

CONSTRUCTION AND ENERGY TECHNOLOGY

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Overview

The Construction and Energy Technology curriculum is designed to give students a broad knowledge of the construction and energy industries. Coursework includes job safety, construction skills, work ethics and hands-on laboratory courses to provide trade related skills such as electrical, plumbing, carpentry and photovoltaics. The program provides foundational training for construction management programs as well as training for entry-level employment in the construction industries. The energy and photovoltaics courses provide the fundamental skills needed to excel in an energy sector career. In addition to degree and transfer opportunities, skills certificates are available in the field of photovoltaics.

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Construction Management

AS Degree

The curriculum in Construction Management focuses on providing a broad base of knowledge and skills targeted toward the management of construction operations. The objective of the degree is to provide a foundation for continued study in construction management at a four-year college or university or for employment in the construction industry. The program is oriented toward the practical problems of the construction industry and the curriculum emphasizes subject areas that provide a basis for employment in the industry including business, mathematics and foundational construction courses. Students completing the Construction Management program will find a wide variety of career choices including estimator, construction manager, construction owner, and project manager. For the degree, students must fulfill the following major requirements with grades of "C" or better, complete a minimum of 60 degree-applicable semester units (12 of which must be completed at Sierra College) with a grade point average of at

least 2.0, and complete one of the following three general education patterns:

- Sierra College Associate Degree Requirements (<http://catalog.sierracollege.edu/student-resources/general-education/associate-degree-requirements>);
- California State University General Education Breadth (<http://catalog.sierracollege.edu/student-resources/general-education/california-state-university-general-education-breadth-requirements>) pattern;
- Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) (<http://catalog.sierracollege.edu/student-resources/general-education/intersegmental-general-education-transfer-curriculum-igetc>).

Required Courses

CET 0001	OSHA Construction Safety Training	1
CET 0005	Introduction to the Built Environment	3
CET 0020	Foundations and Framing	3
CET 0022	Introduction to Energy Efficiency Construction	3
BUS 0001	Financial Accounting I	3
BUS 0002	Financial Accounting II	3
BUS 0003	Managerial Accounting	3
ECON 0001A	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
ECON 0001B	Principles of Microeconomics	3
MATH 0016A	Calculus for Social and Life Sciences	4
or MATH 0030	Analytical Geometry and Calculus I	
PHYS 0105	General Physics I	4
PHYS 0105L	General Physics I Laboratory	1
Total Units		34

Energy Technology

AS Degree and/or Certificate of Achievement

The Energy Technology program prepares students for jobs in the field of renewable energy, such as solar power installation, site supervision, sales, system maintenance and management. Students receive a background in sustainability while gaining specific technical skills related to renewable energy installation. As students complete courses for the degree, they also qualify for two skills certificates in photovoltaics and are prepared to sit for the NABCEP Entry Level Exam. Students must fulfill the following major requirements with grades of "C" or better, complete a minimum of 60 degree-applicable semester units (12 of which must be completed at Sierra College) with a grade point average of at least 2.0 and complete one of the following three general education patterns:

- Sierra College Associate Degree Requirements (<http://catalog.sierracollege.edu/student-resources/general-education/associate-degree-requirements>);
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- Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) (<http://catalog.sierracollege.edu/student-resources/general-education/intersegmental-general-education-transfer-curriculum-igetc>).

A certificate is designed to provide career technical skills; it is not equivalent to an associate degree.

Required Courses

CET 0040	Beginning Photovoltaic Systems	4
CET 0042	Intermediate Photovoltaic Systems	4
CET 0044	Advanced Photovoltaic Systems	4
DES 0020	Architectural Drawing I	3
ESS 0001	The Environment and the Human Impact	3
ESS 0007	Energy, Environment, and Climate (also ESCI 0007)	3
Select 6-8 units from the following:		6-8
CET 0022	Introduction to Energy Efficiency Construction	
CET 0024	Fundamentals of Construction Documents and Estimating	
CET 0026	Residential House Wiring and Codes	
CET 0032	Residential Building Codes	
CET 0046	Solar Photovoltaic Sales	
CET 0047	Introduction to Energy Surveying	
DES 0021	Architectural Drawing II	
ESS 0010	Conservation of Natural Resources	
MECH 0004	Fundamentals of Mechatronics	
MECH 0010	Fundamentals of Electronics	
Total Units		27-29

