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Welcome to Animation Mentor

Animation Mentor offers Animation classes and workshops taught by a team of over 100 working professionals from Pixar Animation Studios, DreamWorks Animation, Weta Digital, and Industrial Light & Magic to name a few.

It all starts with our world-class partnerships with animation professionals, studios, and software developers. These partnerships — along with our dedicated, industry-focused curriculum — help prepare you for a career in the animation industry. This is where you learn how to thrive in the studio production environment, using our state-of-the-art, patent-pending AMP™ studio production pipeline in tandem with professional studio workflows.

That’s our story. Now get ready to tell yours.

See you on campus,
Bobby Beck, Shawn Kelly, and Carlos Baena

Cofounders, Animation Mentor
Our Mission

Provide the most personal and fulfilling learning experience on the planet.

In 2005, Animation Mentor was the first to offer a world-class animation education online. Today, more than ever, you can count on that same great experience with our proven mentorship educational model, a global campus that’s always on, thousands of hours of educational content, and our commitment to providing you with the most personal and fulfilling learning experience on the planet … all designed to help you — the filmmaker — reach your full creative potential.

No Walls

Here, we have broken all boundaries and barriers to educational access. No longer are you required to turn your schedule upside down to be personally mentored by a professional animator. Animation Mentor brings top professionals who are currently working or have worked at nearly every major feature animation studio right into your home.

Regardless if you live in Madrid, Mumbai, Albuquerque — or anywhere in between — you suddenly have the same opportunity to learn animation or visual effects as those living next door to the hottest studios in the industry. Armed with a computer, a high-speed Internet connection, and a willingness to learn — you will have access to the best possible animation education with a click of the mouse.
Our Founders

Shawn Kelly
Shawn works as a senior animator at Industrial Light & Magic (ILM). He has worked on all three Star Wars prequels and animated for the Transformers franchise.

Bobby Beck
Bobby has worked for Pixar Animation Studios, Tippett Studio, and Walt Disney Feature Animation. His animation credits include: Finding Nemo, Monsters Inc., and The Incredibles.

Carlos Baena
Carlos animated for the Cars franchise and Toy Story 3 while at Pixar Animation Studios, and is currently working on new initiatives for the school.
MENTORS
Learn Animation from the Pros Working in Major Studios
See Full Mentor Roster
Admissions Process and Policies

Note: The Admissions Process and Policies apply to our Animation Program.

The Admissions Process

- Students must complete an admissions application online at registration.animationmentor.com.
- Please allocate 10-15 minutes to complete the application.

Important Notes:

- To be considered for acceptance into Animation Mentor, students must complete the admissions application.
- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Understand conversational English.
- Students must also meet all minimum equipment and supply requirements.

Enrollment

Important Notes:

- Class space is limited.
- Students will be enrolled on a first-come, first-serve basis based on class availability. Registration opens approximately 9 weeks prior to the term start. Register early to secure your preferred section day and time.

Notice Concerning Transferability of Credits and Credentials Earned at Animation Mentor

- The transferability of credits you earn at Animation Mentor is at the complete discretion of an institution to which you may seek to transfer.
- Acceptance of the certificate of completion you earn in any Animation Mentor offering is also at the complete discretion of the institution to which you may seek to transfer.
- If the certificate of completion that you earn at this institution is not accepted at the institution to which you seek to transfer, you may be required to repeat some or all of your coursework at that institution. For this reason you should make certain that your attendance at this institution will meet your educational goals. This may include contacting an institution to which you may seek to transfer after attending Animation Mentor to determine if your credits or certificate of completion will transfer.
Student’s Right to Cancel

- A student has the right to cancel his or her Enrollment Agreement, without any penalty or obligations during the Cancellation Period.
  - The Cancellation Period is outlined in your Enrollment Agreement as any time prior to your first scheduled class.
  - After the end of the Cancellation Period, students also have the right to withdraw from school at any time (see the Withdrawal Section).
  - Cancellation may occur when the student provides a written notice of cancellation by submitting a support request on the Support Portal.
- If the Enrollment Agreement is cancelled prior to the student’s first scheduled class, the student has the option to HOLD or REFUND his or her funds paid to date.
  - **HOLD:** The school will HOLD all money the student has paid to date
  - **REFUND:** The school will charge all non-refundable fees and then REFUND the remaining money paid to date
- The REFUND will be paid within 45 days of receipt of the student’s notice to cancel.

