

INTER2 graphic design skills: “self teach” assignment topics

Either on your own, or in a group of up to three people, learn one of the below, and make a teaching script. Deliver a summary to the class in a 10-15 minute presentation. You will be marked on this. Procedure and deadlines as posted on my ISCOM website.

Here are the topics to choose from.

1. Photoshop Lightroom

Included in your Adobe Creative Cloud subscription is 100GB of cloud storage which you can use — among other things — to store and sync photographs across your devices. Lightroom is an image management and editing program which is particularly geared to editing in photo RAW format. You can have Lightroom on your computer, your Smartphone and Tablet.

Learn how to use this application on both a smartphone and computer.

2. Infographics and tables in Illustrator and Indesign

One can make much more attractive graphs in Illustrator and tables in Indesign than you can with say Microsoft Excel.

Learn how to make high-quality infographs in Illustrator and tables in Indesign.

3. Adobe Acrobat

Adobe Acrobat is a powerful application often under-utilised by designers. It is a set of tools for manipulating, enhancing and editing PDFs. For example it is useful for OCR (optical character recognition), filling in and signing of forms, creating forms, PDF document editing, etc. etc. etc.

Learn some of this functionality as an introduction to Adobe Acrobat.

4. Photoshop layers, selections and masking

For some people, the real fun starts when one uses Photoshop to create a composite and combine different image elements into a single photo. We have already learned some of these skills in our coursework.

Find and choose some useful new skills here, and learn them.

5. Photoshop filters

There are a lot of useful and wonderful things one can do with Photoshop filters, for example for spin, motion or depth-of-field blur, distortion, stylising and sharpening.

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6. Adobe Dimension

Adobe Dimension is a newish application for creating 3D image useful for packaging design mockups, for example.

Learn some of the basic concepts here and work through one example.

7. Make your own choice

If there is something else within the Adobe Creative Suite that you would like to learn and present, then sell the idea to your teacher, who might agree. For example: Lightroom Classic (if you are a keen photographer), After Effects, Premier Pro, Premier Rush...