Course Schedule for CAO 166a Introduction to Computer Illustration

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June 29, 2004: Getting to Know Illustrator

Course introduction. Introduction to Illustrator, illustration, and digital illustration. Review of tools, options, and palettes. Special attention is placed on the pen tool, shapes, and fills. Discussion of Raster vs. Vector, RGB vs. CMYK, and important key commands.

Reading Assignment: Read Chapter 1

July 6, 2004: Object Basics

Using the Scanner and Photoshop. Object Basics.
Graphic Design Terminology. Key Commands.
Class Exercize: Creating a simple logo.

**Reading Assignment:
Read Pages 29 - 31
Read Chapters 5 and 10**

July 13, 2004: Drawing with the Pen Tool

Chapter 10 review. Drawing with the Pen Tool.
Understanding shapes, lines, pen tool editing.
Class Exercize: Pear Assignment.

**Reading Assignment:
Read Chapters 6 and 8**

July 20, 2004: Reshaping and Drawing

Chapters 6 & 8 review.
Reshaping and Drawing
Class Exercize: Drawing a Lightbulb with shapes.

**Reading Assignment:
Read Chapters 7 and 9**

July 27, 2004: Transforming and Blending

Chapters 7 & 10 review.
Transforming and Blending
Class Exercize: Work on Final Project in Class.

**Reading Assignment:
Read Chapters 12 and 13**

August 3, 2004: Creating and Styling Type

Chapters 12 & 13 review.
 Using Type Tools, Saving Files for the Web, Printing Techniques, Resolution.
Class Exercize: Complete work on Final Project. Print Final Project. Burn CD-ROM.

Final Project Due