



# SKETCHUP

**DURATION**  
**45 Days**

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

Ideally suited for designers, broadcasters, architects, engineers as well as anyone who would like to learn to create 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional study models with ease and sophistication, this course delivers a wellrounded introduction to the power of Google's SketchUp. Students are enabled to draw using a familiar pencil and paper paradigm in a software context. Google SketchUp makes 3D modeling easy enough for anyone to learn, and fast enough to use under real-world time constraints. SketchUp will allow students to demonstrate to clients what a new building will look like, recreate and fly through the scene of an accident, or visualize a theatrical set before it's built. At the conclusion of this course, students will be comfortable creating, animating, and displaying 3D environments at a sophisticated level.

## COURSE ASSESSMENT

This course will explore the techniques and methods for the design and creation of 3D models in SketchUp. You will be presented with a series of informative assignments that in turn illustrate the tools needed to create a final project geared towards your design profession.

## TOPIC: INTRODUCTION TO SKETCHUP 8

- Course Introduction – review of syllabus
- Templates
- Toolbars
- 2D Drawing Tools: line, rectangle, circle, polygon, freehand,
- **Assignment #1**
- 2D floorplan / drawing of a space

## TOPIC: ORGANIZING A MODEL

- groups
- components
- layers
- outliner

## TOPIC: MODELING TECHNIQUES

- creating roof pitches
- inferences
- axes lock
- move/copy
- tape measure
- **Assignment #3**
- Massing Model (Due Session 4)

## TOPIC: MODELING IN 3D

- Drawing tools: push/pull, follow-me,
- Orbiting tools: zoom, pan, orbit, zoom previous, field of view, look around
- Modification tools: offset, move, copy, measurement
- solid tools
- **Assignment #2**
- Massing Model (Due Session 3)

## TOPIC: MATERIALS & COMPONENTS

- creating materials
- edit in model
- edit in photoshop / image software
- creating advanced components
- saving components
- component library
- **Final Project**
- Begin development of final project/presentation (Due Session 10)
- 40% of grade

## TOPIC: GOOGLE LAYOUT 2.0

- paperspace for SketchUp
- presentation template
- Topic: Plug-ins & Extra Features
- 1001 bit tools
- 1001 shadows
- drop at intersection
- from contours
- podium
- shape bender

## FINAL PROJECT STATUS

- continue to develop massing model, components, & textures

## TOPIC: DESIGN TIME

- from google earth
- from autocad / .dwg
- from pdf
- from building maker
- terrain / contours

## FINAL PROJECT STATUS

- completed model
- begin creating scenes and views for final presentation
- show final storyboard to instructor
- **Topic: Final Presentations**
- 5-10 minute presentation
- feedback