

Adobe InDesign Course Online

Master professional page layout design in Adobe InDesign on your own schedule. This self-paced course teaches text styling, importing graphics, packaging, and advanced techniques, including styles, master pages, and tables, perfect for books, magazines, and ads.

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Course Outline

Section 1

Letter Creation

- Setting preferences
- The Control panel
- Text frames
- Basic text attributes
- Basic keyboard shortcuts

Large Type Letter

More text attributes

More Text Styling

- Baseline shift
- Small caps
- The Line tool
- Making proper fractions

Magazine Ad

- Setting up a document bleed
- Placing images
- Combining text & images
- White type on a black background

Advanced Word Processing/Formatting

- Paragraph spacing
- Tabs

Section 2

Kerning/Tracking

- Optical vs. metric kerning
- Kerning vs. tracking
- Manual kerning

2-Page Magazine Ad

- Facing pages
- Color swatches
- Defining colors

Sporktown Brochure

- Placing text, photos, & illustrations
- Gradient swatches
- Drop shadows
- Alignment
- Text wrap

Section 3

Professional Typesetting Techniques

- Bulleted lists
- Hanging bullets
- Hyphenation
- Discretionary hyphens
- Special break characters

Drawing Bézier Curves

- The Pen tool
- Segments, anchor points, & curves

Multiple Column Ad with Text Wrap

- Multiple text columns
- Drop caps
- The baseline grid
- Text wrap

Magazine Cover

- Placing transparent art
- Defining & using color swatches
- Type on a path

Section 4

Style Sheets in a Magazine Article

- Paragraph styles
- Character styles

- Nested styles

Tables

- Placing Excel tables (with their formatting)
- Table headers
- Formatting tables (fills, strokes, etc.)
- Reordering table cells

Anchored Frames

- Anchoring frames so they reflow with text
- Positioning anchored objects

Section 5

Leaders Magazine: Master Pages & 1st Article

- Master pages
- Spanning columns
- Step & repeat
- Paragraph & character styles

Leaders Magazine—Libraries & More

Libraries

Leaders Magazine: Searches & Spell Check

- Spell checking
- Find/change

Section 6

The Lawyer Joke Book: Setup

- Master pages
- Automatic page numbering
- Automatic text flow
- Running heads

The Lawyer Joke Book: Styling the Text

- Paragraph rules
- The baseline grid
- Find/change with paragraph formatting

Creating a Table of Contents

- Defining & building a table of contents
- Formatting & updating a table of contents

Books: Creating

- Using multiple files to create a book
- Synchronizing files

Books: Auto Page Numbering

Auto page numbering across files