Residential Building Construction

AA or AS Degree and/or Certificate of Achievement

The curriculum in Residential Building Construction prepares students for entry-level building construction positions, such as carpenter, electrician, plumber and estimator. Credit for up to one and one-half years of the contractor's examination experience requirement may be granted by the Contractors State License Board for completion of the Residential Building Construction degree. For the degree, students must fulfill the following major requirements with grades of "C" or better, complete a minimum of 60 degree-applicable semester units (12 of which must be completed at Sierra College) with a grade point average of at least 2.0 and complete one of the following three general education patterns:

- Sierra College Associate Degree Requirements (<http://catalog.sierracollege.edu/student-resources/general-education/associate-degree-requirements>);
- California State University General Education Breadth (<http://catalog.sierracollege.edu/student-resources/general-education/california-state-university-general-education-breadth-requirements>) pattern;
- Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) (<http://catalog.sierracollege.edu/student-resources/general-education/intersegmental-general-education-transfer-curriculum-igetc>).

A certificate is designed to provide career technical skills; it is not equivalent to an associate degree.

Required Courses

CET 0001	OSHA Construction Safety Training	1
CET 0003	Introduction to Construction and CNC Woodworking	3

CET 0005	Introduction to the Built Environment	3
CET 0020	Foundations and Framing	3
CET 0022	Introduction to Energy Efficiency Construction	3
CET 0024	Fundamentals of Construction Documents and Estimating	3
CET 0026	Residential House Wiring and Codes	3
CET 0030	Finish Carpentry	3
CET 0034	Plumbing Installation and Design	3
Select 6-8 units from the following:		6-8
CET 0007	Building with Green Construction Materials	
CET 0032	Residential Building Codes	
CET 0040	Beginning Photovoltaic Systems	
CET 0042	Intermediate Photovoltaic Systems	
CET 0044	Advanced Photovoltaic Systems	
CET 0050	Interior and Exterior Finishing	
CET 0060	Production Cabinetry (Traditional)	
CET 0070A	Advanced Skill and Speed Development - Concrete	
CET 0070B	Advanced Skill and Speed Development - Framing	
CET 0070C	Skill and Speed Development-Cabinetry and Furniture	
DES 0020	Architectural Drawing I	
DES 0021	Architectural Drawing II	
Total Units		31-33

Advanced Building

Skills Certificate

The Advanced Building Skills Certificate curriculum prepares students to work for small to large home builders in a more advanced or managerial role doing carpentry/framing, finishing, job costing, project management or green construction. This skills certificate provides a foundation for students to help prepare their employers for the California State mandate of all new residential construction being "Net Zero" by 2020. A skills certificate is designed to provide career technical skills; it is not equivalent to an associate degree.

CET 0007	Building with Green Construction Materials	4
CET 0020	Foundations and Framing	3
CET 0022	Introduction to Energy Efficiency Construction	3
CET 0024	Fundamentals of Construction Documents and Estimating	3
CET 0030	Finish Carpentry	3
Total Units		16

Building Basics

Skills Certificate

The Building Basics Skills Certificate curriculum prepares students to work for small to large home builders in a framing, electrical or plumbing role. This skills certificate provides a foundation for students to help prepare their employers for the California State mandate of all new residential construction being "Net Zero" by 2020. A skills certificate

is designed to provide career technical skills; it is not equivalent to an associate degree.

CET 0020	Foundations and Framing	3
CET 0026	Residential House Wiring and Codes	3
CET 0034	Plumbing Installation and Design	3
Total Units		9

Construction Basics

Skills Certificate

The Construction Basics Skills Certificate curriculum prepares students to work safely for small to large home builders in a labor role. This skills certificate provides a foundation for students to help employers directly build residential homes. A skills certificate is designed to provide career technical skills; it is not equivalent to an associate degree.

CET 0001	OSHA Construction Safety Training	1
CET 0003	Introduction to Construction and CNC Woodworking	3
CET 0005	Introduction to the Built Environment	3
Total Units		7

Green Building

Skills Certificate

The Green Building Skills Certificate curriculum prepares students to work for small to large home builders in a carpentry/framing role. This skills certificate provides a foundation for students to help prepare their employers for the California State mandate of all new residential construction being "Net Zero" by 2020. A skills certificate is designed to provide career technical skills; it is not equivalent to an associate degree.

