
Computer Graphic Design Syllabus

Instructor

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Hours

6:00 – 9:00 pm

Home Room Location

Room 7B

Additional

Students who wish to use their own laptop computer may do so, but must have the current software / resources resident on their computer. Keyboard shortcuts for Windows and Apple OS will be covered.

Prerequisite

Students should have a good understanding of file structure navigation and operation of the Windows and/or Mac operating system.

Overview

Computer Graphic Design will cover computer design techniques. Coursework will include an introduction to file organization and workflow, followed by the fundamentals of Bridge, Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign and Acrobat.

Pre-requisites: Students should have a good understanding of file structure, navigation and operation of the Windows and/or Mac operating system.

Class Textbook (& Resources):

There is no book for the class. Handouts will be provided.

Bring These Items to Class Daily:

Students should be aware that a project started in class may need to be completed at home. Please bring at least two flash drives. One to save your work and one to turn in.

Instructional Procedures

Topics will include (see individual syllabus for details):

File Organization and Workflow– 1 session

Photoshop Basics – 5 sessions

Illustrator Basics – 5 sessions

InDesign – 5 sessions

Photoshop Part 2 – 5 sessions

Acrobat – 1 sessions

InDesign Basics* – 5 sessions

Basics of Graphic Design – 2 sessions – Hands-on exercises will follow that not only address the specifics of the discussion, but also integrate using advanced features of Acrobat, Photoshop, Illustrator and InDesign.

Discussion topics covered will include:

- Design & layout principles
- Fonts & Typography
- Color Output
- Paper, prepress and the printing process
- The Real World - What to expect in the job market, working freelance

Homework Policy

Homework is not required, but will be assigned. If you wish to receive a certificate, 2/3 of the homework must be completed.

If you are using CS5 on your own computer, you MAY NOT be able to open Illustrator or InDesign files saved in the current version of CC.

Some features used in class MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE in previous versions of the software.

Attendance Policy

To received a certificate, student must attend at least 2/3 of the classes.