

ANI 240 ANIMATION PRODUCTION I

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T-TH 1:30 PM- 3:00 PM

CDM 722 Loop campus

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will focus on the short-animated film production. Students will create four projects from concept to completion throughout the quarter. In these projects students will practice critical thinking, idea generation, experimentation, problem solving, planning and time management. Students are expected to spend a large amount of time outside of class finishing assignments and final project.

GOALS/OBJECTIVES

- To explore different avenues of expression through the completion of class assignments
- To work in a studio environment, where students and instructor share their knowledge and impressions
- To experiment with or refine new techniques
- To become comfortable giving and receiving critiques
- To become comfortable organizing and creating an independent animated project from start to completion

EXPECTATIONS

- Consistent enthusiasm and strong work ethic

- Being on time to class
- Turning in what you have been assigned to on time
- Regular back-ups
- Bringing any files and materials needed to class to make the best use of class time

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is taken at the beginning of class. Being late to class 2 times counts as one absence. More than two unexcused absences will result in a full letter grade reduction for the course. Any student missing more than 4 classes will receive an "F" for the quarter. If you have any personal or medical issues, you must contact the Dean of Students directly. They will then contact me regarding excused absences.

Attending the final class and critique is mandatory for everyone.

POLICIES

- NO CELLPHONE, NO WEB BROWSING, Seriously!!
- Late work will be lowered one letter grade automatically and an additional grade for each additional class until submitted.
- If an assignment is listed on the syllabus you are still responsible for completing the assignment on time.
- If you miss a class, or you know you are going to miss a class, it is your responsibility to look up the new assignment on D2L and watch the video recorded during the class you missed online to catch up.
- Assignments WON'T be accepted via email even if they were sent before due. EVERYTHING needs to be uploaded to the proper assigned Dropbox folder on D2L. No exceptions.
- There will be periodic reviews and critiques of your work and you are expected to participate. This will provide feedback and insight and support in-class and homework assignments. This is the best way to express your observations of each other's work; emphasis will be on evaluations of assignment goals, and on creativity.
- During class time, you are not allowed to work on other classes projects. If seen, you will automatically be marked as absent.
- There is no extra credit available for this course.

GENERAL COURSE WORK

We will use programs from the Adobe Creative Suite including Photoshop, Flash, After Effects, TV Paint and Dragon Frame. I will demonstrate them in class, for more detailed help you should watch tutorials online.

Adobe TV https://helpx.adobe.com/learn.html?promoid=KTTAU#/top_products

Lynda <http://offices.depaul.edu/is/services/technology-training/Pages/online-training.aspx>

These softwares are available in all of the DePaul Computer Labs at CDM, Lincoln Park, and at the Library. Many students use a Wacom drawing tablet; these may be checked out from the CDM 9th floor Film Cage – typically for working over the weekend.

TEXTBOOK

There is no required text but these books are recommended:

- The Animator's Survival Kit, Expanded Edition, by Richards Williams
- Animation Cinema Workshop: From Motion to Emotion, by Rabi Engler
- Understanding animation, by Paul Wells

EQUIPMENT CHECKOUT:

There are cameras, lights, sound equipment, Stop Motion Animation Kits, Wacom tablet pens, and more available for your use in the CDM Equipment Center located at 14 E Jackson St. Suite LL106. The Equipment Checkout Policy is available for download on D2L.

EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS & SUPPLIES:

You will need an External Hard Drive or Flash/USB Drive (min. 16GB) for backing up your work. Always back up your work! Lost work is not an excuse for an incomplete assignment. You can also use online File Storage Site to backup work if you forget your USB/External Hard Drive (Box.net, Dropbox.com)

Various art supplies on an as needed basis for the Stop-Motion Animation Assignment and the Final (i.e., clay, paper, glue, X-acto knife, etc.).

LAB HOURS AND LOCATIONS:

Students enrolled in Animation classes have automatic swipe access to 527, 722, and 803. Students enrolled in CDM classes have automatic swipe access to the 1st floor lab (PC), 4th floor lab (PC and MAC), 634 (PC) and the Student Center labs on the Lincoln Park Campus (PC and MAC). Labs are open 7 days a week.