CET 0020	Foundations and Framing	3
CET 0022	Introduction to Energy Efficiency Construction	3
Total Units		6

Photovoltaic

Skills Certificate

(formerly offered in the Environmental Studies and Sustainability department)

The purpose of the Photovoltaic Skills Certificate is to provide students with the knowledge and skills required to obtain employment as Photovoltaic System Installers and Technicians. Emphasis is on the critical skill competencies as recommended by the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners for entry level photovoltaic systems work. A skills certificate is designed to provide career technical skills; it is not equivalent to an associate degree.

Required Courses

CET 0040	Beginning Photovoltaic Systems	4
CET 0042	Intermediate Photovoltaic Systems	4
Total Units		8

Photovoltaic Advanced

Skills Certificate

(formerly offered in the Environmental Studies and Sustainability department)

The purpose of the Photovoltaic Advanced Skills Certificate is to provide students with the knowledge and skills required to obtain employment as Photovoltaic System Installers, Technicians and entry-level Designers. Emphasis is on the critical skill competencies as recommended by the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners. A skills certificate is designed to provide career technical skills; it is not equivalent to an associate degree.

Required Courses

CET 0040	Beginning Photovoltaic Systems	4
CET 0042	Intermediate Photovoltaic Systems	4
CET 0044	Advanced Photovoltaic Systems	4
Total Units		12

Courses

Understanding course descriptions (<http://catalog.sierracollege.edu/student-resources/course-information/understanding-course-descriptions>)

CET 0001. OSHA Construction Safety Training

Unit: 1

Hours: 18 lecture

Covers a variety of construction safety and health hazards workers may encounter. Provides safety information to construction workers about employee and employer rights and responsibilities. Emphasizes identification, avoidance, abatement, control, and prevention of job-related hazards on construction sites. Upon successful completion, 10 hour OSHA card issued by instructor. (not transferable)

CET 0003. Introduction to Construction and CNC Woodworking

Units: 3

Formerly known as: CTC 0001 or CTR 0001

Advisory: Completion with grade of "C" or better or concurrent enrollment in CET 1

Hours: 108 (36 lecture, 72 laboratory)

Designed to teach the skills required to be successful in the construction and woodworking industries. Topics include fundamentals of woodworking, safe operation of hand tools, introduction to wood CNC manufacturing, project drawings, and environmentally sound design and construction techniques. Hands-on experience with construction and woodworking tools and materials based on assigned student project(s). (not transferable)

CET 0005. Introduction to the Built Environment

Units: 3

Formerly known as CTR 45

Hours: 54 lecture

Introduction to the building industry: trends, organizations, construction processes, contracting laws, regulations, business aspects and career pathways. (CSU)

CET 0007. Building with Green Construction Materials

Units: 4

Advisory: Completion with grade of "C" or better or concurrent enrollment in CET 1

Hours: 180 (18 lecture, 162 laboratory)

Project-based study of the performance characteristics of building materials using sustainable construction techniques and materials. Includes the basic properties and installation techniques of metals, aggregates, cement products, asphalt products and wood. Safe handling of construction materials and tools. (CSU)

CET 0020. Foundations and Framing

Units: 3

Formerly known as CTR 42

Hours: 108 (36 lecture, 72 laboratory)

Fundamentals of residential foundation and floor system techniques involving layout and construction to include: establishing elevations, site preparation, types of foundation forms, rebar and bolt installation, concrete placement techniques, various types of floor systems, and code requirements specific to the above. Major lab project: construction of a foundation and floor system. Includes use and practices of materials and codes related to California Green Technology and "Net Zero Energy" policies. (CSU)

CET 0022. Introduction to Energy Efficiency Construction

Units: 3

Formerly known as CTR 44

Hours: 108 (36 lecture, 72 laboratory)

Fundamentals of residential framing both conventional and green energy efficient techniques involving layout and construction to include: exterior and interior walls, ceilings, roof systems, stair designs and installation. Major lab project: framing a project in the community. Includes use and practices of materials and codes related to California Green Technology and "Net Zero Energy" policies. (CSU)

