

# Adobe Illustrator CS4 Level 1

- **Course Length:** 1 Day

## Course Overview

This instructor-led course teaches students how to use Adobe Illustrator CS4 to create illustrations that include graphics and text. Through live demonstrations, the instructor will use Illustrator to draw and manipulate simple shapes while creating a product label. Students will learn about many topics ranging from specific tools such as the pen and pencil, how to enhance documents with fills and graphics, all the way through the steps for proofing and publication. This course also helps to gain familiarity with Adobe Bridge and how to use it in conjunction with Adobe Illustrator CS4.

## Audience/Prerequisites

This course is intended for designers, publishers, pre-press professionals, marketing and communications professionals, or people switching to a design job or taking on design responsibilities. It is geared toward those who need to use Illustrator to create illustrations, logos, advertisements, or other graphic documents. There are no prerequisites for this course.

## Course Outline

### **Course Introduction**

2 min

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### **Lesson 01 - Getting Acquainted with Adobe Illustrator CS4**

42m

Getting Acquainted with Adobe Illustrator CS4

The Welcome Screen

The Adobe Illustrator Window

Screen Modes

Document Windows

Demo: Exploring the Illustrator Interface

Illustrator Navigation Tools

The NAVIGATOR Panel

Demo: Exploring Navigation Tools

Illustrator Workspaces

Predefined Workspaces

Custom Workspaces

The Preferences Dialog Box

The Document Setup Dialog Box

Demo: Customizing the Interface

Illustrator Help

Demo: Using Illustrator Help  
Raster vs. Vector Graphics  
What is a Vector Graphic?  
Raster Graphics  
Vector Graphics  
Adobe Bridge  
Adobe Bridge Workspace  
Views From The Bridge  
Demo: Exploring Adobe Bridge  
Lesson 01 - Review

## **Lesson 02 - Creating Shapes in a Document**

25m

Creating Shapes in a Document  
The Illustrator Work Area  
Artboards  
Color Value Designations  
Types of Color Modes  
Color Mode  
Hexadecimal Color Values  
Templates  
The New Document Dialog Box  
Demo: Creating a Document  
Illustrator Tools  
Helpful Keyboard Shortcuts  
Demo: Drawing Basic Shapes  
File Types  
Save Options  
Demo: Saving a Document  
Lesson 02 - Review

## **Lesson 03 - Creating Custom Paths**

31m

Creating Custom Paths  
Path Concepts  
Paths  
The Pen Tool  
The Pencil Tool  
Guides in Illustrator  
Demo: Drawing Paths  
Modify Paths  
Pen Tool Options  
Demo: Modifying Paths  
Lesson 03 - Review

## **Lesson 04 - Working with Text**

1h 3m

Working with Text  
Type Tools  
The CHARACTER Panel  
Demo: Entering Text  
The Type on a Path Options Dialog Box

Align to Path Options  
Demo: Flowing Text on a Path  
Importing Text  
The Type Bounding Box  
The Area Type Options Dialog Box  
The PARAGRAPH Panel  
Demo: Importing Body Text  
Styles  
Demo: Formatting Text with Styles  
Threading Text  
Text Threading Example  
Hyphenation  
Demo: Threading Text and Applying Hyphenation  
Glyphs  
Demo: Inserting Typographic Characters  
Lesson 04 - Review

## **Lesson 05 - Enhancing Documents**

1h 40m

Enhancing Documents  
Formatting Objects  
Fill and Stroke  
Fill Option Samples  
Stroke Option Samples  
Swatches  
Brushes  
Libraries  
Opacity  
The APPEARANCE Panel  
Demo: Formatting Objects  
Gradients  
The GRADIENT Panel  
Demo: Applying Gradients  
Envelope  
Demo: Applying an Envelope to Text  
Manipulating Objects  
The TRANSFORM Panel  
The ALIGN Panel  
Demo: Manipulating Objects  
Importing Graphics  
The LINKS Panel  
Demo: Importing a Graphic  
The GRAPHIC STYLES Panel  
Demo: Applying Graphic Styles  
Lesson 05 - Review

## **Lesson 06 - Proofing a Document**

18m

Proofing a Document  
Wrap Text  
Demo: Wrapping Text Around a Graphic  
The Check Spelling Dialog Box

Find and Replace  
Demo: Fixing Spelling Errors  
Lesson 06 - Review

**Lesson 07 - Saving Images for Web and Print**

20m

Saving Images for Web and Print  
Exporting Files from Illustrator  
File Formats for Print Applications  
File Formats for the Web  
The Print Dialog  
Save for Web and Devices Command  
Demo: Exporting Images for Print and Web  
Save Images as PDFs  
Demo: Saving Images as a PDF  
Lesson 07 - Review  
Course Closure

**Total Duration: 5h 2m**