*Rooms 527 and 722 have Cintiqs

For a complete list of computer lab hours, locations, and machine availability:

[http://www.cdm.depaul.edu/Current Students/Pages/Labs.aspx](http://www.cdm.depaul.edu/Current%20Students/Pages/Labs.aspx)

GRADING

This class is project-based and work-intensive. Your grade will be based on in-class and homework projects. All assignments and grades will be listed on our D2L site: <https://d2l.depaul.edu>

The vast majority of class meeting days will be spent working on your films. Working in class makes up the majority of 30% of your grade. **You must bring materials and be prepared to work the entire class period on the films for this course.**

80% - Animation Assignments

20% - Participation in class discussions and attendance

Do not miss the final class and critique; Attendance is mandatory. Students who do not show up will get their final grade reduced by 2 letter grades. If for some reason you cannot attend, contact the instructor before the final class. Excuses after the class will not be accepted.

No incompletes will be given without documented proof of circumstances beyond your control. Incompletes must be submitted through Campus Connect; they need to be approved by the instructor and by the Associate Dean.

Each assignment will be given a letter grade based on aesthetic, technical and artistic merit.

A	93 - 100
A-	90 - 92
B+	87 - 89
B	83 - 86
B-	80 - 82
C+	77 - 79
C	73 - 76
C-	70 - 72
D+	67 - 69
D	60 - 66

A = excellent

Work shows in depth independent research and development of ideas/Work is finished on time and resented in a professional manner/Technical proficiency: drawing, creation of character and story and acting ability/Student participates in class discussions and contributes to the group as a whole

B = above average

Work shows a degree of independent research and development of ideas/Work is finished on time and presented in a professional manner/Work fulfills the criteria of the assignment/Technical proficiency: knowledge of materials and class participation

C = average

All projects are finished/Work is complete but average in concept/Work fulfills the criteria of the assignment

Although satisfactory, the work has room for improvement

D = below average

Work is poorly presented or unfinished/Work is rarely innovative or shows evidence of self-motivation/Student is unprepared for class/Student does not participate in class exercises

F = fail

Work fails to meet the minimum requirements of the Professor in quality or quantity/Level of performance to Professor's requirements is unsatisfactory/Work does not address the criteria of the assignment/Student did not hand work in

PREFERRED NAME & GENDER PRONOUNS

Professional courtesy and sensitivity are especially important with respect to individuals and topics dealing with differences of race, culture, religion, politics, sexual orientation, gender, gender variance, and nationalities. I will gladly honor your request to address you by an alternate name or gender pronoun. Please advise me of this preference early in the quarter so that I may make appropriate changes to my records. Please also note that students may choose to identify within the University community with a preferred first name that differs from their legal name and may also update their gender. The preferred first name will appear in University related systems and documents except where the use of the legal name is necessitated or required by University business or legal need. For more information and instructions on how to do so, please see the Student Preferred Name and Gender Policy at <http://policies.depaul.edu/policy/policy.aspx?pid=332>

COLLEGE POLICIES

ONLINE COURSE EVALUATIONS

Evaluations are a way for students to provide valuable feedback regarding their instructor and the course. Detailed feedback will enable the instructor to continuously tailor teaching methods and course content to meet the learning goals of the course and the academic needs of the students. They are a requirement of the course and are key to continue to provide you with the highest quality of teaching. The evaluations are anonymous; the instructor and administration do not track who entered what responses. A program is used to check if the student completed the evaluations, but the evaluation is completely separate from the student's identity. Since 100% participation is our goal, students are sent periodic reminders over three weeks. Students do not receive reminders once they complete the evaluation. Students complete the evaluation online in [CampusConnect](#).

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY POLICY

This course will be subject to the university's academic integrity policy. DePaul University does not condone any form of academic dishonesty. Any act of improperly representing another person's work as one's own is construed as an act of academic dishonesty. These acts include, but are not limited to, plagiarism in any form, or use of information and materials not authorized by the instructor during an examination. More information can be found at <http://academicintegrity.depaul.edu/>

ACADEMIC POLICIES

All students are required to manage their class schedules each term in accordance with the deadlines for enrolling and withdrawing as indicated in the [University Academic Calendar](#). Information on enrollment, withdrawal, grading and incompletes can be found at: cdm.depaul.edu/enrollment.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Students who feel they may need an accommodation based on the impact of a disability should contact the instructor privately to discuss their specific needs. All discussions will remain confidential. To ensure that you receive the most appropriate accommodation based on your needs, contact the instructor as early as possible in the quarter (preferably within the first week of class), and make sure that you have contacted the Center for Students with Disabilities (CSD) at: Lewis Center 1420, 25 East Jackson Blvd.
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