

TRAINING CONNECTION

2026 ADOBE INDESIGN ADVANCED

Adv. Lesson 1: Creative Table Design

Design functional and visually engaging tables.

- Understanding table structures in InDesign
- Importing data from text and spreadsheets
- Creating tables manually and from text
- Designing readable tables for print and digital
- Troubleshooting table formatting issues

Adv. Lesson 2: Introduction to GREP

Use GREP to automate advanced text formatting.

- What GREP is and how designers use it
- Understanding basic GREP logic
- Common GREP expressions
- Using GREP in Paragraph Styles
- Repairing formatting issues efficiently

Adv. Lesson 3: Scripts, Extensions & Tweaks

Extend InDesign using scripts and extensions.

- Understanding scripts versus extensions
- Popular script and extension locations
- Installing and managing scripts
- Using scripts in production workflows
- Troubleshooting script behavior
- Understanding the Plug-Ins menu

Adv. Lesson 4: Liquid Layouts & Auto-styling*

Learn the power of Liquid Layouts and auto-styling to speed up re-design of content for different deliveries.

- Different page sizes and adjustment
- Social Media, Digital Marketing cross design
- Comparative design and design Alternates
- What are Liquid Layouts?
- The Liquid Layout Page Rules

Adv. Lesson 5: Formatting a Publication

Adapt layouts efficiently for multiple formats.

- Setting up a publication from scratch
- Managing sections and chapters
- Front matter including TOC and copyright pages
- Body formatting and autoflow
- Back matter including indexes and author pages
- Designing covers for print and ebook delivery

Adv. Lesson 6: Working with Book Projects

Manage large publications using Book features.

- Best use cases for Book Projects
- Creating and organizing Book files
- Synchronizing styles and preflighting
- Preparing books for print and digital output
- Troubleshooting Book workflows

*Please note that the Publication Formatting and Book Projects can be used with many other types of non-book projects like Manuals, How-Tos, Syllabi, Magazines, and more!

Adv. Lesson 7: Working with Variables

Automate repeating information across documents.

- Understanding text and image variables
- Working with text variables
- Using image variables
- Cross-references and custom variables

Adv. Lesson 8: Presentations & Pitch Design I

Create pitch decks and presentations in InDesign.

- Sizing and setup considerations
- Dynamic presentation layout concepts
- Designing from scratch or templates
- Adding charts and infographics

Adv. Lesson 9: Presentations & Pitch Design II

Enhance presentations for digital delivery.

- Print versus digital presentation workflows
- Hyperlinks, anchors, and navigation
- Cross-application asset design
- Using Adobe Document Cloud for distribution

Adv. Lesson 10: A Guide to Interactive Features

Build interactive documents for PDF and digital formats.

- Understanding interactive features
- Compatibility considerations
- PDF versus EPUB workflows
- Buttons, forms, and navigation
- Animations, transitions, and media
- Exporting and troubleshooting interactive content

Adv. Lesson 11: Story Editor & InCopy

Improve editorial workflows and collaboration.

- Using the Story Editor for text management
- Editing styles through Story Editor
- Collaborative workflows
- Understanding InCopy and its integration with InDesign

Adv. Lesson 12: AI Workflows Beyond InDesign*

Explore broader AI workflows across Adobe applications.

- The evolving role of AI in design
- Firefly backend capabilities and direction
- Third-party AI services in layout workflows
- Emerging uses such as translation, auto-layout assistance, and templating

This outline represents a general overview of topics covered in class. Lesson order and content may be adjusted or combined as needed to create the most effective learning experience. Due to frequent application updates, provided books and materials may not always reflect every feature discussed in class, including Adobe's own documentation, which can occasionally lag behind current versions. We will always strive to provide the most accurate and up-to-date information available. Students are encouraged to take notes during class and to take full advantage of Training Connection's audit option, which allows you to retake the course at your convenience.