Withdrawal from the Program

**Note:** Withdrawal Policy may differ per Animation Mentor offering.

- Students may withdraw from Animation Mentor at any time after the Cancellation Period (described above) by filling out a “Withdraw from Class” form.
- After the expiration of the Cancellation Period, tuition and fees are non-refundable.
- Any money the student has paid will be pro-rated and held on account for use by the student within the next two future Terms offered.
- Holds will be pro-rated according to the number of class Sessions attended by the student.
- Students will not be entitled to a HOLD after the completion of 60% of any individual class (Wednesday - 7th Week of the Term).
- Held funds that are not used within the next two future Terms offered, are no longer redeemable.

Dismissal Policy

The institution may terminate a student’s enrollment for failure to maintain satisfactory progress; failure to abide by the rules and regulations of the institution; accruing absences in excess of maximum set forth by the institution; and/or failure to meet financial obligations to the school.
Animation Mentor Policies and Procedures

Administrative Offices
Animation Mentor is headquartered at 5900 Hollis Street, Suite N, Emeryville, California. Normal business hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00am – 5:00pm Pacific Time.

Holiday Schedule
While the online aspect of the school is available to students 24 hours a day, the Animation Mentor administrative offices observe and are closed on the following days:

2019
- Martin Luther King Day - Monday, January 21, 2019
- President's Day - Monday, February 18, 2019
- Spring Holiday - Friday, April 12, 2019
- Memorial Day - Monday, May 27, 2019
- Independence Day - Thursday, July 4, 2019
- Labor Day - Monday, September 2, 2019
- Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 28, 2019
- Friday after Thanksgiving - Friday, November 29, 2019
- Christmas Holidays - Tuesday & Wednesday, December 24, 2019 - December 25, 2019
- New Year’s Holidays - Tuesday & Wednesday, December 31, 2019 - January 1, 2020

2020
- Martin Luther King Day - Monday, January 20, 2020
- President’s Day - Monday, February 17, 2020
- Spring Holiday - Friday, April 10, 2020
- Memorial Day - Monday, May 25, 2020
- Independence Day - Friday, July 3, 2020
- Labor Day - Monday, September 7, 2020
- Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 26, 2020
- Friday after Thanksgiving - Friday, November 27, 2020
- Christmas Holidays - Thursday & Friday, December 24, 2020 - December 25, 2020
- New Year’s Holidays - Thursday & Friday, December 31, 2020 - January 1, 2021

Please visit the Academic Calendar for in depth information on holidays, registration, and payment deadlines.
Attendance

• Students will be able to access the lectures on their own time at their convenience.
• Each session lecture is viewable an unlimited amount of times after its initial debut until the end of class.
• Students are expected to view the lecture, complete the assignment, and upload it by the allotted due date.

Important Notes:

• Each weekly assignment is due no later than 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time on Sunday of every week.
• New weekly sessions begin on Sunday at 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time.
• Mentor feedback is typically given by the Wednesday of the following week. Attendance in the live Q&A will give students the personal touch of meeting their mentor and fellow students “face-to-face.” The live Q&A will take place once each week.

Vacation Policy
If you are planning to miss a Q&A or an assignment, alert and work with your mentor directly regarding any school work. We do not advise taking a vacation during a term.

Student Progress Monitoring Policy
Animation Mentor notifies individual students of their academic progress through the provision of ratings on a scale of 1 to 5 on a weekly basis. At the conclusion of each course, the student will receive a pass or fail rating.

• Students are expected to upload their weekly class session assignments no later than 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time on Sunday for grading.
• To successfully complete a course, a student must complete each class requirement.

Note: Policy extends to all Animation Mentor offerings. (Workshops not included)

Student Complaint Procedures
A student may lodge a complaint directly with Animation Mentor by communicating orally or in writing to any teacher (mentor), administrator, or counselor. The recipient of the complaint shall transmit it as soon as possible to the School Director to resolve complaints. If the student orally delivers the complaint and the complaint is not resolved either within a reasonable period or before the student again complains about the same matter, Animation Mentor shall advise the student that a complaint must be submitted in writing and shall provide the student with this written summary of Animation Mentor’s complaint procedures.

