

Basic Photoshop Course

Ideal for Beginners

Course Content

1. Getting Started with Photoshop

- Understanding the Photoshop interface
- Setting up a new project
- Overview of common file types and image resolution

2. Working with Layers

- What are layers, and why are they important?
- Creating, managing, and organizing layers
- Understanding layer opacity and blending modes

3. Essential Tools Overview

- Move Tool
- Selection Tools (Marquee, Lasso, Quick Selection)
- Brush and Eraser Tools
- Crop and Transform Tools

4. Basic Photo Editing

- Cropping and resizing images
- Adjusting brightness, contrast, and color balance
- Spot Healing and Clone Stamp for retouching

5. Using Text in Photoshop

- Adding and formatting text
- Basic text effects (drop shadows, glows)
- Working with text layers

6. Introduction to Masks

- What are layer masks?
- How to use masks for non-destructive editing
- Basic masking techniques

7. Saving and Exporting Projects

- Saving your work as a PSD file
- Exporting for web (JPEG, PNG) and print (TIFF, PDF)
- Exporting with transparency

8. Shortcuts and Workflow Tips

- Keyboard shortcuts for faster editing
- Organizing your workspace for efficiency
- Using actions and presets for repeated tasks

9. Working with Color

- Understanding RGB and CMYK color modes
- Using the Color Picker and Swatches
- Applying and adjusting color with the Brush and Gradient tools
- Basic color correction with the Adjustments panel (Hue/Saturation, Vibrance, Levels)

10. Introduction to Filters and Effects

- Applying basic filters (Blur, Sharpen, Noise)
- Using the Filter Gallery for artistic effects
- Using Smart Filters for non-destructive editing
- Adding effects like drop shadows and glows through layer styles

11. Introduction to Pen Tool and Paths

- Basics of the Pen Tool and how to create paths
- Drawing simple shapes and curves
- Converting paths into selections
- Practical uses of the Pen Tool in editing (cutting out objects, creating smooth selections)

12. Blending and Compositing

- Understanding layer blending modes
- Combining multiple images into a single composition
- Adjusting lighting and color to create seamless composites
- Using masks and gradients to blend images smoothly

13. Shapes and Vector Tools

- Creating and editing basic shapes (Rectangle, Ellipse, Polygon tools)
- Using the Shape Tool for graphic design elements
- Working with vector layers and paths
- Combining shapes and text for simple logos or graphics

14. Introduction to Image Adjustments

- Understanding image adjustments (Brightness/Contrast, Levels, Curves)

- Working with Adjustment Layers for non-destructive editing
- Applying color adjustments (Hue/Saturation, Color Balance)
- Enhancing shadows and highlights

15. Introduction to Blending Modes

- What are blending modes and how do they work?
- Overview of common blending modes (Multiply, Screen, Overlay)
- Practical applications of blending modes in photo editing
- Combining blending modes with opacity for unique effects

16. Introduction to Basic Shape Design

- Using the Shape Tools to create basic design elements
- Customizing shapes with the Properties panel
- Working with the Pen Tool for custom shapes
- Combining shapes with text to create simple logos or designs

17. Working with Patterns and Textures

- How to create and apply patterns in Photoshop
- Adding texture to images using blending modes and filters
- Creating custom patterns and saving them for future use
- Using textures to enhance background design and typography

18. Creating Custom Brushes

- Introduction to Photoshop brushes
- How to create your own custom brushes from scratch
- Adjusting brush dynamics for unique effects

- Saving and organizing custom brush sets

19. Layer Styles and Effects

- Introduction to Layer Styles (Drop Shadow, Outer Glow, Stroke, etc.)
- Creating polished text and shape effects with Layer Styles
- Using Layer Styles to add depth and dimension to images
- Saving and reusing Layer Style presets for future projects