

# InDesign in a Day Course (Self-Paced)

Get practical experience with Adobe InDesign's essential fundamentals, from page layout and typography to color and graphics. It's the ideal starting point if you're new to the program and want to become productive quickly.

Group classes in Live Online and onsite training is available for this course. For more information, email [onsite@graduateschool.edu](mailto:onsite@graduateschool.edu) or visit: <https://www.graduateschool.edu/courses/in-design-1-day-self-paced>



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## Course Outline

### Section 1

#### Business Card: Setting Up a File & Adding the Logo

- Setting Default Preferences
- Setting Up a File
- Importing & Sizing a Vector Graphic (the Logo)

#### Business Card: Adding Text

- Creating Text Frames
- Basic Text Styling
- Loading Adobe Fonts

#### Business Card: Colors

- Removing the Default Color Swatches
- Creating & Editing Color Swatches
- Swapping Out Graphics

#### Business Card: Adding a 2nd Page (the Back) with QR Code

- Creating the Back of the Business Card (a Second Page)
- Creating QR Codes
- Navigating Documents (Zooming and Panning)
- Copying Appearance With the Eyedropper Tool

#### Business Card: OpenType Settings

- Setting up a Document Bleed
- Placing Images
- Combining Text & Images
- White Type on a Black Background

## Section 2

### **Brochure: Creating 2-Page Spreads & Cropping Photos**

- Setting Up Spreads (Facing Pages)
- Importing Pixel-Based Photos
- Cropping & Scaling Photos
- Checking Image Resolution to Ensure Good Print Quality

### **Brochure: Layers, Visual Effects, & Blending Modes**

- Creating & Locking Layers
- Rotating Objects
- Drop Shadows
- Gradient Feather
- Blending Modes

### **Brochure: Fine-Tuning Type: Kerning/Tracking & More**

- Paragraph Spacing
- Working in Picas (Instead of Inches)
- Metrics vs. Optical Kerning
- Kerning vs. Tracking
- Variable Fonts

### **Brochure: Working with Tabbed Text**

- Setting Tab Marker Positions
- Adding & Styling Leader Characters

### **Preparing for Professional Printing: PDFs & Packaging Files**

- Exporting PDFs for printing or emailing to clients
- Packaging InDesign Files