

Adobe Illustrator Essentials

1 Day Course

Course Aims

This one-day instructor-led course aims to provide a solid working knowledge of the basics of Adobe Illustrator. After training, you will understand how to use the program's interface and essential tools to produce professional graphics and work with objects and layers.

Pre-requisites

Before attending this course you should have a good understanding of using a computer and navigating Windows or MacOS. Previous experience with Illustrator is useful but not required.

Morning Session

Drawing with Illustrator

- Creating basic shapes
- Bezier drawing
- Using Pathfinder
- Using the Knife tool

Applying Fills & Strokes

- Fills – colour/gradient/patterns
- Clipping masks
- Applying stroke styles

Adding Text

- Working with text
- Typing text along a Path
- Converting text to shapes with outlining
- Distorting text and shapes with Envelopes
- Adding perspective with 3D Rotate

Adding Effects

- Power Rotate
- Adding drop shadows & opacity

Ensuring Accuracy

- Working with Guides & Grids
- Aligning & distributing objects

Afternoon Session

Working with Layers

- Understanding layers
- Adding layers
- Managing layers

Creative Tools

- Blending shapes
- Working with brushes
- Creating symbols

Working in 3D

- Extruding objects
- Using 3D Revolve
- Mapping artwork

Converting from Image to Vector

- Live Paint
- Image Trace

Managing Pages

- Isolation mode
- Working with artboards