

ATCM 4319.003 Topics in Animation – Stop Motion

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Meeting Time: Fri 1:00 PM – 3:45 PM

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Course Description:

This course focuses on applications of specific styles of stop motion animation. Students learn to create expressive motions through the production of stop motion.

Course Requirements:

Students must have completed the ATCM 3305

Course Structure:

Class sessions will consist of lectures, critiques, and class discussions focusing on assignments. The class format will take on a variety of styles as the subject dictates, and examples will be presented for discussion in lectures, videos and demonstrations. Attendance is required and students are expected to be participating and working in each and every class. Students are encouraged to collaborate in solving difficult technical and conceptual problems that are a part of each project.

Course Objectives:

Through the successful completion of this course students will:

- Establish an understanding of cut out animation, object animation, and pixilation.
- Develop a new set of vocabulary of terms and concepts related to stop motion animation as an art form
- Begin to establish a stop motion workflow
- Continue to develop the ability to offer informed and constructive, technical and aesthetic critiques of the work of peers and of self
- Develop unique problem solving skills in relation to creating stop motion animation in different styles.

Course Outcomes:

Students will be able to plan for and create stop motion animation using every-day objects and materials.

Textbooks:

None

Course Materials:

Stop Motion Studio Pro (iPhone/Android)

Phone Tripod Mount

Tripod

Construction paper

Props as needed (for projects)

Pen/Pencil

Notebook/Sketchbook

Archive materials (cd, dvd, flash drive, etc...)

Grading Policy:

Students must demonstrate satisfactory achievement of course objectives through fulfillment of course assignments and by contributing to class discussions and critiques. Course assignments will require students to use app on their phone or tablet and equipment that can be checked out from the ATEC labs.

Grades by percentage from total points:

A	94 – 100%
A-	90 – 93%
B+	88 – 89%
B	84 – 87%
B-	80 – 83%
C+	78 – 79%
C	74 – 77%
C-	70 – 73%
D+	68 – 69%
D	64 – 67%
D-	60 – 63%
F	Below 60 is failing

Assignment Point Values:

- Assignemtn01: 20
- Assignment02: 20
- Assignment03: 30
- Assignment04: 30
- 100 point value

Make-up Exams: Makeup exams are available only to students who have a legitimate excuse for missing an exam, such as illness, scheduled job interview out of town, athletic team event out of town, death in the immediate family, etc. If you know in advance that you must miss an exam, give a written notice to the instructor in advance, and bring documentation to support your anticipated absence. If you miss an exam unexpectedly because of last minute illness or accident, submit a note to the instructor when you return to campus (or as e-mail attachment if you will be away for some time) with documentation of your situation.

Class Attendance: All students are required to be on time and in attendance for each and every class. Students who fail to attend are responsible for learning the missed materials via classmates. Missing multiple classes will greatly impact student ability to complete assignments.

Punctuality: It is important to attend class on time. Persistent and reoccurring tardiness is disrespectful to the instructor and to your peers. Attendance is taken as soon as class begins and lectures will start immediately after.

Late Assignments: Adherence to deadlines is expected. It is the individual student's responsibility to keep track of the goals and deadlines and to present the work to the class and instructor on the specified dates. Late submissions **will not be accepted** unless a valid reason is given for the late assignment. Students will be expected to make a formal presentation of their progress on dates specified by the course timeline.

Class Participation and Classroom Citizenship:

- Cell phones and pagers must be powered off during formal class hours.
- Do not talk when others (the instructor, guests, and fellow students) are talking.
- Students will not use the computers for personal reasons (e.g. check personal email, surf web) during class time.
- Participate in critique sessions and class discussions. You can learn a great deal from critique on other students' work as well on yours.

While the instructor or a guest is lecturing or demonstrating, you should be listening to the lecture or observing the demonstration, *AND TAKING NOTES*, instead of emailing or web surfing. Not paying attention to lectures or demonstrations will affect your grade directly or indirectly.

Student Conduct and Discipline:

The University of Texas System (Regents' Rule 50101) and The University of Texas at Dallas have rules and regulations for the orderly and efficient conduct of their business. It is the responsibility of each student and each student organization to be knowledgeable about the rules and regulations which govern student conduct and activities. General information on student conduct and discipline is contained in the UT Dallas online catalogs (<http://catalog.utdallas.edu>).

