

Degree: Associate of Applied Science

Degree: Bachelor of Fine Arts

Major: Motion Picture/Television - Animation

Major: Traditional Animation

Credits completed at Institution: 74*

Credits at Columbia College Chicago: 60

Explore the worlds of stop-motion and hand-drawn animation in Columbia College Chicago's Traditional Animation program. Learn technical and storytelling skills from a faculty of professional animators with tons of industry experience. There's a reason we're consistently ranked among the top animation schools in the Midwest and beyond. Columbia animation students bring a unique voice and aesthetic to their work, and best of all, employers want our grads. Learn more at colum.edu/academics.

1 st Semester Courses	Credits	Columbia Course/IAI GECC Category
ART 1101 Drawing I	3	ARTS 210 Drawing I
MPTV 1020 Editing for Motion Pictures & TV	3	Collegewide Elective*
MPTV 1311 Introduction to Animation	3	ANIM 105 Introduction to Traditional Animation
ENGLI 1101 English Composition I	3	ENGL 111 Writing and Rhetoric I
MATH course at 1000-level or above	3	Mathematics requirement
Total Semester Credit Hours	15	

2 nd Semester Courses	Credits	Columbia Course/IAI GECC Category
ART 1151 2-D Foundations Studio	3	Collegewide Elective*
ENGLI 1135 Introduction to Film Art (Elective)	3	CINE 238 Cinema History and Culture
GRDSN 2210 Cartooning	3	ANIM 312 Cartooning
MPTV 1313 History of Animation	3	ANIM 106 History of Animation
MPTV 1324 Motion Graphics & Special Effects I	3	Collegewide Elective*
SPEEC 1100 Fundamentals of Speech Comm	3	Meets IAI Speech Communication requirement
Total Semester Credit Hours	18	

Summer Courses	Credits	Columbia Course/IAI GECC Category
ART 2213 Modern and Contemporary Art	3	ARTH 210 20th Century Art History
ENGLI 1102 English Composition II	3	ENGLI 112 Writing and Rhetoric II
Total Semester Credit Hours	6	

3 rd Semester Courses	Credits	Columbia Course/IAI GECC Category
ART 1102 Drawing II	3	Collegewide Elective*
ART 2266 Digital Art I	3	Collegewide Elective*
GRDSN 2211 Storyboarding/Sequential Art	3	ANIM 201 Storyboarding for Animation
MPTV 2331 3-D Animation I	3	Collegewide Elective*
IAI Life or Physical Science course	4	Science course
Total Semester Credit Hours	16	

4 th Semester Courses	Credits	Columbia Course/IAI GECC Category
ART 2201 Life Drawing I	3	ILLU 204 Figure Drawing
MPTV 2022 Screenwriting for Short Forms (Elec)	3	CINE 145 Screenwriting I: Writing the Short Film
MPTV 1320 Experimental Animation	3	ANIM 211 Alternative Strategies in Animation
MPTV 2342 Animation Portfolio	3	ANIM Elective
IAI Social & Behavioral Science course	3	Social Science course
Total Semester Credit Hours	15	

Completion of AAS Degree: 64 credit hours

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5th Semester Courses

ANIM 213 Animation Layout	3
ANIM 310 Drawing for Animation II	3
Humanities course with DEI designation	3
Social Science course	3
Collegewide Elective	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	15

6th Semester Courses

ANIM 330 Digital Animation Techniques: Ink, Paint & Composite	3
ANIM 382 Animation Preproduction	3
300-Level Animation Elective from list	3
Innovation and Impact course (Columbia Experience)	3
200-Level Humanities course	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	15

7th Semester Courses

ANIM 340 The Business of Animated Content	3
ANIM 480 Animation Production Studio I	6
ANIM 482 Animation Solo Project	3
Science course	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	15

8th Semester Courses

ANIM 481 Animation Production Studio II	6
ANIM 482 Animation Solo Project	3
ANIM 485 Animation Portfolio Development	3
Social Science course	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	15

Completion of BFA Degree: 128 credit hours

Credits

In the Classroom

BFA students are required to take [Animation Production Studio](#) and produce their own animated thesis film as a solo project. This is similar in scope to the team project except you'll have three full semesters to complete it. You'll work as the producer, director, editor, and every other role in between.

Outside the Classroom

Want a glimpse of industry life? [Animation Studios in LA](#) is a one-credit, single week, January-session course for selected senior Animation students. You'll spend the mornings learning professional standards and industry preparation and the afternoons touring local animation studios such as Nickelodeon, Warner Bros., DreamWorks, Cartoon Network, and Disney.

Alumni Success

- **Curt Chiarelli '89** worked as a sculptor on the Emmy Award-winning TV show Robot Chicken on Cartoon Network and has done freelance work for Disney, Universal Studios, Lucasfilm, MTV, and Microsoft.
- **Andrew Huebner '98** is vice president of animation production at Nickelodeon. Huebner is a Daytime Emmy Award-winning producer and production manager on animated TV shows such as Kung Fu Panda: Legends of Awesomeness, Penguins of Madagascar, and Avatar: The Last Airbender.
- **Allison Morse '15** is a design coordinator at ShadowMachine, an award-winning animation hub that is home to shows like BoJack Horseman and Robot Chicken.
- **Daniel López Muñoz '96** served as the art director for Pixar's Up and has character artist credits on major films like Coco, Finding Dory, and Brave.
- **Rachael Russakoff '12** is an animatic editor for Nickelodeon Animation Studio.

In order to be considered for admission to the Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA), all applicants following this guide are required to earn a 3.0 in all major courses. Additionally, please note all applicants will be processed as Bachelor of Arts (BA) students until confirmation of enrollment. Contact transfer@colum.edu with any questions.

Students who complete the AAS would be waived from the following major requirements: ANIM 210 Drawing for Animation I.

Columbia College Chicago participates in the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI). Students who complete the AAS degree prior to transferring to Columbia College Chicago have the choice of completing the IAI General Education Core Curriculum (GECC) at Columbia or the Columbia Core Curriculum. Students will work with their Columbia advisor on the best course of action. Additionally, all degree-seeking Columbia students are required to complete 9 credit hours of 200-level (or higher) coursework, Columbia Experience courses as indicated, as well as at least two courses (6 credit hours) with a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) designation to meet graduation requirements.

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