic Drafting**
  - 3 units

- Course from GE requirement Area A
  - 3 units

- Course from GE requirement Area E
  - 3 units

- Course from GE requirement Area F
  - 3 units

**Total 15 units**

### Fourth Semester

- Course from GE requirement Area C
  - 3 units

- Electives
  - 12 units

**Total 15 units**

**Degree Total 60 units**

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**NOTE:** Semester order for courses and time to complete may vary for night students.

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### Transfer

Not a transfer major.

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**Prerequisite Completion**

If a course is listed as a prerequisite for another course, that prerequisite course must be completed with a satisfactory grade in order to enroll in the next course. According to Title 5, Section 55200(d), a satisfactory grade is a grade of “A,” “B,” “C” or “P.” Classes in which the Pass/No Pass option is available are indicated with an asterisk (*) before the course title. See “Pass/No Pass Option” in the catalog for full explanation.

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### Drafting / CAD Courses

#### DRFT 125 MECHANICAL DRAFTING

- **3 units**
- **6 hours weekly**
- **(1.5 lecture hours, 4.5 lab hours)**

**Prerequisite:** Completion of DRFT 120.

A second level course in mechanical engineering drafting following ENGR 115. Topics include: fasteners, successive auxiliary views, pictorial drawings (including shaded and exploded views), development, surface intersections, geometric tolerance, and working drawings. Work to be performed in AutoCAD. (CSU, AVC)

#### DRFT 130 *ARCHITECTURAL DRAFTING I*

- **3 units**
- **6 lecture hours weekly**

**Prerequisite:** Completion of DRFT 120.

**Advisory:** Eligibility for ENGL 100A, READ 095.

Techniques of basic architectural drafting and design, principles, methods, materials, building ordinances, and the preparation of working drawings for one-story wood frame residential construction according to conventional practice. Emphasis on problems involving planning, design presentations and a complete set of drawings for residential frame construction. Work to be performed in AutoCAD. (AVC)

#### DRFT 150 *INTERMEDIATE 2-D AUTOCAD*

- **3 units**
- **6 hours weekly**
- **(1.5 lecture hours, 4.5 lab hours)**

**Prerequisite:** Completion of DRFT 120.

**Advisory:** Eligibility for READ 099.

This is an intermediate course in design/drafting covering orthographic projection. Topics include dimensioning, tolerancing, section views, auxiliary views, blocks, Xrefs, attributes, bill of materials, isometric drawings, 3D modeling, and script files. Work to be performed in AutoCAD. (CSU, UC, AVC)

#### DRFT 230 *ARCHITECTURAL DRAFTING II*

- **3 units**
- **6 hours weekly**
- **(1.5 lecture hours, 4.5 lab hours)**

**Prerequisite:** Completion of DRFT 130.

**Advisory:** Eligibility for ENGL 100A and READ 095.

Techniques in architectural drafting are covered including the development of a complete set of plans for a two-story residential dwelling. Local and state codes, ASA and graphics standards are also included. Work to be performed in AutoCAD. (AVC)
**DRFT 240  *ELECTRONIC DRAFTING**

3 units
6 lecture hours weekly

**Prerequisite:** Completion of DRFT 120.

**Advisory:** Eligibility for ENGL 100A, READ 099.

A drafting course intended particularly for electronic students. Topics include: lettering (freehand and with templates), use of instruments and special templates, orthographic projection, dimensioning, pictorial drawing, schematic wiring diagrams, connection drawings, printed circuit boards, electronic symbols, industrial standards, component and assembly drawings, and microelectronic drawings. Work to be performed in AutoCAD. (AVC)

**DRFT 250  *INTRODUCTION TO 3-D CAD DRAFTING**

2 units
4.5 hours weekly
(0.75 lecture hours, 3.75 lab hours)

**Prerequisite:** Completion of DRFT 120.

An advanced course in Computer Aided Design and Drafting using AutoCAD and/or SolidWorks software. Topics include: Creation and editing of 3-D models using rendering, wireframes and solid elements and the subsequent creation of 2-D orthographic, auxiliary, and section views derived from 3-D models. (AVC)