

Illustrator CS5

BEGINNERS TO ADVANCED

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Fee: \$480 (before SDF funding) • **Duration:** 2 days (9am - 6pm)

Course synopsis

This course provides participants with hands-on experience to learn the features of Illustrator CS5 quickly and easily. Countless tips and techniques are discussed in this course to help you add vitality and impact to your work.

We share indispensable suggestions and advice so that you can achieve sophisticated results with minimal efforts. You will gain new creative freedom and realise ideas quickly and powerfully.

Target audience

Recommended for anyone who wants to create vector graphics and are looking at the easy, short and “no-efforts” ways to creating these graphics.

What you are going to learn

The Essential of Illustrator CS5

- Getting to know the work area and customising your workspace
- Speed startup with document profiles
- Setting up design grid with rulers and guides
- Ensuring consistency across all artboards
- Create “multi-page” files with artboards of varying sizes
- Track your multiple artboards with colours and labels

Drawing Techniques

- Mastering the various selection techniques
- Creating shapes and lines
- Working with freeform tools including pen, pencil, and brush tools
- Building new shapes with the Shape Builder tool
- Reshaping and editing existing shapes
- Using Live Trace to trace artwork
- Applying colours using Live Paint tool
- Using Symbols for re-usable shapes
- Turning 2D shapes into fully editable 3D objects
- Draw behind or inside other objects without choosing layers or setting the stacking order
- Using opacity to create depth
- Adding non-destructive effects to objects

Working with Layers

- Keeping track of your objects with layers
- Easily locate and target an object using layers
- Handling layers and sublayers
- Changing stacking order
- Moving art between layers

Painting and Colours

- Using and creating colour, gradients and pattern swatches
- Using Appearance panel for quick and easy editing
- Creating smooth colour blends
- Explore colour harmonies with colour guide
- Saving colours groups for re-use

Text and Typography

- Create or import text from an external source
- Working with typographic controls
- Adding wavy text
- Creating text and clipping mask
- Create type outlines to avoid missing fonts issues
- Advanced text manipulations

Integrating Images

- Importing images to reduce drawing efforts
- Managing links for successful high resolution printing
- Enhancing images with effects
- Colourising an imported grayscale image

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