

ARTA 2401 Commercial Art & Graphic Design

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Checklist for printing from Adobe Illustrator:

- Are all your images embedded?
- Do you have any extra paths, text, or miscellaneous items that are not crucial to the printing output of your document that may increase file size and/or confuse the printer?
- Have you outlined all of your fonts (and have you saved an alternate version with all of your fonts)?
- Is your document color mode set to CMYK?
- Have you converted all of your blacks to either: **C: 50, M: 40, Y: 40, K: 100** or **C: 40, M:30, Y:40, K: 100**
- Do you have crop marks? Do you need crop marks? Have you left yourself a sufficient margin around your entire document to account for a printer's inability to print a bleed (safe zone)?
- Have you saved your file as a .pdf?
- Have you flattened all of your layers into one layer?
- Have you flattened all transparencies?
- Have you backed up your file and made sure that the printer does not have the only copy of the file?