

Okanagan College - Innovation Centre, Kelowna

The Program

The two-year Animation diploma program focuses on drawing, design and the principles and techniques of 3D and 2D digital character animation.

Features include a state of the art classroom in the new Innovation Centre in downtown Kelowna, the latest technology in the field of digital animation, and comprehensive classes taught by industry professionals to develop artistic skills, technical dexterity and creative thinking. Industry standard production scenarios and professional practices mimic the production pipeline. Core courses include Animation Theory, digital 2D and 3D animation, life drawing, character design, storyboard and layout design. Animation history, communications and an introduction to business functions are also studied.

Successful graduates complete a professional quality, industry-focused demo reel showcasing their design and digital animation skills, preparing them for a career in British Columbia's booming entertainment industry.

Program Goals:

- Focus on applied learning: from pencil to digital, graduating animators and not just operators
- Deliver a curriculum which balances artistic skills, industry techniques and applied technology
- Maintain close relationships with the industry
- Train artists for a successful career in the 2D or 3D animation industry

Skill sets taught in the Animation program are also applicable to careers in the fields of computer games, multimedia, web design, television, visual effects and feature film.

Benefits to Employers

- An opportunity to evaluate employees without an obligation to permanent employment
- A proven cost effective method of meeting human resources needs
- Co-op students are available: May August (with opportunities for part-time work during the year)
- Graduates are available in May
- Access to a pool of motivated, temporary employees for special projects, peak periods, vacation relief, and coverage without costly advertising

Hire an Okanagan College Co-op Student

Email your job posting to coop@okanagan.bc.ca or call 250-862-5412



ANIMATION CO-OP

Recommended Co-op Schedule for Animation

| Year | September - December | January – April | May - August |
|------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 1 | Academic Term 1 | Academic Term 2 | Work Term |
| 2 | Academic Term 3 | Academic Term 4 | Graduation |

The Animation Two-year Program Outline

Program Structure

The structure of the program reflects the stages of the animation production pipeline with each stage defined by a course in the program. First semester courses offer an introduction to the elementary principles of each stage of production and subsequent semesters build on the principles, skills and techniques to achieve industry standard skill sets in each stage of production by program end.

The program utilizes applied learning principles by putting theory into practice through practical exercises. The curriculum is career focused, emphasizing industry scenarios and techniques.

YEAR 1 - Fall Term

Life Drawing I

Animation Principles I

Layout and Design I

Character Design I

Animation History

Communication Fundamentals

Year 1 - Winter Term

Life Drawing II

Animation Principles II

Layout and Design II

Character Design II

Storyboarding I

YEAR 2 - Fall Term

Life Drawing III

Animation Principles III

Layout and Design III

Character Design III

Storyboarding II

Year 2 - Winter Term

Life Drawing IV

Animation Principles IV

Demo Reel Production

Career Communications & Strategy

