



Course Outline

2026-2027 Catalog

DFT 45 - Building Information Modeling I

Catalog Description

Transfer Status: CSU

Unit(s): 3.00

Lecture: 34.00 Contact hours/68.00 Out of class hours/102.00 Total hours/2.00 Unit(s)

Lab: 51.00 Contact hours/0.00 Out of class hours/51.00 Total hours/1.00 Unit(s)

Total: 85.00 Contact hours/68.00 Out of class hours/153.00 Total hours/3.00 Unit(s)

Course Description: In this computer-based course, students will be introduced to Revit, a three-dimensional (3D) modeling for architecture and Building Information Modeling (BIM). Topics will cover architectural modeling and design with BIM tools for parametric design and documentation. The focus of the course is on residential architecture and covers the initiation of a design, the development of a design and production of a presentation and sheet set for a design.

Objectives

Upon successful completion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Describe Building Information Modeling (BIM) and the benefits of parametric associativity of entities, model data and related details.
2. Navigate a BIM software application interface and manage views.
3. Identify, create and modify different types of building elements such as walls, stairs, doors, and roofs.
4. Load, place, and modify component families using a BIM application.
5. Create callouts, detail views, drafting views, section views and 3D views.
6. Create and set up drawing sheets, modify title blocks, control object visibility and develop photo-realistic (rendered) content views.
7. Import and export content to and from various other software applications and file formats to BIM application.

Course Content

Topic Titles / Suggested Time Topic

Lecture

<u>Topics</u>	<u>Lec Hrs</u>
Building Information Modeling	4.00
Using Autodesk Revit Architecture	4.00
Starting a Design	2.00
Creating a Building	4.00
Using Dimensions and Constraints	2.00
Developing the Building Model	6.00
Using Building Components	3.00
Creating Schedules	2.00
Drafting and Detailing	3.00
Presenting the Building Model	4.00

Total Hours: 34.00

Lab

<u>Topics</u>	<u>Lab Hrs</u>
Building Information Modeling	6.00
Using Autodesk Revit Architecture	6.00
Starting a Design	3.00
Creating a Building	8.00
Using Dimensions and Constraints	3.00
Developing the Building Model	8.00
Using Building Components	4.00
Creating Schedules	3.00
Drafting and Detailing	4.00
Presenting the Building Model	6.00

Total Hours: 51.00

Methods of Instruction

- A. Class Activities
- B. Collaborative Group Work
- C. Demonstrations
- D. Homework: Students are required to complete two hours of outside-of-class homework for each hour of lecture
- E. Lecture
- F. Multimedia Presentations

Methods of Evaluation

- A. Exams/Tests
- B. Projects
- C. Homework
- D. Class participation

Examples of Assignments

Reading Assignments

1. Read the handout on stairs layout and be prepared to work on the study guide during the next scheduled class.
2. Read the lesson on setting up an architectural floor plan. Be prepared to use Revit to complete the lesson details during the next class.

Writing Assignments

1. Open the text to page 2-1. Using AutoCAD, complete a layout of this floor plan with 5" walls throughout and doors and windows applied (use blocks from other projects or make quickly). Complete the following tasks: Prepare the layout as a DWG file with a Layout completed at 1/4" = 1'-0" AND add the time it took you from start to finish to the text box of the Submission. NOTE: There will be a demo in class to extract the TIME DATA.
2. After viewing the video with the class and using the Foundation Systems Study Guide, complete the study guide questions and fill-ins and turn into the instructor at the end of the period.

Out-of-Class Assignments

1. Research the term "Revit families" online. Spend some time viewing at least the top 10 search results. In a minimum of 500 words, provide a list of at least FIVE families that you found content for that are of interest to you.
2. Using Revit, take the initial floorplan layout provided as an attachment and lay out the floorplan using ALL of the same settings you are currently assigned to use for the two-story residence. Bring the initial layout back to class and be prepared to complete in Revit.

Recommended Materials of Instruction

Stine, D. J. (2025). Residential Design Using Autodesk Revit 2026. *SDC Publications*, 2025. 9781630577315.

Minimum Qualifications

Drafting

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