# EL CAMINO COLLEGE COURSE OUTLINE OF RECORD - Approved

Subject:	ARCH
Course Number:	174
Descriptive Title:	Portfolio Design & Visual Narration
Division:	Industry and Technology
Department:	Architecture
Course Disciplines:	Architecture
Catalog Description:	The portfolio & presentation course will teach students the process of developing a visual narrative that demonstrates their design thinking as it relates to problem solving within the built environment. Utilizing previously completed architecture design studio projects along with work from advanced graphic communications, each student will learn organization and formatting techniques to create a narrative that will express a project's design intent. The course will focus on formats that exhibit work both within paper and digital portfolios.
Recommended Preparation:	Architecture 119, Architecture 170, Architecture 171, and Architecture 199
Course Length:	Full Term
Hours Lecture (per week):	1
Hours Laboratory (per week):	3
Outside Study Hours:	2
<b>Total Course Hours:</b>	72
Course Units:	2
Grading Method:	Letter Grade only
Credit Status:	Credit, degree applicable
Transfer CSU:	
Effective Date:	
Transfer UC:	
Effective Date:	
General Education ECC:	
Term:	
Other:	
CSU GE:	
Term:	
Other:	
IGETC:	
Term:	
Other:	

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Student Learning SLO 1 - Portfolio Design: Given lecture information and in-class discussion, Outcomes: students will demonstrate the ability to create a personal narrative with effective page layouts that synthesize and illustrate their learning process and progress.

> SLO 2 - Graphic Techniques: Students will use traditional media as well as various computer programs to complete exercises and assignments resulting in page layouts to be featured in their portfolio.

**SLO 3** - Presentation Skills: Successful students tracking for graduation, transfer and employment in architecture will develop, refine and deliver their narratives.

Course Objectives: Objective #1 - use critical thinking to define a communication strategy that expresses a design philosophy

> Objective #2 - determine organization and format their design content into a cohesive visual narrative

**Objective #3** - demonstrate the ability to prioritize design work that distinguishes principal from support content

**Objective #4 -** establish a hierarchy and progression to the design narrative using a variety of content

Objective #5 - utilize graphic devices such as ordering systems, typography, and color to advance the narrative

## **Major Topics:**

#### I. Overview – Demonstrating Design Skills (1 hour, Lecture)

- A. Objectives of Project Presentation
- B. Key Elements: Graphic & Text
- C. Identifying Communication Strategies

#### II. **Outlining the Narrative (2 hours, Lecture)**

- A. Determining the message(s)
- B. Establishing the start, middle and end

#### III. **Presentation Storyboarding (3 hours, Lecture)**

- A. Defining storyboarding
- B. Blocking out design content
- C. Plan for visual harmony

### IV. **Organization & Wayfinding (3 hours, Lecture)**

- A. Prioritize content main vs. support
- B. Creating a visual hierarchy
- C. The importance of graphic devices

#### V. **Vignettes within the Larger Story (3 hours, lecture)**

- A. Plots and subplots
- B. Supporting characters

#### VI. Synthesizing Design Thinking (3 hours, Lecture)

- A. Selecting content to demonstrate process
- B. Exhibiting technical skills hand & digital
- C. Position content to highlight design philosophy

## VII. **Breathing Life into the Narrative (2 hours, Lecture)**

- A. Injecting your personality
- B. Including design challenges & failures

#### VIII. **Verbalizing the Visual (1 hour, Lecture)**

- A. Understanding the value as a verbal guide
- B. Scripting your story

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	IX. The "Learning by Doing" Principle (36 hours, Lab)
	A. Individual-centered Focus Tasks
	<ol> <li>personal project development and evaluation</li> </ol>
	<ol><li>instructor-to-student and peer-to-peer interactions</li></ol>
	3. instructor desk critiques
	4. exercise engagement based of lecture content
	5. content composition to explore visual narration
	X. Peer Observation & Cooperation (18 hours, Lab)
	A. Group Collaboration Activity
	1. small group pin-ups.
	<ol><li>developing/ testing of visual communication principals</li></ol>
	3. participation in group tasks and projects
Total Lecture Hours:	18
Total Laboratory	
Hours:	54
Total Hours:	72
Primary Method of	
Evaluation:	3) Skills demonstration
Typical Assignment Using Primary Method	Compose a presentation layout consisting of past course-generated and student-initiated content to visually demonstrate the design acuity, drawing
of Evaluation:	
	present it via digital board. Compose a presentation layout consisting of past
	course-generated and student-initiated content to visually demonstrate the
	design acuity, drawing techniques, and personal design philosophy. Submit
	your layout as a PDF and present it via digital board.
Critical Thinking	Upon taking inventory, analyzing and prioritizing a body of work, develop a
Assignment 1:	presentation or process diagram that highlights design and technical
	strengths. Submit your diagram digitally as a PDF and present it via digital
	board.
Critical Thinking	Produce a storyboard that creates a portfolio format utilizing graphic devices
	such as ordering systems, typography, and color to establish wayfinding
J	strategies. Submit your storyboard digitally as a PDF and present it via digital
	board
Other Evaluation	
Methods:	Class Performance, Completion, Presentation
If Other:	
Instructional Methods:	Demonstration, Discussion, Group Activities, Lab, Lecture, Multimedia
	presentations
If other:	
Work Outside of Class:	Problem solving activity, Skill practice
If Other:	
Up-To-Date	
Representative	
Textbooks:	No textbook planned
Alternative Textbooks:	

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Required Supplementary	
Readings:	
Other Required Materials:	Handouts prepared by the Instructor
Requisite	
Category	
Requisite course:	
Requisite and Matching skill(s): Bold the requisite skill. List the corresponding course objective under each skill(s).	
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Requisite course:	ARCH 170, ARCH 171, ARCH 149, ARCH 199
Requisite and Matching skill(s): Bold the requisite skill. List the corresponding	The ability to demonstrate 2D drawing techniques  ARCH 170  Objective 4: Compose entourage in plan, elevation and perspective that will support the purpose of the drawing  Objective 7: Understand how to orthographically project the basic
Requisite Skill:	

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Enrollment Limitations and Category:	
Enrollment Limitations Impact:	
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