Digital Design I  
(AT8570)  
Three Credits, One Year  
Grades 9 - 12

Counselors are available to assist parents and students with course selections and career planning. Parents may arrange to meet with the counselor by calling the school's guidance department.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**
This two-year program helps students to develop the skills and principles involved in advertising design. Students also learn the development and function of advertising and the production processes involved. Students will learn to cross technical and visual boundaries by using the elements of graphic design and computer graphic arts. Additional elements covered are design, illustration, typography, photography, computer graphics, advertising techniques and preparation of camera-ready copy for print material.

**CERTIFICATION**
Adobe Certified Expert (ACE) certification exams  
National Occupational Competency Testing Institute (NOCTI) Assessment: Advertising Design

**STUDENT ORGANIZATION**
SkillsUSA is a co-curricular organization for all students enrolled in trade and industrial education programs. SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA helps students excel by providing educational programs, events and competitions that support career and technical education (CTE) in the nation’s classrooms. Students are highly encouraged to participate.

**PREREQUISITE**
None

**OPTIONS FOR NEXT COURSE**
Digital Design II

**REQUIRED STUDENT TEXTBOOK**
None
COMPETENCIES FOR DIGITAL DESIGN I

Demonstrating Workplace Readiness Skills: Personal Qualities and People Skills
1. Demonstrate positive work ethic.
2. Demonstrate integrity.
3. Demonstrate teamwork skills.
4. Demonstrate self-representation skills.
5. Demonstrate diversity awareness.
6. Demonstrate conflict-resolution skills.
7. Demonstrate creativity and resourcefulness.

Demonstrating Workplace Readiness Skills: Professional Knowledge and Skills
8. Demonstrate effective speaking and listening skills.
9. Demonstrate effective reading and writing skills.
10. Demonstrate critical-thinking and problem-solving skills.
11. Demonstrate healthy behaviors and safety skills.
12. Demonstrate an understanding of workplace organizations, systems and climates.
13. Demonstrate lifelong-learning skills.
14. Demonstrate job-acquisition and advancement skills.
15. Demonstrate time-, task- and resource-management skills.
16. Demonstrate job-specific mathematics skills.
17. Demonstrate customer-service skills.

Demonstrating Workplace Readiness Skills: Technology Knowledge and Skills
18. Demonstrate proficiency with technologies common to a specific occupation.
19. Demonstrate information technology skills.
20. Demonstrate an understanding of Internet use and security issues.
21. Demonstrate telecommunications skills.

Examining All Aspects of an Industry
22. Examine aspects of planning within an industry/organization.
23. Examine aspects of management within an industry/organization.
24. Examine aspects of financial responsibility within an industry/organization.
25. Examine technical and production skills required of workers within an industry/organization.
26. Examine principles of technology that underlie an industry/organization.
27. Examine labor issues related to an industry/organization.
28. Examine community issues related to an industry/organization.
29. Examine health, safety and environmental issues related to an industry/organization.

Addressing Elements of Student Life
30. Identify the purposes and goals of the student organization.
31. Explain the benefits and responsibilities of membership in the student organization as a student and in professional/civic organizations as an adult.
32. Demonstrate leadership skills through participation in student organization activities, such as meetings, programs and projects.
33. Identify Internet safety issues and procedures for complying with acceptable use standards.

Practicing Lab Safety and Maintenance
34. Comply with safety and ergonomic precautions associated with computer use.
35. Maintain instruments and equipment.
36. Demonstrate safe use of cutting devices.
Examining Advertising Design
37 Describe the advertising design industry.
38 Identify occupations in the advertising design industry.
39 Identify ways in which historical developments in advertising design have influenced the industry.
40 Assess characteristics of professionalism.

Demonstrating Fundamental Skills and Techniques
41 Prepare artwork for display or to present to a client.
42 Prepare paperwork and files.
43 Develop a plan to purchase equipment and supplies.

Exploring Elements and Principles of Design
44 Identify elements of design and their application.
45 Identify principles of design and their application.
46 Research color theory.
47 Define design aesthetics.

Applying Illustration Theory
48 Complete perspective drawings digitally.
49 Execute shading techniques freehand or digitally.

Working with Typography
50 Apply hand lettering.
51 Select appropriate typestyle.
52 Research methods of measuring and sizing type.

Designing an Advertisement
53 Gather information pertinent to a design objective.
54 Draw thumbnail sketches digitally.
55 Develop an initial concept.

Printing an Advertisement
56 Identify technical aspects of photo and illustration reproduction.
57 Research pre-press theory.
58 Differentiate between printing processes.
59 Explain the significance of portable document format (PDF) as it pertains to the printing and graphic communications industry.

Applying Design Skills
60 Design an image to send to a professional for screen printing.
61 Prepare a corporate identity package.
62 Design posters.
63 Design billboard/outdoor displays.

Practicing Photography
64 Identify characteristics and operation of cameras.
65 Practice principles of photography.

Applying Computer Skills
66 Demonstrate basic computer skills.
Demonstrate photo-manipulation skills.
Compose computer illustrations.
Demonstrate management of electronic images.

Developing Employability Skills
Prepare a résumé.
Prepare a cover letter.
Prepare a portfolio.
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