

Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana –Central Indiana  
School of Fine Arts and Design  
Visual Communications

**COURSE TITLE:** Introduction to Computer Graphics

**COURSE NUMBER:** VISC 115

**ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE:**

**WEEK #1**

**INTRO:** Intro to instructor, course, equipment and program policies

**LECTURE:** Introduction to Visual Communications

**LAB:** Classroom, network, and Internet use; printing to printers

**ASSIGNMENT:** Go to <https://dl.ivytech.edu> and in the section for our class look in “Assignments” or “Announcements” for this week’s assignment.

**WEEK #2**

**INTRO:** Review and questions

**LECTURE:** Intro to Raster (bitmapped) Graphics; Intro to Project 1

**LAB:** Photoshop basics (layers, selections); Removing backgrounds

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**WEEK #3**

**INTRO:** Turn in Project 1

**LECTURE:** Raster imaging techniques

**LAB:** More Photoshop basics (opacity, typography, painting, clone stamp, filters, layer styles); Intro to Project 2

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**WEEK #4**

**INTRO:** Review and questions

**LECTURE:** Digital Imaging

**LAB:** More Photoshop basics; scanning

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**WEEK #5**

**INTRO:** Project 2 Critiques

**LECTURE:** Intro to Vector Graphics

**LAB:** Illustrator Basics (layers/order, brush, pencil); Intro to Project 3

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### WEEK #6

**INTRO:** Review and questions  
**LECTURE:** Vector techniques  
**LAB:** More Illustrator Basics (pen, pathfinder, LiveTrace, adding & subtracting anchor points). Iconography & Typography  
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### WEEK #7

**INTRO:** Review and Questions  
**LECTURE:** Illustrator Wrapup  
**LAB:** Adobe Acrobat, PDF  
**ASSIGNMENT:** Continue Work on Project 3

### WEEK #8

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### WEEK #9

**INTRO:** Project 3 Due, Critique  
**LECTURE:** Midterm Review  
**LAB:** Midterm Review  
**ASSIGNMENT:** Go to <https://dl.ivytech.edu> and in the section for our class look in "Assignments" or "Announcements" for this week's assignment.

### WEEK #10

**INTRO:** Questions  
**LECTURE:** Midterm Exam  
**LAB:** Project 4 Assigned  
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### WEEK #11

**INTRO:** Review and Questions  
**LECTURE:** Intro to Page Layout  
**LAB:** InDesign Basics (drawing tools, shapes, layers, typography)  
**ASSIGNMENT:** Continue Work on Project 4

### WEEK #12

**INTRO:** Review and Questions  
**LECTURE:** Layout Techniques  
**LAB:** More InDesign Basics (importing files, multi-page documents, pagination)  
**ASSIGNMENT:** Continue Work on Project 4

### WEEK #13

**INTRO:** Project 4 Due  
**LECTURE:** Intro to Web Design; Basic web searches  
**LAB:** Project 5 Assigned  
**ASSIGNMENT:** Go to <https://dl.ivytech.edu> and in the section for our class look in "Assignments" or "Announcements" for this week's assignment.

### WEEK #14

**INTRO:** Review and Questions  
**LECTURE:** Web design software; Web layout project in Photoshop  
**LAB:** Web and the Internet  
**ASSIGNMENT:** Continue Work on Project 5

### WEEK #15

**INTRO:** Project 5 Due  
**LECTURE:** Web Design and Dreamweaver Wrapup  
**LAB:** Review for Final Exam  
**ASSIGNMENT:** Continue Work on Project 5

### WEEK #16

**INTRO:** Final Exam  
**LECTURE:** Final Exam  
**LAB:** Final Exam  
**ASSIGNMENT:** Have a great break!