



# PRE-WORK: VIS

## GETTING STARTED WITH VISUAL DESIGN

Congratulations on joining us at General Assembly for the Visual Design course! We are excited to have you, and are looking forward to working with you all soon!

We want you to be prepared and to ensure your success in the course, we've made a pre course checklist. Complete all the items on the list, and when you arrive on your first day, everyone and their computers will be up to speed and familiar with the necessary programming vocabulary needed to succeed in this course. This should take you around 1-2 hours to complete.

We can't tell you how excited we are to have you join the General Assembly community!

Happy Designing :)

## BEFORE CLASS CHECKLIST (1-2 HOURS)

### COMPLETE ALL ITEMS BY: **DECEMBER 3, 2014**

- Setup [Schoolology](#)
- Install Photoshop and Illustrator (or bring your own image editing tool)
- Complete the Course Pre-Work

## COURSE WEBSITE

- Register for the Visual Design course webpage on [Schoolology](#).
  - Go to [Schoolology.com](#) and select Sign Up and enter your course access code: **MKNPK-927F4**
- Bookmark this page: We will upload all assignments, resources, and other course information on this page. So, make sure it is easily accessible.
- Create a profile. Post a picture in your profile, and write an introduction about yourself within the Discussion thread.

## SOFTWARE INSTALLATIONS

Please bring a laptop to every class. We strongly recommend Macs for this course, but a PC is also acceptable. Additionally, please download/install Photoshop and Illustrator. Alternatively, if you already have a image editing tool installed on your laptop that you're comfortable using, feel free to use that.

### SOFTWARE

[Photoshop & Illustrator](#) (or bring your own image editing tool)

~20 min

[Pinterest](#)

~10 min

### NOTES

To download Illustrator and Photoshop desktop applications, you'll need to subscribe to Adobe Creative Cloud in one of two ways:

1. If you have an .edu email address, you can get the student price of \$19.99 per month at <https://creative.adobe.com/join/edu>
  2. If you don't have an .edu email address, you can get a monthly subscription is \$74.99/mo (or \$49.99 if you commit to one year) at <https://creative.adobe.com/plans>
- We'll be using Pinterest throughout the course for creating moodboards both individually and as a class.