



Adobe® Illustrator® CS4— Mastering the Pen Tool

Gain proficiency with Illustrator's defining features: paths and the Pen tool in this *one-day* class. With the Pen and related tools you can draw free-form lines (called paths), add and delete anchor points to change the shape of paths, and precisely define curves and angles along paths. Learn how to create artistic effects using the calligraphic, scatter, art, and pattern brushes. Apply brushes to paths, modify brushes, and create your own brushes. Create and use symbols.

Prerequisite: Students should have a working familiarity with Illustrator.

Objectives:

- Use the Pen tool to draw straight and curved paths
- Modify existing curves and corners
- Add and delete anchor points
- Merge paths
- Use the paintbrush tool
- Apply effects
- Work with symbols

Outline:

Drawing with the Pen tool

- Draw straight lines
- Draw curves
- Add and delete anchor points
- Merge two paths
- Edit existing paths
- Trace shapes

Working with Brushes

- Apply brushes to paths
- Use the Art, Scatter, Calligraphic and Pattern brushes
- Change the color attributes of brushes
- Use a fill color with brushes
- Create brushes

Applying Effects

- Use the Appearance panel
- Create a graphic style
- Create a 3D appearance with the revolve effect
- Map a symbol to artwork

Working with Symbols

- Use symbol libraries
- Create symbols
- Use the symbol sprayer