# Virginia Western Community College ARC 221 Architectural CAD Applications Software I

# Prerequisites CAD 241

## **Course Description**

Teaches the principles and techniques of architectural drawing practices through the use of architecture specific CAD software. Utilizes the commands and features of the software to generate drawings that emphasize architectural design and structural systems.

Semester Credits: 3 Lecture Hours: 2 Lab/Recitation Hours: 2

### **Required Materials**

#### Textbook:

Revit Architecture 2015: A Hands-On Guide, 1<sup>st</sup> ed., author: Goldberg, Peach Pit Press, ISBN# 9780133144680

Other Required Materials: USB Flash Drive

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## **Course Outcomes**

- 1. Understand the concepts of Revit Architecture.
- 2. Create building models.
- 2. Generate different analysis such as area, solar studies.
- 3. Create walkthroughs, detail views and schedules.

Instructor Objectives To teach students the basic building designing and modeling concepts using Revit Architecture software and use it in creating various real-world building designs. Instructor will emphasize self- learning and strongly encourage students to ask questions and participate in the class discussions.

# **Topical Description**

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**Temporary Overrides** 

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Opening an Existing Project Using the Open Tool

Object Snaps

Saving the Project

Closing a Project

Using the Save Tool

Modifying Other Settings

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**Exiting Revit Architecture** 

Opening an Existing Project

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