

Adobe® Illustrator CS2: Level 1

Course length: 1 day

Course Description

Adobe Illustrator is a sophisticated graphics program capable of creating complex and attractive illustrations and type effects. You might need to create logos, advertisements, and other illustrations in Illustrator. If you have little or no experience with Illustrator, it can be overwhelming to start creating complex illustrations. In this course, you'll start by drawing and manipulating simple shapes to create logos. You'll also combine text and graphics to create advertisements.

Course Objective: You will use Illustrator to create illustrations, such as logos and advertisements that include type and graphics.

Target Student: Graphic designers, or people transitioning into a design job or taking on design responsibilities, who need to use Illustrator to create illustrations, logos, advertisements, or other graphic documents. They may have little or no experience with Illustrator. They may already use InDesign and Photoshop.

Prerequisites: Before taking this course, you should have a basic understanding of your computer's operating system. For example, you should know how to launch an application, create and save files, and copy files from CD and other media.

Delivery Method: Instructor led, group-paced, classroom-delivery learning model with structured hands-on activities.

Performance-Based Objectives

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- create a logo using simple shapes.
- enhance logos.
- create logos using custom paths.
- create a logo with type special effects.
- create an advertisement.
- import body type.

Course Content

Lesson 1: Creating Logos Using Simple Shapes

Topic 1A: Choose New Document Settings
Topic 1B: Create a Custom Workspace
Topic 1C: Draw Basic Shapes with the Shape Tools
Topic 1D: Draw Paths with the Pencil Tool

Lesson 2: Enhancing Logos

Topic 2A: Format Objects
Topic 2B: Manipulate Objects
Topic 2C: Insert Type

Lesson 3: Creating Logos Using Custom Paths

Topic 3A: Draw Paths with the Pen Tool
Topic 3B: Modify Existing Shapes to Create New Shapes
Topic 3C: Duplicate Objects
Topic 3D: Apply Graphic Styles

Lesson 4: Creating a Logo with Type Special Effects

Topic 4A: Apply Gradients to Type
Topic 4B: Create Type on a Path
Topic 4C: Apply an Envelope to Type

Lesson 5: Creating an Advertisement

Topic 5A: Import a Graphic
Topic 5B: Align Objects
Topic 5C: Apply Spot Colors
Topic 5D: Wrap Text
Topic 5E: Export a File

Lesson 6: Manipulating Body Type

Topic 6A: Import Body Type
Topic 6B: Format Type with Styles
Topic 6C: Fix Spelling Errors
Topic 6D: Find and Replace Text
Topic 6E: Insert Typographic Characters