



Arts, Media, and Technology Career and Academic Pathways (CAPs) Program Map: Associate in Arts Degree for Architectural Computer Aided Design

Total number of units: 68 units

Top Code/Academic Plan: 0201.00

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Session 1	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Notes for Part-time students
Program Course	ARC 110	Intro to Architecture	1	To be taken during prior Summer Intersession.	
Program Course	ARC 172	Architectural Drawing I	3	Prerequisite: ARC 170 or Consent of Instructor.	
Program Course	ENV 101	Foundations of Design I	3		
Program Course	ARC 185	Directed Study Architecture - Elective	1	Can be taken any semester upon Chair's approval.	
GE Course	MATH 125	Intermediate Algebra	5	Note: Schedule for all GE courses to be verified.	

Total Units 13

Intersession	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Notes for Part-time students
Program Course	ARC 161	Intro to Computer-Aided Architectural Design	2	Corequisite: ARC 180.	
Program Course	ARC 180	Computer-Aided Architectural Lab	1	Corequisite: ARC 161.	

Total Units 3

Session 2	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Notes for Part-time students
Program Course	ARC 160	Computers for Designers	3		
Program Course	ARC 162	Computer-Aided Design and Drafting	3	Prerequisite: ARC 161 - Corequisite: ARC 182.	
Program Course	ARC 173	Architectural Drawing II	3	Prerequisite: ARC 171.	
Program Course	ARC 182	Computer-Aided Architectural Lab	1	Corequisite: ARC 162.	
GE Course	ENGLISH 101	College Reading and Composition I	3	Note: Schedule for all GE courses to be verified.	

Total Units 13

Intersession	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Notes for Part-time students
Program Course	ARC 264	3D Modeling for Designers	3		
GE Course	HEALTH 011	Principles of Healthful Living	3	Note: Schedule for all GE courses to be verified.	

Total Units 6

Session 3	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Notes for Part-time students
Program Course	ARC 164	Design Software for Architecture	3		
Program Course	ARC 171	Architectural Detailing	2	Prerequisite: ARC 170.	
Program Course	ARC 261	CAD for Architecture I	3	Prerequisite: ARC 162 - Corequisite: ARC 182.	
Program Course	ARC 271	Architectural Drawing III	3	Prerequisite: ARC 173.	

Session 3	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Notes for Part-time students
Program Course	ARC 280	Computer-Aided Design for Architecture I Lab	1	Corequisite: ARC 261.	

Total Units 12

Intersession	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Notes for Part-time students
GE Course	PHYSICS 011	Introductory Physics	4	Note: Schedule for all GE courses to be verified.	

Total Units 4

Session 4	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Notes for Part-time students
Program Course	ARC 262	CAD for Architecture II	3	Prerequisite: ARC 261 - Corequisite: ARC 282.	
Program Course	ARC 282	Computer-Aided Design for Architecture II Lab	1	Corequisite: ARC 262.	
Program Course	ARC 272	Architectural Drawing IV	3	Prerequisite: ARC 271.	
Program Course	ENV 102	Foundations of Design II	3	Prerequisite: ENV 101 - Advisory: ARC 170.	
GE Course	ARC 130	History of Architecture I	2	Note: Schedule for all GE courses to be verified.	
GE Course	ARC 131	History of Architecture II	2	Note: Schedule for all GE courses to be verified.	

Total Units 14

Intersession	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Notes for Part-time students
GE Course	POL SCI 001	The Government of the United States	3	Note: Schedule for all GE courses to be verified.	

Total Units 3

Degree Path and Requirements:

Associate in Arts Degree, Architectural Computer Aided Design. Requirements for an AA include: 34 "Architectural Computer-Aided Design" Certificate units, 6-7 units from an array of recommended additional Architectural courses, and 21 units from the LACCD General Education Plan.

This map is a suggested term-by-term sequence of courses to complete the program in a recommended time frame. This is an efficient and recommended plan, but actual plans may vary by individual student need. This map cannot replace a meeting with [counselors](#). Students can apply for certificates as soon as the necessary courses are completed. Meet with a [counselor](#) and the [financial aid office](#) to ensure continued financial aid. Check with [financial aid](#) for eligibility.

Department Advising Notes:

This map was created for students wishing to pursue a 2-year vocational degree, with an emphasis in Digital skills (Auto-CAD, Revit, 3-D Studio Max, Sketch-up, Rhino, et al). The Department provides another AA Degree in Architectural Drafting, which focuses on Technology and construction documentation. It is recommended to review the course map and the course descriptions found in the College General Catalog to determine student interest and associated pathway. During the process of the AA curriculum, a number of Certificate of Achievements and Skills Certificates are achieved. These certificates add value to the AA and assist with the Professional Portfolio and employment opportunities.

Note: This AA Map and Certificates are not the preferred or qualified pathway to University Transfer. While some course work will cross over, the University Transfer Pathway is specific to individual Universities and will require counseling with the Department of Architecture Chair.

Note: Course offerings are fairly consistent from semester to semester and year to year.

Program Description

One of two Associated Degree Programs, this 2-year vocational degree, is an emphasis in Digital skills. This program provides introductory and advanced skill preparation for the workplace in the Architecture and Construction industry. These courses are exclusive of the University programs who do not provide course work or organized training in these skill areas. Course are designed for those entering the profession for the first time and those with University degrees as well as years of industry experience.

Career and Transfer Opportunities

Computer-Aided Design courses range from the technical applications (construction documents and detailing) to design, research and presentations. Depending on the students chosen area of discipline, this curriculum provides fundamental and advanced skill project execution. These become valuable examples of skill execution in ones Professional Portfolio used for employment opportunities. Career opportunities vary within the level of CAD skills and other skills obtained in the industry. Entry level positions are identified by "Junior CAD Draftsman" with the Architectural industry and starting salaries average around \$25.00 hour. There are many other industries that utilize the skills from a Architectural-Computer Aided Design program. Their salaries vary. University transfer requirements vary greatly. Digital requirements are limited, however, due to industry needs and advanced skills to assist the student in the transfer portal, these course are highly recommend for student success and portfolio development.

Visit the [Transfer Center](#) for transfer information, which varies based on transfer college. Make an appointment with a [counselor](#). Students can visit [Career and Job Services](#) for career counseling and further exploration. For additional resources, students pursuing a certificate can visit the [American Job Center of California](#) on ELAC main campus.

Youtube Videos

[You Belong at East Los Angeles College](#)

Program Map

A suggested sequence of classes to complete a degree, certificate, or program of study. Students should consult an academic counselor for variations to this plan based on part-time or full-time status, transfer plans, pre-requisites needed, etc.

Prerequisite Course

A specific course that must be completed before advancing to the next course.

Check the online catalog at elac.edu for the latest and most accurate information.

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