CET 0024. Fundamentals of Construction Documents and Estimating

Units: 3

Formerly known as CTR 47 and 48

Hours: 54 lecture

Establishes a vocabulary and understanding of construction related documents including the symbols and detail views of building plans. Cost estimating to include material and labor cost calculations, specifications, problem solving, and bid preparations. (CSU)

CET 0026. Residential House Wiring and Codes

Units: 3

Formerly known as CTR 60

Hours: 108 (36 lecture, 72 laboratory)

Instruction basic to the electrical wiring trade. Inside wiring as applied to residential structures. Electrical service requirements for photovoltaic systems. Use of tools and materials of the trade. Review of the National Electrical Code and the applications and CEC updates due to California Green Technology and "Net Zero Energy" policies. (CSU)

CET 0028. Independent Study

Units: 1-3

Formerly known as CTR 28

Designed for students interested in furthering their knowledge at an independent study level in an area where no specific curriculum offering is currently available. Independent study might include, but is not limited to, research papers, special subject area projects, and research projects. See Independent Study page in catalog. (CSU)

CET 0030. Finish Carpentry

Units: 3

Formerly known as CTR 41

Advisory: Completion with grade of "C" or better or concurrent enrollment in CET 3

Hours: 108 (36 lecture, 72 laboratory)

Fundamentals of woodworking hand tools, power hand tools and woodworking machinery to safely develop knowledge and skills leading to finish trim carpentry. Emphasis on residential construction finish carpentry standards, details, nomenclature, trims, and methods of setting interior and exterior doors, window jamb and trims, closet packs, cabinet installs, wainscoting, stair trim and railings, base and ceiling trims and finished flooring applications. (not transferable)

CET 0032. Residential Building Codes*Units: 3*

Formerly known as CTR 52

Hours: 54 lecture

Instruction in building codes for light frame one- or two-story dwellings related to local jurisdictions and the State of California. Application of codes to existing buildings with a study of regulations and abatement procedures for standard frame and ICF green technology buildings. Includes codes related to California Green Technology and "Net Zero Energy" policies. (not transferable)

CET 0034. Plumbing Installation and Design*Units: 3*

Formerly known as CTR 62

Hours: 108 (36 lecture, 72 laboratory)

Planning, installing, and maintaining simple waste, water and gas plumbing systems in accordance with good practice and in conformity to local codes and ordinances. Overview of new plumbing techniques. Includes use of materials and codes related to California Green Technology and "Net Zero Energy" policies. (CSU)

CET 0040. Beginning Photovoltaic Systems*Units: 4*

Formerly known as ESS 30

Advisory: Completion with grade of "C" or better or concurrent enrollment in CET 1

Hours: 108 (54 lecture, 54 laboratory)

Introduction to photovoltaic concepts, applications, and the solar energy industry. Includes basics of electricity, load estimation, energy efficiency, solar site assessment, photovoltaic system components, sizing, financial analysis, design, installation concepts, and maintenance. This course taken with CET 42 prepares students to sit for the NABCEP PV Entry Level Certificate of Knowledge exam. (CSU)

CET 0042. Intermediate Photovoltaic Systems*Units: 4*

Formerly known as ESS 32

Prerequisite: Completion of CET 40 with grade of "C" or better

Hours: 108 (54 lecture, 54 laboratory)

Expands on the fundamentals of photovoltaics with a focus on system design and installation concepts of grid-connected residential and small commercial systems. Topics include detailed system sizing, array layout, mounting on various roof constructions, mechanical and electrical integration as well as related electrical codes and workplace safety standards. This course, taken with CET 40, prepares students to sit for the NABCEP PV Entry Level Certificate of Knowledge exam. (CSU)

CET 0044. Advanced Photovoltaic Systems*Units: 4*

Formerly known as ESS 34

Prerequisite: Completion of CET 42 with grade of "C" or better

Hours: 108 (54 lecture, 54 laboratory)

Examines the theoretical and technical dimensions of photovoltaic (PV) systems in detail. Topics include advanced principles of electricity and how they apply to PV systems, commissioning, troubleshooting, net metering laws, local codes, and National Electric Code PV requirements. Off campus activities required. (CSU)