If the student complains in writing, Animation Mentor shall, within 10 days of receiving the complaint, provide the student with a written response, including a summary of Animation Mentor’s investigation and deposition of the student’s complaint. If the complaint or relief requested by the student is rejected, the response will include the reasons for the rejection. The student’s participation in the complaint procedure and the deposition of the student’s complaint shall not limit or waive any of the student’s rights or remedies. Any document signed by the student that purports to limit or waive the student’s rights and remedies is void.
Note: Policy extends to all Animation Mentor offerings.

**Visa Services**
No student visa services will be provided at this time.

**A Message from the School Administration**

Prospective students are encouraged to visit the school’s website, [www.animationmentor.com](http://www.animationmentor.com), and to discuss personal educational and occupational plans with the school’s personnel prior to enrolling or Terms and Conditions agreements.

Animation Mentor currently does not have available sponsored programs, government or otherwise, to provide grants or to pay for portions of tuition and fees.

Animation Mentor has never filed for bankruptcy protection, operated as a debtor in possession, or had a petition of bankruptcy filed against it under Federal law.

**Additional Rules of Operation and Student Conduct Policy**

All students are required to conduct themselves in accordance with Animation Mentor’s additional rules of operation and student conduct policy set forth in the Term of Use Agreement that is contained in Animation Mentor’s Enrollment Agreement.

As a prospective student, you are encouraged to review this catalog prior to signing an enrollment agreement.
Character Animation Courses
12-week classes

AN01  
Animation Basics
In Animation Basics, you'll go beyond software to learn how to realistically convey weight, motion and follow through – critical skills on your journey to become a character animator. You’ll start the course by learning how to animate a bouncing ball, and then evolve that bouncing ball through the creation of both “vanilla” and “personality” walk cycles.

AN02  
Body Mechanics
In Body Mechanics, dive deep into the physicality of animating full body walks on both human and animal characters with our Stella and Sloan rigs. Begin by honing your observational skills and understanding of human and animal anatomy. Once you understand the source of realistic motion, you are ready to learn how timing and spacing choices can take your animation from realistic to stylized. Finally, finish class with workflow tips on how to add polish and shine to your animation.

AN03  
Advanced Body Mechanics
In Advanced Body Mechanics, you will animate more advanced physicality with your characters. Pick a character and create your own sequence, using cuts to help tell your story. Whether you want to send your character barreling through a wall or jumping out of a plane, Advanced Body Mechanics will teach you the necessary skills to animate physicality and body mechanics believably.

AN04  
Introduction to Acting
In Introduction to Acting, you tackle two of the most challenging aspects of character animation: pantomime acting and animating dialogue. Through pantomime acting, you’ll learn to show the audience the character’s emotion without narration or dialogue. Advance to the most exciting concept in character animation: dialogue acting. In this class, you’ll learn how to use subtlety and subtext to add complexity and depth to your characters.

Time Breakdown By Hours:
Teaching Material (Lectures, Mentor Q&As, eCritiques, etc.) 27 hours
Special Events (Guest Lectures and Movie Q&As, etc.) 5 hours
Support (Office Hours, Community Q&As, etc.) 10 hours
Resources (Special Video and General Training, etc.) 10 hours
Total Clock Hours: 52 hours
Estimated Homework: 120 hours

Time Breakdown By Hours:
Teaching Material (Lectures, Mentor Q&As, eCritiques, etc.) 27 hours
Special Events (Guest Lectures and Movie Q&As, etc.) 5 hours
Support (Office Hours, Community Q&As, etc.) 10 hours
Resources (Special Video and General Training, etc.) 10 hours
Total Clock Hours: 52 hours
Estimated Homework: 120 hours

Time Breakdown By Hours:
Teaching Material (Lectures, Mentor Q&As, eCritiques, etc.) 27 hours
Special Events (Guest Lectures and Movie Q&As, etc.) 5 hours
Support (Office Hours, Community Q&As, etc.) 10 hours
Resources (Special Video and General Training, etc.) 10 hours
Total Clock Hours: 52 hours
Estimated Homework: 240 hours

