

COURSE SYLLABUS



COURSE TITLE: ART-155: Digital Movement & Narrative Structures

CLASS SECTION: X01-A X01-B

TERM: 2023W

COURSE CREDITS: 3

DELIVERY METHOD(S): Face-to-Face

Camosun College campuses are located on the traditional territories of the Ləkʷəŋən and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples. We acknowledge their welcome and graciousness to the students who seek knowledge here.

Learn more about Camosun's [Territorial Acknowledgement](#).

For COVID-19 information please visit <https://camosun.ca/about/covid-19-updates> (note - legacy page link works too: <https://legacy.camosun.ca/covid19/index.html>)

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INSTRUCTOR DETAILS

NAME: Dylan Cram

EMAIL: cramd@camosun.ca

OFFICE: Y113A

HOURS: 12:20 – 1:20pm Tuesdays (or by appointment).

As your course instructor, I endeavour to provide an inclusive learning environment. However, if you experience barriers to learning in this course, do not hesitate to discuss them with me. Camosun College is committed to identifying and removing institutional and social barriers that prevent access and impede success.

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

In this course students will look at the structures and contemporary applications of digital image making and methods of interactive exchange. Students will use and apply, contemporary approaches of time-based image creation through digital photography, video, and animation. These contemporary methods will be considered with an awareness of historical and intercultural processes and concepts leading towards a more informed understanding of how various communities experience and navigate ideas of narrative in contemporary culture.

PREREQUISITE(S):

One of:

- C in English 12
- C in Camosun Alternative

CO-REQUISITE(S):

Not Applicable

EXCLUSION(S):

Not Applicable

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES / OBJECTIVES

Upon successful completion of this course a student will be able to:

1. Examine and apply the intellectual and practical potential of temporal frameworks in video, photography, and animation;
2. Create experiential exchanges of story and / or experience using time-based digital media and considered methods and systems of presentation;
3. Apply ethical strategies of appropriation and memory in order to create connections and / or disruptions of narratives;
4. Recognize critical and experimental applications for known structures and systems of contemporary digital mediums (storytelling, storyboarding, digital video, photography, and rudimentary animation);
5. Organize, strategize, and implement course projects collaboratively and independently;
6. Examine and apply the basic technical skills of production and postproduction (editing) programs;
7. Interpret and generate constructive inter-culturally aware critiques of one's own and others' projects.

REQUIRED MATERIALS & RECOMMENDED PREPARATION / INFORMATION

-Something to back up your work (a drive, online storage, etc).

COURSE SCHEDULE, TOPICS, AND ASSOCIATED PREPARATION / ACTIVITY / EVALUATION

The following schedule and course components are subject to change with reasonable advance notice, as deemed appropriate by the instructor.

WEEK or DATE RANGE	ACTIVITY or TOPIC	OTHER NOTES
Week 1: Jan 10	Introduction to Course/History of Animation/12 principals of Animation	
Week 2: Jan 17	Animating Characters	
Week 3: Jan 24	Movement	
Week 4: Jan 31	Critique and Introduction to Sound Part One	Assignment #1 – GIF Due
Week 5: Feb 7	Sound Part Two	
Week 6: Feb 14	Setting	In-Class Skills Test #1: Procreate

WEEK or DATE RANGE	ACTIVITY or TOPIC	OTHER NOTES
Week 7: Feb 21	Reading Break (no classes)	
Week 8: Feb 28	Composition/Angles	Assignment #2 – Walk Due
Week 9: Mar 7	Project Critique	
Week 10: Mar 14	The Three Act Structure	In-Class Skills Test #2: After Effects
Week 11: Mar 21	Non-Linear Structure	Film: Un Chien Andalou
Week 12: Mar 28	Experimental Structure	
Week 13: Apr 4	Open Studio Work Session	
Week 14: Apr 11	Final Critique/ Last Class	Assignment #3 – Transformation Due

Students registered with the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL) who complete quizzes, tests, and exams with academic accommodations have booking procedures and deadlines with CAL where advanced notice is required. Deadlines can be reviewed on the [CAL exams page](http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html). <http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html>

EVALUATION OF LEARNING

DESCRIPTION	WEIGHTING
Assignment #1 – GIF	25%
Assignment #2 – Walk Cycle	25%
Assignment #3 – Transformation	30%
In-Class Skills Test #1: Procreate	5%
In-Class Skills Test #2: After Effects	5%
Participation	10%
TOTAL	100%

If you have a concern about a grade you have received for an evaluation, please come and see me as soon as possible. Refer to the [Grade Review and Appeals](http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf) policy for more information. <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf>

COURSE GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS

Assignments will account for most of your course grade. Student course work will be assessed on each assignments' ability to demonstrate informed experimentation, process comprehension, and exploration of the concepts introduced within the principles described. *Students should plan to meet with the instructor if there is any uncertainty or concern regarding assignment guidelines, results, or course standing.

Show up to class. Be on time. Be prepared to work. Turn off your phone during class time. Do the assignments. Contribute to discussions. Support, help, and respect one another. Late work: If you anticipate work being late – it is your responsibility to reach out to me before the deadline.

Outside of extenuating circumstances late marks of 3% per day will be taken off your grade.

