# InDesign Lite | Course Overview

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Want to get up and running with InDesign but don't need to learn the whole program? This course is ideal for those who will be creating and editing smaller documents (one or two pages only). Learn best practices for setting up your documents, working with images, formatting text and preparing your files for print or PDF. Exercises include creating stationery, flyers and ads. If you need to produce multi-page documents such as newsletters, catalogues, magazine layouts, brochures, fact sheets etc, then the introductory 2 day course which is more indepth, covers those features necessary to accomplish those processes.





#### WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- · People who will only be using InDesign a few times a month
- · People who will be working on small documents (one and two page layouts) only
- · People who will be mainly editing documents i.e. not having to create or set up themselves.

## **PREREQUISITE**

Students should have a strong working knowledge of either Mac or Windows.

\$540 \$445 (+GST)

1 DAY | 9-4:30PM

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# Course outline

#### **INDESIGN'S INTERFACE**

Customising and saving workspaces

Moving, docking, collapsing / expanding panels

Application bar

Smart Guides

#### THE TOOLBAR

Toolbar overview Additional tools

Control Panel display

Tabbed windows / multiple documents

Screen modes

Zooming, panning and document navigation Viewing defaults / fit in window / actual size

Display performance Contextual menus

#### **WORKING WITH DOCUMENTS**

Creating and setting up documents

Facing pages

Bleeds

Inserting and deleting pages

Pages panel

Guides: Ruler, margin and column guides

Saving and opening documents

# **SELECTIONS**

Selecting two or more objects

Marqueeing

Selecting all objects

Selecting text

Group and ungroup

Duplicating objects

Nudging elements

Eye dropper tool

# FRAMES AND OBJECTS

Creating frames

Rectangle Frame tool vs Rectangle tool

Strokes and fills

Moving & Resizing objects

Locking and unlocking objects

Rotating, Scaling & Transforming objects

Selecting reference points on control panel

Positioning items using X & Y

Arrangement Order / Send to back or front

Aligning objects using Smart Guides

Creating Lines

Adding arrow heads

#### **WORKING WITH IMAGES**

Importing Images

Image file formats

Understanding resolution

Links panel

Info panel

**RGB & CMYK** 

Modifying placed images

Fitting and resizing images proportionally

Display performance

#### **WORKING WITH TEXT**

Text frames

Entering text

Selection processes - word / line / paragraph

Editing and formatting text

Kerning and Tracking

Leading

Character Formatting – font, size, bold, italic,

superscript, subscript etc

Paragraph Formatting - alignment, space before / after,

indents, etc

Rotating text

Hyphenation

Using font favouriting

Filtering fonts

Special characters – en & em dashes, non breaking

spaces

Using the Glyphs panel

Importing text

**Basic Shortcuts** 

Threading text frames

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# **INTRODUCTION TO COLOUR**

Colour Basics Swatches Panel

#### **EXPORTING AND PRINTING**

Printing a document and print options
Preflight & Packaging
Troubleshooting
Reverting, undo and re-do
Accessing objects behind other objects
Turning Greeking off
Setting Guides to the back
Checking print resolution quality

#### **AUTOMATION**

Setting application & document preferences Saving document presets "City Desktop
Training took
me from zero
knowledge to
really enjoying
building my
new skills. This
course will be
very useful in
my work. Thank
you!"

Tori, Public Servant