Time Breakdown By Hours:
Teaching Material (Lectures, Mentor Q&As, eCritiques, etc.) 27 hours
Special Events (Guest Lectures and Movie Q&As, etc.) 5 hours
Support (Office Hours, Community Q&As, etc.) 10 hours
Resources (Special Video and General Training, etc.) 10 hours
Total Clock Hours: 52 hours
Estimated Homework: 300 hours
Character Animation Courses
12-week classes

AN05 Advanced Acting
In Advanced Acting, you get your first taste of how to plan and execute your animation in a studio production environment. You'll learn to create shots that cut together correctly, staging your acting in the best way to support the overall story or character arc. Your assignments will focus on two-person dialogue shots and you’ll learn how to find the balance of giving each character life without losing the focus on the core beats of your shot.

AN06 Polishing and Portfolio
In this course, you'll produce at least 15 seconds of polished animation for your demo reel. Learn the best practices for what to include and what not to include on your demo reel, and get valuable insights into the hiring process at top animation studios.

Creature Animation Courses
12-week classes

WCL01 Creature Animation: Locomotion
Start your concentration on animal and creature animation by learning the fundamentals of what makes them unique. Apply those principles by animating an animal locomotion/behavior shot. You will learn the dynamics of creature locomotion.

WCF01 Creature Animation: Fight or Flight
Pack a punch and push yourself further as an animator than you thought possible. Animate with two characters interacting and integrate with a live-action plate. Learn what makes a good action sequence, with tips on planning and pacing physical animation — and learn how to work effectively with live-action footage. You will also learn to conceptualize and pitch an action sequence with live-action footage.

Time Breakdown By Hours:
Teaching Material (Lectures, Mentor Q&As, eCritiques, etc.) 34 hours
Special Events (Guest Lectures and Movie Q&As, etc.) 5 hours
Support (Office Hours, Community Q&As, etc.) 10 hours
Resources (Special Video and General Training, etc.) 10 hours
Total Clock Hours: 59 hours
Estimated Homework: 300 hours

Time Breakdown By Hours:
Teaching Material (Lectures, Mentor Q&As, eCritiques, etc.) 36 hours
Special Events (Guest Lectures and Movie Q&As, etc.) 5 hours
Support (Office Hours, Community Q&As, etc.) 10 hours
Resources (Special Video and General Training, etc.) 10 hours
Total Clock Hours: 61 hours
Estimated Homework: 300 hours

Time Breakdown By Hours:
Teaching Material (Lectures, Mentor Q&As, eCritiques, etc.) 27 hours
Special Events (Guest Lectures and Movie Q&As, etc.) 5 hours
Support (Office Hours, Community Q&As, etc.) 10 hours
Resources (Special Video and General Training, etc.) 10 hours
Total Clock Hours: 52 hours
Estimated Homework: 120 hours

Time Breakdown By Hours:
Teaching Material (Lectures, Mentor Q&As, eCritiques, etc.) 27 hours
Special Events (Guest Lectures and Movie Q&As, etc.) 5 hours
Support (Office Hours, Community Q&As, etc.) 10 hours
Resources (Special Video and General Training, etc.) 10 hours
Total Clock Hours: 52 hours
Estimated Homework: 240 hours
Workshops
6-week classes

WMAYA01
Maya Workshop: Animation Basics
Maya workshop is designed for beginning animators and will introduce Maya software directing student learning on the specific tools used in character animation. After completing the workshop, students will have the foundational knowledge of Maya to continue your journey of bringing performances to life as a character animator!

WTOON01
Cartoony Animation for 3D Animators
In this workshop you will expand your visual vocabulary and give yourself the tools you need to improve your ability to pose, plan, experiment and learn. You begin with hand-drawn master studies of great animation, which will teach you cartoony tricks that are most efficiently absorbed via drawing. Finally, you will create a simple cartoony animation following the traditional workflow, and when done re-create that animation, and workflow on a 3D character.