The University of Texas at Dallas administers student discipline within the procedures of recognized and established due process. Procedures are defined and described in the Student Discipline and Conduct, UTDSP5003 (<http://policy.utdallas.edu/utdsp5003>). Copies of these rules and regulations are available to students in the Office of the Dean of Students, where staff members are available to assist students in interpreting the rules and regulations (SSB 4.400, 972-883-6391) and online at <http://www.utdallas.edu/deanofstudents>.

A student at the University neither loses their rights nor escapes the responsibilities of citizenship. He or she is expected to obey federal, state, and local laws as well as the Regents' Rules, university regulations, and administrative rules. Students are subject to discipline for violating its standards of conduct whether such conduct takes place on or off campus, or whether civil or criminal penalties are also imposed for such conduct.

Copyright Violations:

It is the policy of the University of Texas at Dallas to adhere to the requirements of the United States Copyright Law of 1976, as amended, (*Title 17, United States Code*), including ensuring that the restrictions that apply to the reproduction of software are adhered to and that the bounds of copying permissible under the fair use doctrine are not exceeded. Copying, displaying, reproducing, or distributing copyrighted material may infringe upon the copyright owner's rights. Unauthorized distribution of copyrighted material, including unauthorized peer-to-peer file sharing, may subject students to appropriate disciplinary action as well as civil and criminal penalties. Usage of such material is only appropriate when that usage constitutes "fair use" under the Copyright Act. For more information about the fair use exemption, see <http://copyright.lib.utexas.edu/copypol2.html>. As a UT Dallas student, you are required to follow UT Dallas' copyright policy (UTDPP1043 at <http://policy.utdallas.edu/utdpp1043>) and the UT System's policy at <http://www.utsystem.edu/ogc/intellectualproperty/copyrighthome.htm>.

Email Use:

The University of Texas at Dallas recognizes the value and efficiency of communication between faculty/staff and students through electronic mail. At the same time, email raises some issues concerning security and the identity of each individual in an email exchange. All official student email correspondence will be sent only to a student's UT Dallas email address and UT Dallas will only consider email requests originating from an official UT Dallas student email account. This allows the University to maintain a high degree of confidence in the identity of each individual's corresponding via email and the security of the transmitted information. The University of Texas at Dallas furnishes each student with a free email account that is to be used in all communication with university personnel. The Department of Information Resources provides a method for students to have their UT Dallas mail forwarded to other email accounts. To activate a student UT Dallas computer account and forward email to another account, go to <http://netid.utdallas.edu>.

Withdrawal from Class:

The administration at UT Dallas has established deadlines for withdrawal from any course. These dates and times are published in the Comet Calendar (<http://www.utdallas.edu/calendar>) and in the Academic Calendar (<http://www.utdallas.edu/academiccalendar>). It is the student's responsibility to handle withdrawal requirements from any class. In other words, a professor or other instructor cannot drop or withdraw any student unless there is an administrative drop such as the following:

- Have not met the prerequisites for a specific course
- Have not satisfied the academic probationary requirements resulting in suspension
- Judicial affairs request
- Have not made appropriate tuition and fee payments
- Enrollment is in violation of academic policy
- Was not admitted for the term in which they registered

It is the student's responsibility to complete and submit the appropriate forms to the Registrar's Office and ensure that he or she will not receive a final grade of "F" in a course if he or she chooses not to attend the class after being enrolled.

Student Grievance Procedures:

Procedures for student grievances are found in university policy UTDSP5005 (<http://policy.utdallas.edu/utdsp5005>). In attempting to resolve any student grievance regarding disputes over grades, application of degree plan, graduation/degree program requirements, and thesis/and dissertation committee, adviser actions and/or decisions, evaluations, and/or other fulfillments of academic responsibility, it is the obligation of the student first to make a serious effort to resolve the matter with the instructor, supervisor, administrator, or committee with whom the grievance originated.

