

calendar

Following is a general schedule plan created in January 2023 for the course. It is also available [here as a Google calendar](#). **All project sheets and in-class announcements override these dates.**

WEEK OF JAN 9 | COURSE INTRODUCTION + CONTRACT

Tues Jan 10: A-State classes begin

WED

- Intro Lecture
- Classroom Ice-Breaker Exercises + Mindfulness Study Discussion
- Log in to Slack; Log in to Google Drive, set up shared folder
- Review syllabus and Dept. Handbook
- Class contract **DUE** >> [CLICK HERE](#) or see link on Slack #1413_main channel.
- Begin Intro Questionnaire > see link on Slack #1413 channel (provided in class)

WEEK OF JAN 16 |



MON

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day observed. No classes.

WED

- Begin Intro Questionnaire **DUE**
- LECTURE & DISCUSSIONS: Mac Interface, Saving Your Work, Licensing & Rights - Public Domain and Open-Source, Adobe CC for Personal Devices
- DEMOS: Overview of Photoshop, Illustrator, and InDesign: Vector vs. Raster; Print vs. Interactive
- INTRODUCE: File Type Cheat Sheet, LinkedIn Learning
- Read File Types Explained
- ASSIGNMENT(S)

WEEK OF JAN 23 |



MON

- DEMOS: Photoshop Interface, Edit Toolbar, Image Size, Canvas Size, Resolution, Layers, Eyedropper, Brushes, Object Selection, Masking, Dodge & Burn, Adding Text, Screenshots, Make PDF from Desktop files
- ASSIGNMENT(S)

WED

- ASSIGNMENT(S) **DUE**
 - Upload to Google Shared Drive and Slack

- DEMOS: Searching for images using Google tools, Spot Healing, Patch Tool, Clone Stamp, Content Aware Fill, Dodge, Burn, More about Layers, Color Modes Intro: Grayscale vs. RGB vs. CMYK vs. Hexadecimal
- ASSIGNMENT(S)

WEEK OF JAN 30 |

MON

- ASSIGNMENT(S) **DUE**
 - Upload to Google Shared Drive and Slack
- BEGIN **PROJECT 1: Compelling Composites** > begin sketches, place all dates in calendar
- INTRODUCE: Thumbnail Sketch Sheets, Artist Statement Template

WED

- **CLASSES CANCELED** (calendar below updated)

WEEK OF FEB 6 |

MON

- Proj 1: Proposal and Final Sketch **DUE** (*see project sheet*)
- DEMOS: Cropping to Specific Size, Content Aware Crop, Perspective Crop, Adjustments Panel, White Balance, Blend Modes, Warping, Liquefy; Image Size and "Photoshop Math" Review; Finding Images Review
- Work in class on Proj 1

WED

- Proj 1: Work in class + One-on-One discussions (*see project sheet*)
- DISCUSSIONS: Artist Statement Template Reviewed

WEEK OF FEB 13 |

MON

- Proj 1: Work in class + One-on-One discussions (*see project sheet*)
- DISCUSSIONS: How to Present Work
- BEGIN **FINAL PROJECT: Design Tech Portfolio Page** (*see project sheet*)

WED

- Proj 1 Artist Statement **DUE** (*see project sheet*)
- Work in class for final steps of Proj 1 >> Proj 1 **DUE** by end of class (*see project sheet*)
- DISCUSSION: Illustrator Intro - When to use Photoshop vs. Illustrator, Vector Files Review
- DEMOS: Illustrator Workspace and Common Tools, Layers, Pen Tool - Anchor Points and Bezier Curves + more
- ASSIGNMENT(S)

WEEK OF FEB 20 |



MON

- ASSIGNMENT(S) **DUE**
 - Upload to Slack.
 - Upload to Google Shared Drive : Assignments : ILLUSTRATOR
- DEMOS: Basic Shapes, Pathfinder, Shape Builder, Rounding Corners + more
- ASSIGNMENT(S)
- BEGIN **PROJECT 2: Icon Set** > begin sketches, place all dates in calendar (*see project sheet*)

WED

- ASSIGNMENT(S) **DUE**
 - Upload to Slack.
 - Upload to Google Shared Drive : Assignments : ILLUSTRATOR
- Proj 2 Goals and Sketch(es) **DUE** (*see project sheet*)
- Proj 2: Work in class (*see project sheet*)

WEEK OF FEB 27 |



MON

- Proj 2: Work in class + One-on-One discussions + Team Critiques (*see project sheet*)

WED

- Proj 2 Black and White **DUE**; Begin Color
- Proj 2: Work in class + One-on-One discussions + Team Critiques (*see project sheet*)

