

Digital Design I, II, III - Syllabus

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SS_O8xoZvyU

General Information

Description

Digital Design is an art and design course intended to introduce students to the industry-level software Adobe Photoshop, Adobe InDesign and Adobe Illustrator and make them experts in it as well as to explore graphic design and the career opportunities that it offers.

Expectations and Goals

In this class students will train for and be given the opportunity to take the Adobe Certified Associate (ACA) Photoshop exam. Achieving any digital media certification can have quite a few lasting benefits!

Why Certify??

- + Ability to learn digital learning tools +
 - + Proof of competency in specific digital media tools +
 - + Proof of willingness to learn new skills +
 - + Increased confidence in one's digital media abilities +
- INCREASED APPEAL TO PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYERS AND COLLEGES!**

A second and equally important goal of the class is to explore and create visually interesting and skillful works of digital art. This *is* an art class, and we will have many opportunities to showcase the unique works that we will be creating, both in and out of the classroom.

We will also spend time exploring the various career opportunities associated with digital art and design as well as getting our hands dirty with some non-digital art once in a while!

Procedures, Policies and Rules

Procedures

- Be in your seats when the bell rings *{Or logged in to the LaunchEd@Home feed}*
- Log into your assigned computer when you enter the room
- Check the Smartboard/whiteboard for instructions to begin
- We will be using Canvas for assignment delivery and collection. Login after booting
- Never be afraid to ask questions, but please raise your hand
- Be ready to go at the bell. **Stay at your seats until bell rings.** No gathering at the door

Policies

Due Dates

It is the students' responsibility to make sure they are aware of when assignments are due and to have them turned in by that date.

Late work is penalized 25% of an assignment's total points if turned in more than a week late. Late work WILL BE ACCEPTED as long as it is turned in during the pertinent grading period. There are exceptions if a student has missed school for valid reasons. Please speak to me if you feel I've penalized you in error!

Students who finish their work early should continue to work independently in the program to gain confidence, skill and experience. Finishing before the due date does not give students an excuse to play games or be on their phones (see Cell Phones and Headphones below).

Tardiness

Late is late. If you are not in class after the tardy bell has rung, you need to get a pass from one of the tardy stations. This is school policy.

Cell Phones and Headphones

Students may not have cell phones out during class. Phones should be in pockets or backpacks, not in a student's lap, or on the desk/table.

Headphones are allowed *during work time, not instructional time, as long as one ear remains uncovered*. Listening to music is a privilege that will be revoked if a student is unable to stay on task.

Rules

- *I will treat each student with respect at all times*
- Students will treat the teacher and each other with respect at all times
- *I will provide you with the highest quality instruction that I am able each and every day*
- Students will engage in their work to their fullest abilities and effort
- *I will be attentive to students' needs and questions*
- Students will pay attention when instruction is being given so they can be ready to apply their new knowledge to the tasks ahead
- **We will be safe and considerate of the safety of our classmates and peers**

Supplies and Donations

Students do not require any supplies for this class, though they may find it beneficial to have their own headphones/earbuds, to listen and follow along with instructional videos.

As with most hands-on classes, donations for new and innovative equipment and supplies for students to use are always welcome and appreciated. A \$20 donation for the class is recommended, though if your student is taking multiple art classes I would welcome you to divide that payment between the number of art classes. Thank you for your consideration in this!

Parents

Please feel free to contact me at any time by email or during school hours at my extension, even if it is just to introduce yourself. Thank you for caring and being involved in your child's education!