Incomplete Grades:

As per university policy, incomplete grades may be given, at the discretion of the instructor of record for a course, when a student has completed at least 70% of the required course material but cannot complete all requirements by the end of the semester. An incomplete course grade (grade of 'I') must be resolved completed within the time period specified by the instructor, not to exceed eight (8) weeks from the first day of the subsequent long semester. Upon completion of the required work, the symbol 'I' may be converted into a letter grade (A through F). If the grade of Incomplete is not removed by the end of the specified period, it will automatically be changed to F.

Student AccessAbility

It is the policy and practice of The University of Texas at Dallas to make reasonable disability-related accommodations and/or services for students with documented disabilities. However, written notification from the Office of Student AccessAbility (OSA) is required (see <http://www.utdallas.edu/studentaccess>). If you are eligible to receive disability-related accommodations and/or services and to ensure accommodations will be in place when the academic semester begins, students are encouraged to submit documentation four to six weeks in advance. Students who have questions about receiving accommodations, or those who have, or think they may have, a disability (mobility, sensory, health, psychological, learning, etc.) are invited to contact the Office of Student AccessAbility for a confidential discussion.

The Office of Student AccessAbility provides:

1. Academic accommodations for eligible students with a documented permanent physical, mental or sensory disability
2. Facilitation of non-academic and environmental accommodations and services
3. Resources and referral information, and advocacy support as necessary and appropriate.

OSA is located in the Student Services Building, suite 3.200. They can be reached by phone at 972-883-2098, or by email at studentaccess@utdallas.edu.

Religious Holidays:

The University of Texas at Dallas will excuse a student from class or other required activities, including examinations and travel time for the observance of a religious holy day for a religion whose places of worship are exempt from property tax under Section 11.20, of the *Texas Tax Code*.

Students are encouraged to notify the instructor or activity sponsor as soon as possible regarding the absence, preferably in advance of the assignment.

Excused students will be allowed to take missed exams or complete assignments within a reasonable time after the absence: a period equal to the length of the absence, up to a maximum of one week. A student who notifies the instructor and completes any missed exam or assignment may not be penalized for the absence. A student who fails to complete the exam or assignment within the prescribed period may receive a failing grade for that exam or assignment.

If a student or an instructor disagrees about the nature of the absence [i.e., for the purpose of observing a religious holy day] or if there is similar disagreement about whether the student has been given a reasonable time to complete any missed assignments or examinations, either the student or the instructor may request a ruling from the President of UT Dallas or from the President's designee. The chief executive officer or designee must take into account the legislative intent of *Texas Education Code 51.911(b)*, and the student and instructor will abide by the decision of the chief executive officer or designee.

Off Campus Instruction and Course Activities:

Off-campus, out-of-state, foreign instruction/travel, and course-related field trip activities are subject to state law and University policies and procedures regarding travel and risk-related activities.

Detailed information regarding this policy, in accordance to *Texas Education Code*, Section 51.950, can be accessed at the UT Dallas Policy Navigator, <http://policy.utdallas.edu/utdbp3023>, and at <http://www.utdallas.edu/administration/insurance/travel>. Additional information is available from the office of the school dean.

COURSE SCHEDULE

– *this schedule is subject to change!* Announcements will be made in class and revised schedule and due dates will be made available online.

Academic Calendar with Due Dates

- Week 1 – Jan. 18
 - Lecture01
 - Assign Project01
 - Build stop motion station
- Week 2 – Jan. 25
 - Station presentation
 - Lecture02
- Week 3 – Feb. 1
 - Project 01 Check in
 - Critiques
- Week 4 – Feb. 8
 - Project 01 Turn in
 - Lecture03
 - Assign Project02
- Week 5 – Feb. 15
 - Project02 Check in
- Week 6 – Feb. 22
 - Project02 Check in
- Week 7 – Mar. 1
 - Project02 Turn in
 - Assignment Project03
- Week 8 – Mar. 8
 - Project03 Check in
- Week 9 – Mar. 15
 - Project03 Check in
- Week 10 – Mar. 22
 - SPRING BREAK
- Week 11 – Mar. 29
 - Project 03 Turn in
 - Assign Project 04
- Week 12 – Apr. 5
 - Project04 Check in
- Week 13 – Apr. 12
 - Project04 Check in
- Week 14 – Apr. 19
 - Project04 Check in
- Week 15 – Apr. 26
 - Project04 Check in
- Week 16 – May 3
 - Project04 Turn in