WEEK OF MAR 6 |



MON

- Proj 2 **DUE** + Proj 2 Artist Statement **DUE** (*see project sheet*)
 - Uploaded to Google Shared Drive : PROJECT 3
 - New section on **FINAL PROJECT** Adobe Express page
 - > Check updated link on original post in #grfx1413_FinProj Channel
- DEMOS: Blob Brush vs. Paintbrush, Fill Bucket, Gradients, Color Modes & Swatches: PMS, CMYK, RGB, Hexadecimal, Illustrator's Eyedroppers + more
- ASSIGNMENT(S)
- BEGIN **PROJECT 3: Funny Faces in Weird Places** > begin sketches, place all dates in calendar

WED

- ASSIGNMENT(S) **DUE**
 - Upload to Slack.
 - Upload to Google Shared Drive : Assignments : ILLUSTRATOR

- Proj 3 Goals and Sketches **DUE** (*see project sheet*)

- Work in class

WED

- Proj 3: Work in class + One-on-One discussions (*see project sheet*)

WEEK OF MAR 13 |



MON

- Proj 3: Work in class + One-on-One discussions (*see project sheet*)

WED

- WED MAR 15 >> NO CLASS

WEEK OF MAR 20

Spring Break

WEEK OF MAR 27 |



MON

- Proj 3 **DUE** + Proj 3 Artist Statement **DUE** (*see project sheet*)
 - Uploaded to Google Shared Drive : PROJECT 3
 - New section on **FINAL PROJECT** Adobe Express page
> *Check updated link on original post in #grfx1413_FinProj Channel*
- LECTURE: InDesign Intro - When to use InDesign vs. Photoshop/Illustrator, Vector and Raster Files Review, Linking vs. Embedding Review, Printing vs. Interactive PDFs
- DEMOS: InDesign Workspace and Common Tools, Text vs. Image Boxes, Multi-Page vs. Artboards, Layers, Display Performance, Preflight + more
- ASSIGNMENT(S)
- BEGIN **PROJECT 4: Artist Postcard** > begin sketches, place all dates in calendar (*see project sheet*)

WED

- ASSIGNMENT(S) **DUE**
 - Upload to Slack.
 - Upload to Google Shared Drive : Assignments : INDESIGN
- Proj 4 Goals and Sketches **DUE** (*see project sheet*)
- Proj 4: Work in class (*see project sheet*)
- LECTURE: Illustrator vs. Raster Review
- DEMOS: Spell Check, Trimming, Bleeds, Crop Marks, PreFlight and Package + more

WEEK OF APR 3 |



MON

- Proj 4: Work in class + One-on-One discussions (*see project sheet*)

WED

- Proj 4: Work in class + One-on-One discussions (*see project sheet*)

WEEK OF APR 10 |



MON

- Proj 4 **DUE** + Proj 4 Artist Statement **DUE** (*see project sheet*)
 - Uploaded to Google Shared Drive : PROJECT 4
 - New section on **FINAL PROJECT** Adobe Express page
 - > Check updated link on original post in #grfx1413_FinProj Channel
- BEGIN **PROJECT 5: E-Zine** > begin sketches, place all dates in calendar (*see project sheet*)
- LECTURE: Grids, Multi-Page Design
- DEMOS: Pages - Facing Pages (Spreads) vs. Pages, Building and Threading Text Boxes, Text Wrap, Display Performance Review + more
- ASSIGNMENT(S)

WED

- ASSIGNMENT(S) **DUE**
 - Upload to Slack.
 - Upload to Google Shared Drive : Assignments : INDESIGN
- Proj 5 Goals and Sketches RD 1 **DUE** + Team Critiques (*see project sheet*)
- DEMOS: Hyperlinks, PreFlight Review, Export to Interactive PDF
- Proj 5: Work in class (*see project sheet*)

WEEK OF APR 17 |







MON

- Proj 5 Sketches RD 2 **DUE**
- Proj 5: Work in class (*see project sheet*)

WED

- Proj. 5 & Final Project: Work in class + One-on-One discussions (*see project sheet*)

WEEK OF APR 24 |    

Apr 25: A-State Last Day of Classes

MON

- Proj. 5 & Final Project: Work in class + One-on-One discussions (*see project sheet*)
- REVIEW: Hyperlinks, PreFlight, Export to Interactive PDF

WEEK OF MAY 1 |    

[A-State Finals](#) Apr 27 - May 3 • Commencement May 6

SCHEDULED FINAL TIME:

2:00 pm MWF, MW or WF 2:00 pm W 2:00 pm MTWR or MTWRF 2:30 pm MWF, MW or WF	W, May 3	2:45 pm – 4:45 pm
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- Proj 5 **DUE** + Proj 5 Artist Statement **DUE** (*see project sheet*)
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- Final Project (Adobe Express URL) **DUE** (*see project sheet*)