SCHOOL OR DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

1. Students registered with CAL (Centre for Accessible Learning), who wish to have academic accommodations active in their course, are required to confirm that each of their instructors has received a memo from CAL
2. Students who are registered with CAL are required to know and understand the details of their accommodations and to be aware of CAL frameworks
3. In order to receive an **extension on an assignment**, each student must initiate a conversation with their instructor at least 5-week days before the deadline to negotiate and establish a new deadline. Students are reminded that all extensions for course work are limited to semester end date (last of day of class) there may be circumstances where a student experiences a quick onset of disability symptoms where such notice is not practicable. In these cases these guidelines can be helpful for course instructors <https://camosun.libguides.com/AcademicAccommodations/OOCAccomms>
4. **Student absence.** If students need to leave a class or lab or are unable to come to class or lab because of illness, COVID, mental health, etc., it falls upon the student to contact the instructor about their absence. Students are required to take the necessary steps to get caught up in a timely manner on missed material including demos. Students may confer with classmates to learn missed material. Please know that instructors and technologists do not conduct one on one instruction with any student who has missed class/lab. However, instructors and technologist are available to answer specific questions.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

Enrolment at Camosun assumes that the student will become a responsible member of the College community. As such, each student will display a positive work ethic, assist in the preservation of College property, and assume responsibility for their education by researching academic requirements and policies; demonstrating courtesy and respect toward others; and respecting expectations concerning attendance, assignments, deadlines, and appointments.

SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Camosun College offers a number of services to help you succeed in and out of the classroom. For a detailed overview of the supports and services visit <http://camosun.ca/students/>.

Academic Advising	http://camosun.ca/advising
Accessible Learning	http://camosun.ca/accessible-learning
Counselling	http://camosun.ca/counselling
Career Services	http://camosun.ca/coop
Financial Aid and Awards	http://camosun.ca/financialaid
Help Centres (Math/English/Science)	http://camosun.ca/help-centres
Indigenous Student Support	http://camosun.ca/indigenous
International Student Support	http://camosun.ca/international/
Learning Skills	http://camosun.ca/learningskills
Library	http://camosun.ca/services/library/
Office of Student Support	http://camosun.ca/oss
Ombudsperson	http://camosun.ca/ombuds
Registration	http://camosun.ca/registration
Technology Support	http://camosun.ca/its
Writing Centre	http://camosun.ca/writing-centre

If you have a mental health concern, please contact Counselling to arrange an appointment as soon as possible. Counselling sessions are available at both campuses during business hours. If you need urgent support after-hours, please contact the Vancouver Island Crisis Line at 1-888-494-3888 or call 911.

COLLEGE-WIDE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, REQUIREMENTS, AND STANDARDS

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

The College is committed to providing appropriate and reasonable academic accommodations to students with disabilities (i.e. physical, depression, learning, etc). If you have a disability, the [Centre for Accessible Learning](http://camosun.ca/accessible-learning/) (CAL) can help you document your needs, and where disability-related barriers to access in your courses exist, create an accommodation plan. By making a plan through CAL, you can ensure you have the appropriate academic accommodations you need without disclosing your diagnosis or condition to course instructors. Please visit the CAL website for contacts and to learn how to get started:

<http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/>

Academic Integrity

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.13.pdf> for policy regarding academic expectations and details for addressing and resolving matters of academic misconduct.

Academic Progress

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.1.pdf> for further details on how Camosun College monitors students' academic progress and what steps can be taken if a student is at risk of not meeting the College's academic progress standards.

Course Withdrawals Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.2.pdf> for further details about course withdrawals. For deadline for fees, course drop dates, and tuition refund, please visit <http://camosun.ca/learn/fees/#deadlines>.

Grading Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.5.pdf> for further details about grading.

Grade Review and Appeals

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf> for policy relating to requests for review and appeal of grades.

Mandatory Attendance for First Class Meeting of Each Course

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Medical / Compassionate Withdrawals

Students who are incapacitated and unable to complete or succeed in their studies by virtue of serious and demonstrated exceptional circumstances may be eligible for a medical/compassionate withdrawal. Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.8.pdf> to learn more about the process involved in a medical/compassionate withdrawal.

Sexual Violence and Misconduct

Camosun is committed to creating a campus culture of safety, respect, and consent. Camosun's Office of Student Support is responsible for offering support to students impacted by sexual violence. Regardless of when or where the sexual violence or misconduct occurred, students can access support at Camosun. The Office of Student Support will make sure students have a safe and private place to talk and will help them understand what supports are available and their options for next steps. The Office of Student Support respects a student's right to choose what is right for them. For more information see Camosun's Sexualized Violence and Misconduct Policy: <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.9.pdf> and camosun.ca/sexual-violence. To contact the Office of Student Support: oss@camosun.ca or by phone: 250-370-3046 or 250-3703841

Student Misconduct (Non-Academic)

Camosun College is committed to building the academic competency of all students, seeks to empower students to become agents of their own learning, and promotes academic belonging for everyone. Camosun also expects that all students to conduct themselves in a manner that contributes to a positive, supportive, and safe learning environment. Please review Camosun College's Student Misconduct Policy at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.5.pdf> to understand the College's expectations of academic integrity and student behavioural conduct.

Changes to this syllabus: Every effort has been made to ensure that information in this syllabus is accurate at the time of publication. The College reserves the right to change courses if it becomes necessary so that course content remains relevant. In such cases, the instructor will give the students clear and timely notice of the changes.