WSBOARD01
Storyboarding Fundamentals
Understand the foundation techniques for staging, clarity, emotion and other fundamental principles for telling stories visually. This will be done by studying film and TV examples and breaking down what works and why. Then through weekly assignments you will storyboard situational story moments. And ultimately, you will create a simple short story and board it to completion.

WSBOARD02
Intermediate Storyboarding
Go beyond the basics of storyboarding and create your own story. This workshop will build on the fundamentals of visual storytelling and help you refine and advance your storyboarding abilities to the next level! Through in-class demos and hands-on assignments, the course will help you fine-tune your storyboarding techniques and create a foundation for your own portfolio, while preparing you to generate and present your own stories.

WGA01
Game Animation Fundamentals
In our six-week long Game Animation workshop you’ll learn the basics of what it takes to be a successful animator within the games industry. From game animation techniques, to games specific concepts, all the way through in-engine integration within Unreal Engine 4, you’ll finish with a good foundation of what it means to be a games animator. This workshop includes two game ready biped character rigs, live animation demos, game animation assignments, and recorded critiques to help you improve.

Time Breakdown By Hours:
Teaching Material (Lectures, Mentor Q&As, eCritiques, etc.) 19.5 hours
Special Events (Guest Lectures and Movie Q&As, etc.) 3 hours
Resources (Special Video and General Training, etc.) 10 hours
Total Clock Hours: 32.5 hours
Estimated Homework: 30 hours

Time Breakdown By Hours:
Teaching Material (Lectures, Mentor Q&As, eCritiques, etc.) 6 hours
Special Events (Guest Lectures and Movie Q&As, etc.) 3 hours
Resources (Special Video and General Training, etc.) 10 hours
Total Clock Hours: 33 hours
Estimated Homework: 30 hours

Time Breakdown By Hours:
Teaching Material (Lectures, Mentor Q&As, eCritiques, etc.) 6 hours
Special Events (Guest Lectures and Movie Q&As, etc.) 3 hours
Resources (Special Video and General Training, etc.) 10 hours
Total Clock Hours: 33 hours
Estimated Homework: 30 hours

Time Breakdown By Hours:
Teaching Material (Lectures, Mentor Q&As, eCritiques, etc.) 6 hours
Special Events (Guest Lectures and Movie Q&As, etc.) 3 hours
Resources (Special Video and General Training, etc.) 10 hours
Total Clock Hours: 33 hours
Estimated Homework: 30 hours

Time Breakdown By Hours:
Teaching Material (Lectures, Mentor Q&As, eCritiques, etc.) 6 hours
Special Events (Guest Lectures and Movie Q&As, etc.) 3 hours
Resources (Special Video and General Training, etc.) 10 hours
Total Clock Hours: 33 hours
Estimated Homework: 30 hours
**Workshops**

6-week classes

**WGA02**

**Game Animation Combat Attacks**

In our six-week long Game Animation Combat Attacks workshop you’ll learn how to create an effective and engaging combat fight sequence. Using a workflow of Maya to Unreal Engine 4, you’ll get a hands on education on the game studio experience. This workshop includes three game ready biped character rigs, live animation demos, game animation assignments, and recorded critiques to help you improve.

**Time Breakdown By Hours:**

| Teaching Material (Lectures, Mentor Q&As, eCritiques, etc.) | 6 hours |
| Special Events (Guest Lectures and Movie Q&As, etc.) | 3 hours |
| Resources (Special Video and General Training, etc.) | 10 hours |

**Total Clock Hours:** 33 hours

**Estimated Homework:** 30 hours

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**WDPaint01**

**Introduction to Digital Painting**

The character, creature, environment, and background designs that determine the look and feel of your favorite movies, TV shows, and games all started with a painting! Learn the basics of what makes a successful painting and how to apply these skills to your own career path. Storytelling is essential in any visual medium, and you’ll learn to use your digital paint brush to share your own characters and stories.

