Level:Intro to Graphic CommunicationsProgram:Adobe IllustratorProject:Basic Shapes

**Objective:** Identify tools in Illustrator and manipulate shapes using Illustrator tools

**Directions:** Following the steps below, each student will create a picture using tools available in Adobe Illustrator.

- 1. First, create a new folder called "Illustrator" in your folder on the DOCs server. This is where we will save all work created in Illustrator.
- 2. Launch Illustrator. (Yellow Ai box in the dock)
- 3. Create a new document 7" x 10" and save this file in your Illustrator folder as Basic Shapes\_your initials.ai (<u>REMINDER: keep file</u> extensions on all file names when saving.)
- 4. Using the shapes tools create the following shapes. Select the rectangle tool from the toolbar. If you don't see it type the letter "M" and that should activate the rectangle tool. This tool has other



shape tools available under it and you will use the other shapes to create the other requested shapes. To create a specific size shape, select the tool needed and then just click once on your blank document - a new window should appear asking for dimensions.

## 5 Requested Shapes:

2" x 4" rectangle 1" x 1" square 1" triangle 5" x 5" circle .25" x .5" - 8 point star

- 5. Using the above shapes, each student will combine them to make a picture. It cannot be abstract.
- 6. Each shape must be filled with color. Use your swatch panel or color panel to color each shape. Each shape has a stroke and fill just like in Adobe InDesign.
- 7. After drawing shapes, return to your black arrow so that you can move the shape around on the page, rotate the shape, etc.
- 8. If a shape needs to be sent to the back of another object just right click on the object and choose ARRANGE and then send to back or bring to front depending on what you need.
- 9. Each of the 5 shapes must be visible and cannot be cut off. You may not change the original size of the 5 requested shapes.
- 10. You may add more shapes, but you cannot take away any of the original 5 requested shapes.
- 11. Type your name and date on the page. When printing, include all printer's marks. Print to the HP4550 (color printer).

## Be creative - the best picture will be awarded a prize.

(Each Yes Response is worth 5 points)	No	Yes
All 5 Requested Shapes Present		
5 Requested Shapes are Correct Size - Have not been reduced or enlarged		
Creative Effort Demonstrated		
Each Shape Filled with Color		
Total		/20