



tel 011 782 4297
fax 086 511 3343
109 3rd street, linden, 2195
po box 44007, linden, 2104



e-mail: msd@imsd.co.za
website: www.imsd.co.za

Adobe® **Illustrator CS5.5** Course Outline: Basic & Intermediate

Duration: 3 Days

Related Courses: Adobe® PhotoShop, Adobe® InDesign, Adobe® DreamWeaver, Adobe® After Effects, , Adobe® Premiere, Adobe® Flash

Course Overview and Objectives

Adobe Illustrator® offers creative freedom that allows you to produce extraordinary graphics for print, video, web and mobile devices. It offers the ability to instantly convert bitmaps to vector artworks and paint more intuitively. You will also learn to create print-ready PDF files.

Pre Requisites:

An understanding of the operating system you are using (Mac/PC)

Course Outline

Work Environment

- Raster vs Vector Images
- Creating & Saving documents
- Using Templates
- Viewing Artboards & the Canvas
- Artboards Panel
- Reorder Artboards
- Customize Artboards Name
- Tabbed document windows & Document Arrangement Panel
- Viewing commands
- Zoom Tools
- Working with Panels
- Application Bar (control panel) & Workspace Switcher
- Using & Saving workspaces
- Using Rulers, Guides, Grid & Smart Guides
- Key Object Alignment

Making Selections

- Selection, Direct selection & Marquee Tools
- Grouping Items
- Advanced Selection techniques
- Select Behind capability

Creating Basic Shapes

- Drawing Polygons, Spirals & Stars
- Drawing Arcs, Squares, Ellipses, Grids & Lens Flares
- Drawing Shortcut Keys
- Compound Paths
- Path Options
- PathFinder Panel

Transforming Objects

- Scaling & Rotating Objects
- Reflecting, Distorting & Shearing Objects
- Perspective & Precise Positioning
- Free Transformations & Multi Transformations



tel 011 782 4297
fax 086 511 3343
109 3rd street, linden, 2195
po box 44007, linden, 2104



e-mail: msd@imsd.co.za
website: www.imsd.co.za

Pen Tool

- Creating straight lines
- Creating curves
- Curve, Corner & Anchor Points
- Editing Anchor Points
- Working with Stroke Aspects

Swatches & Colour Guide Panel

- Global & Local colours
- Colour Groups
- Creating Custom Colours & Spot Colours
- Applying Fills, Strokes & Tints
- Colour Guide Panel
- Creating, Applying & Editing Patterns
- Gradients: Panel & Tools options
- Gradients with Transparency
- Appearance Panel
- Exporting & Saving Colours

Layers

- Creating & Editing Objects & Layers
- Locking Layers
- Merging & Pasting Layers
- Creating Clipping Masks

Blending Shapes & Colours

- Creating smooth colour blends
- Intermediate steps
- Modifying & Combining Blends

Typography & Text

- Open Type fonts & panel
- Importing text files (MS Word/ RTF/ Text)
- Flowing of text
- Character & Paragraph Panel
- Hyphenation & Justification
- Tabs & Columns
- Glyphs & Special Characters
- Type on a Path
- Type inside Object
- Vertical Type
- Character & Paragraph Styles
- Wrapping & Warping Text
- Create Outlines

Symbols

- Creating, editing & updating Symbols
- Symbol Instances
- Symbol Tool
- Unlinking & Swopping Symbols
- Exporting for Flash



tel 011 782 4297
fax 086 511 3343
109 3rd street, linden, 2195
po box 44007, linden, 2104



e-mail: msd@imsd.co.za
website: www.imsd.co.za

Brushes & Scribbling

- Types of Brushes (Art/ Scatter/ Calligraphic)
- Creating, Editing & Applying Brushes
- Paintbrush Tool & Brush Libraries
- Colouring Brushes
- Saving Brushes
- Stretch Control for Brushes
- Brushes with Corner Control
- Blob Brush Tool

Placing Graphics

- Placing of PhotoShop Files (Incl. Layer Comps)
- Duplicating Placed Objects
- Adjusting colour of placed objects
- Editing Imported Masks
- Replacing Images
- Exporting Layers Files to PhotoShop

Integration

- File Integration: PhotoShop, Illustrator & Acrobat
- Editing Smart Objects
- Extracting Embedded Images
- Converting Freehand to Illustrator

Variable Width Strokes

- Using the Width Tool
- Width Tool controls
- Saving Width Profiles
- Aligning Dashed Strokes

Shape Builder Tool

- Setting the Shape Builder Tool options
- Creating Shapes
- Draw Behind & Draw Inside Modes

Creative Suite Design Productivity Tips

Creative Suite Design Resources

* Please note that we offer free electronic support to clients on content covered on our courses.