**Time Breakdown By Hours:**

| Teaching Material (Lectures, Mentor Q&As, eCritiques, etc.) | 6 hours |
| Special Events (Guest Lectures and Movie Q&As, etc.) | 3 hours |
| Resources (Special Video and General Training, etc.) | 10 hours |

**Total Clock Hours:** 33 hours

**Estimated Homework:** 30 hours

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**WVisDev01**

**Visual Development: Principles of Design**

Vis Dev Artists—also called Concept Artists—determine the tone and mood for all the characters and environments in a film, TV show, or game. Visual Development Artists have a huge impact across the entire entertainment industry, from animation, to live-action films, to video games, and beyond! In this workshop you’ll get started with the basics.

**Time Breakdown By Hours:**

| Teaching Material (Lectures, Mentor Q&As, eCritiques, etc.) | 6 hours |
| Special Events (Guest Lectures and Movie Q&As, etc.) | 3 hours |
| Resources (Special Video and General Training, etc.) | 10 hours |

**Total Clock Hours:** 33 hours

**Estimated Homework:** 30 hours

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**WPrevis01**

**Previsualization Basics for Animators**

A Previs Artist starts with rough building blocks—just the storyboards or script—which they interpret into a 3D space. In this workshop, you’ll learn how animation and camera work are used to help take a project all the way from script to screen! You’ll also end up with 15–30 seconds of animation for your demo reel.

**Time Breakdown By Hours:**

| Teaching Material (Lectures, Mentor Q&As, eCritiques, etc.) | 6 hours |
| Special Events (Guest Lectures and Movie Q&As, etc.) | 3 hours |
| Resources (Special Video and General Training, etc.) | 10 hours |

**Total Clock Hours:** 33 hours

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See Payment Plans Details

### Important Notes for All Courses:

- Terms and Conditions Apply.
- All classes have a non-refundable $100 registration fee (included in the above prices).
- The Payment Plan option for the $2,499 classes is available to qualified students and requires an initial down payment of $624 and 3 payments of $625.
- Please submit a request with the subject line “Payment Plans” for more info on how to qualify for a payment plan. Please note - you must be approved for a payment plan each term, approval does not roll over automatically.
Computer System Requirements

Because we are an online school, you must have a computer with an Internet connection and webcam. The webcam allows you to capture images from your sketchbook, record video reference, and participate in class with your mentor and other students. Detailed computer system requirements include:

Windows
- Microsoft Windows 7 (SP1), Windows 8, Windows 8.1, or Windows 10
- Hardware no older than 3 years recommended

Mac
- Apple Mac OS X with an Intel Processor
- 10.8.5, 10.9.x, or 10.10.x (High Sierra and Mojave have known issues with Maya. If you have these versions of the Mac OS please downgrade to an older version to avoid technical difficulties)

Hardware Requirements
- 4 GB of RAM (8GB recommended)
- 64-bit Intel or AMD multi-core processor
- 4GB of free disk space for installing Maya
- Three button mouse (a two button mouse will not work with Maya)
- Headset with microphone
- Webcam

If you’re unsure that your system meets the required hardware to run Maya, please make sure to look at the Maya system requirements as well as Autodesk’s recommended system hardware page.

Software
- Autodesk Maya

Software - Other Required Software
- Browser: Newest version of Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox
- Acrobat Reader
- WinZip or 7Zip
- Keyframe MP
- VideoPad Home Edition
- Editing Software: DaVinci Resolve or any other editing software you prefer
- Image Editing Software: GIMP or any other image editing software you prefer
- AMP (provided in the Tools section of the AM Campus)

NOTE: AMP is only available to students of the main core Animation Courses and Creature workshops. If you are taking one of the other workshops you will not need those tools.
Connection Requirement

- Broadband Internet: 1 Mbps download and 600 kbps upload or higher recommended*

*Use Speedtest.net to check your Internet speed. Be sure to choose the San Francisco server for best results.

Student Resources

Animation Mentor offers a full library of academic resources for our student population. These resources are available through the Animation Mentor student site. All students have 24 hour access to the classroom area and under this header is the Library.

Additional student support programs include:

- **Peer Buddy Program** - The Peer Buddy program connects students with other upper class students and alumni in the Animation Mentor community. Students can sign up and to request an upper class person, student, or alumni to leave comments, feedback on their work, and to offer support and encouragement throughout the term. Upper class students and alumni can volunteer to be a buddy in the program, as well.