

Adobe Illustrator Level I – Course Outline – (3 Days)

Getting to Know the Work Area

- Introducing Adobe Illustrator
- Starting Illustrator and opening a file
- Understanding the workspace
- Changing the view of artwork
- Navigating multiple artboards
- Arranging multiple documents

Selecting and Aligning

- Getting started
- Selecting objects
- Aligning objects
- Working with groups
- Exploring object arrangement
- Hiding and locking objects

Using Shapes to Create Artwork for a Postcard

- Creating a new document
- Working with basic shapes
- Editing and combining paths and shapes
- Working with drawing modes
- Using Image Trace to create shapes

Transforming Objects

- Working with artboards
- Transforming content
- Create a PDF

Creating an Illustration with the Drawing Tools

- Getting started with the Pen tool
- Creating the ice cream illustration
- Drawing and editing with the Pencil tool

Using Color and Patterns to Enhance Signage

- Understanding color
- Working with color
- Painting with patterns
- Working with Live Paint

Adding Type to a Poster

- Adding type to a poster
- Formatting type
- Creating and applying text styles
- Warping text
- Working with type on a path
- Wrapping text around an object
- Creating text outlines

Organizing Your Artwork with Layers

- Creating layers and sublayers
- Editing layers and objects
- Pasting layers
- Viewing layers
- Applying appearance attributes to layers
- Creating a clipping mask

Blending Colors and Shapes

- Working with gradients
- Working with blended objects

Creating Logos with Brushes

- Working with brushes
- Using Calligraphic brushes
- Using Art brushes
- Using Bristle brushes
- Using Pattern brushes
- Working with the Blob Brush tool

Exploring creativity with effects and graphic styles

- Using live effects
- Applying Photoshop effects
- Working with 3D effects
- Creating a revolved object
- Changing the lighting of a 3D object
- Mapping a symbol to the 3D artwork
- Where to put the Effect

Note: The curricula above comprises of activities typically covered in a class at this skill level. The instructor may, at his/her discretion, adjust the lesson plan to meet the needs of the class.