Graphic Design 1

A one year course that develops knowledge, skills and experiences needed to create digital designs using Adobe Creative Suite including Adobe InDesign, Adobe Illustrator, and Adobe Photoshop. Design principles are explored through various real-world creative projects. The course will explore the ever changing trends in the global field of design and its application in print (two dimensional), product and environmental (three dimensional). Student will understand the impact of the arts and design throughout history and in various cultures. Students will learn methods and theory such as elements and principles of design to enhance their artistic vision and style. Through two and three-dimensional design projects students will develop problem solving skills, artistic perception, critical thinking, and self-reflection. Art critiques and presentations will provide opportunities for students to grow as artists. Learning and using current versions of the industry standard software will provide students with a professional environment and the associated responsibilities as graphic designers.

Graphic Design 2

This is an intermediate to advanced course that will explore the ever changing trends in the global field of graphic design. Students will understand the impact of the design throughout history and in various cultures. Students will learn methods and theory such as elements and principles of design to enhance their artistic vision and style. Through more advanced, real world design projects, students will develop problem solving skills, artistic perception, critical thinking, and self-reflection. Critiques and presentations will provide opportunities for students to grow as designers. Learning and using current versions of the industry standard software Adobe PhotoShop, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe InDesign, and Adobe Acrobat will provide students with a professional environment.
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