



This program roadmap represents one possible pathway to complete the program. **Please see a counselor** to create an education plan that is customized to meet your needs. This roadmap is not a guarantee of course availability or financial aid applicability.

**Catalog:** 2026-27

**GE Pattern:** local AA/AS

**Total Units:** 61

**Start Term:** Fall

## First Year

### Semester 1 (Fall)

15 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	<b>DESN 300</b> Introduction to Design Resources	3		
Req	<b>DESN 301<sup>1</sup></b> Introduction to Computer Aided Drafting and Design (CADD)	3		
Req	<b>DESN 320</b> Three Dimensional Graphics and Design	3		
GE	<b>ENGL C1000</b> College Composition or	3		L1A
	<b>ENGL C1000H<sup>H</sup></b> Honors College Composition	3		
GE	<b>any Area L3 (Arts &amp; Humanities) course</b>	3		L3

<sup>1</sup>Skills covered in DESGN 301 are often learned in high school drafting courses, as well as by other means. Contact the Design Technology department chair about earning credit by exam.

### Semester 2 (Spring)

15 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	<b>DESN 302</b> Technical Documentation with CADD	3	DESN 301	
Req	<b>DESN 325</b> Architectural Modeling and Design	3	DESN 301	
Req	<b>DESN 328</b> Engineering Modeling and Design	3	DESN 301	
GE	<b>MATH 300</b> Introduction to Mathematical Ideas	3		L2
GE	<b>any Area L5 (Natural Sciences) course</b>	3		L5

## CAREER PATH

### Career Options:

Holders of a Design Technology degree are capable of working under a large number of job titles requiring the skills provided by this certificate, including

- CADD
- Computer Aided Drafting/Design
- Revit / BIM
- AutoCad, Inventor, Revit, Navisworks, Sketch-Up (software packages)
- Designer, Drafter, Detailer, Specialist (job descriptions)

[Link to local employment information](#)

### Advising Notes:

- This degree can be completed using either the local AA/AS general education (GE) pattern or the Cal-GETC transfer GE pattern. See a counselor to determine which pattern is best for you based on your academic goals.
- Students can substitute ESLW 340 for ENGL C1000/C1000H (formerly known as ENGWR 300/480).

### Scheduling Notes:

## Second Year

### Semester 3 (Fall)

15 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	DESIGN 310 Graphic Analysis and Documentation	3	DESIGN 301	
Req	DESIGN 340 Architecture and Construction	4	(see below)	
Req	DESIGN 351 Surveying For Architectural Design	2	(see below)	
Req	DESIGN 352 Land Planning For Architectural Design	2		
GE	any Area L7A (Physical Education) course	1		L7A
GE	any Area L4 (Social & Behavioral Sciences) course	3		L4

**DESIGN 340 prerequisite:** DESIGN 301, DESIGN 302, DESIGN 300 or 320, and DESIGN 325 or 328

**DESIGN 351 prerequisite:** DESIGN 301, and DESIGN 325, DESIGN 328 or HORT 329

### Semester 4 (Spring)

16 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	DESIGN 331 Machine Design	2	(see below)	
Req	DESIGN 360 Commercial Engineering Design and Drafting	4	(see below)	
Req	DESIGN 361 Commercial MEP Design	2	(see below)	
GE	any Area LIB (Oral Communication & Critical Thinking) course	3		LIB
GE	any Area L6 (Ethnic Studies) course	3		L6
GE	DESIGN 498 Work Experience in Design Technology	2		L7B

**DESIGN 331 prerequisite:** DESIGN 301, 302, 310, and 328

**DESIGN 360 prerequisite:** DESIGN 302, and DESIGN 300 or 320, and DESIGN 325 or 328

**DESIGN 361 prerequisite:** DESIGN 300, 301, 302, 310, and 328

<sup>H</sup> honors courses

- DESIGN 310, 340, 351, and 352 are offered in the fall.
- DESIGN 351 is offered during the 1<sup>st</sup> 8 weeks and DESIGN 352 is offered during the 2<sup>nd</sup> 8 weeks, so they can be taken in the same semester.
- DESIGN 325, 328, 331, 360, and 361 are offered in the spring.
- DESIGN 331 is offered during the 1<sup>st</sup> 8 weeks and DESIGN 361 is offered during the 2<sup>nd</sup> 8 weeks, so they can be taken in the same semester.
- This degree can be started in the spring as well. See a counselor or to adjust the course work.

### Other Notes:

- This program is designed for students to directly enter the workforce. Students wishing to transfer to pursue a Bachelor's degree should meet with a counselor to select the appropriate courses, because colleges vary widely in terms of their required coursework. Students should also keep a portfolio of all of their design/ engineering technology projects to present for evaluation by college advisors.
- An internship (DESIGN 498) is highly recommended as it opens up potential employment opportunities. Students can earn between 0.5 – 4.0 units for related paid or unpaid work experience including volunteer and internship positions through DESIGN 498. This course also works toward satisfying GE Area L7B. See the Work Experience website for more information.

### EXPLANATION OF CATEGORIES

<b>Req</b>	Required Core	A course that is required for this program
<b>GE</b>	General Education	A course that fulfills a specific general education requirement for a degree, which can be replaced with another course that meets the same requirement

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