SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Course Number:	ARBT-110	Department:			
Course Title:	Building Codes and Principles	Semester:	Spring	Year:	2014

Course Objective	Competencies		
1. To introduce students to the new International Building	1. Students will learn specific applications of the Building		
Code, its origins, history and evolution	Code as a minimum standard designed for structural integrity		
	and occupant safety.		
	2. Students will understand the origins of ancient codes dating		
	back to 1800 BC.		
	3. Students will learn about the evolution of today's modern		
	Building Code fro the early 20 th Century through today.		
2. To examine the issues of energy efficiency and	1. Students will become familiar with LEED (Leadership in		
environmental impact of our built environment.	Energy Efficient Design) Certification and its application in		
	today's construction.		
	Students will see how life cycle costing determines the value of		
	different energy efficient methods.		
3. To familiarize students with the origins, properties and uses	1. Students will discuss and become knowledgeable of the		
of the most common materials used in construction.	properties of:		
	a. concrete and it's components		
	b. wood and wood technology		
	c. steel and plastics		
	d. roofing and weather protection		
	e. insulation and energy saving materials2. Students will become familiar with fenestration and a		
	variety of windows and doors.		
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4. To examine soil types and their impact on construction	1. Students will be able to indentify the four major soil types
projects.	and be able to discuss important characteristics of each type.
	2. Students will learn how soil types influence drainage and
	building support.
5. To familiarize students with the major structural	1. Students will understand the difference between live loads,
components of a building.	dead loads, and dynamic loads.
	2. Students will understand how beams, joists, girders,
	columns, studs and rafters are used as structural components.
	3. Students will become familiar with span tables in
	calculating floor joists and rafter dimensions.
6. To explore the difference between Building Code and	1. Students will learn about a variety of zoning types including
Zoning Regulation related issues.	residential, general business and industrial.
	2. Students will examine how a buildings use, location, and
	size are influenced by zoning regulations.