CET 0046. Solar Photovoltaic Sales*Units: 3*

Advisory: Completion with grade of "C" or better or concurrent enrollment in CET 40

Hours: 54 lecture

Introduction to photovoltaic sales concepts and the solar energy industry. Includes basics of photovoltaic marketing, sales, incentives, site usage, site assessment, photovoltaic system components, system sizing, financial analysis, and sales communication techniques. (not transferable)

CET 0047. Introduction to Energy Surveying*Units: 4*

Hours: 108 (54 lecture, 54 laboratory)

Competency-based course of instruction designed to align with the American Society of Heating Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) Level-1 energy auditing standards. Provides students with hands-on experience in residential and commercial energy auditing. Emphasis on principles and sources of energy, detailed facilities evaluation techniques, data collection for energy auditing, establishing baselines, and conducting accurate inventories. Includes workplace safety policies and practices to comply with OSHA guidelines. (not transferable)

CET 0050. Interior and Exterior Finishing*Units: 3*

Formerly known as CTC 24 or CTR 24

Hours: 108 (36 lecture, 72 laboratory)

Focus on removal and preparation of existing and new finishes, sanding, masking, caulking, applications of stains, shellac, varnishes and lacquers, interior and exterior painting with primers and paint, use of brushes, rollers and spray systems, HVLP and airless. (not transferable)

CET 0060. Production Cabinetry (Traditional)*Units: 3*

Formerly known as CTC 5 or CTR 5

Advisory: Completion with grade of "C" or better or concurrent enrollment in CET 3

Hours: 108 (36 lecture, 72 laboratory)

Economy and custom grade conventional case construction revolving around industrial standards, joinery, processes, structures and hardware of residential case structural systems. Also includes computer-aided spatial designs. Lab work shall be instructor-initiated case structures for a residential project. (not transferable)

CET 0070A. Advanced Skill and Speed Development - Concrete*Units: 3*

Formerly known as CTR 37A

Prerequisite: Completion with grade of "C" or better or concurrent enrollment in CET 20

Hours: 108 (36 lecture, 72 laboratory)

Designed to provide an advanced level of skill, speed, and experience for concrete students. Continued in-depth study of materials acquisition, scheduling, detailed layouts, forming for foundations or other applications using concrete as a base. Uses extensive problem solving in the completion of a department selected project. (not transferable)

CET 0070B. Advanced Skill and Speed Development - Framing

Units: 3

Formerly known as CTR 37B

Prerequisite: Completion with grade of "C" or better or concurrent enrollment in CET 0020 or 0022

Hours: 108 (36 lecture, 72 laboratory)

Designed to provide an advanced level of skill, speed, and experience for framing students. Continued in-depth study of materials acquisition, scheduling, detailed layouts for framing structures, to include floors, walls, rooms, and roofs. Uses extensive problem solving in the completion of a department-selected project. (not transferable)

CET 0070C. Skill and Speed Development-Cabinetry and Furniture

Units: 3

Formerly known as CTC 35 or CTR 38

Prerequisite: Completion with grade of "C" or better or concurrent enrollment in CET 3

Advisory: Completion of CET 60 with grade of "C" or better

Hours: 108 (36 lecture, 72 laboratory)

Designed to further develop skill, speed, and experience capabilities to advance knowledge in construction technology. In-depth study of architectural woodwork standards; extensive problem solving in student-selected laboratory projects. (not transferable)

CET 0095. Internship in Construction and Energy Technology

Units: 0.5-4

Formerly known as CTR 95

Designed for advanced students to work in an area related to their educational or occupational goal. Provides new on-the-job technical training under the direction of a worksite supervisor, allowing students to expand knowledge and skills in the chosen field. Mandatory orientation session and faculty approval to determine eligibility. Students may earn up to a total of 16 units in internship courses (any course numbered 95 and PDEV 94). (CSU-with unit limitation)

Program Student Learning Outcomes (PSLOs)

- Demonstrate a fundamental understanding of the construction and energy industries and identify career pathways and opportunities.
- Identify code compliant construction.
- Demonstrate safety compliance in the construction and energy industries.
- Utilize fundamental building principles to lay out and construct structures and systems.
- Explain the principles of Green Building and prescribe building solutions utilizing emerging technology.