

McLennan C O M M U N I T Y C O L L E G E

WACO, TEXAS

COURSE SYLLABUS AND INSTRUCTOR PLAN

ANIMATION 2D

ARTV 2301 H1

SHANE CURINGTON, MS, BAS, AAS, AA

THIS IS A 16-WEEK, HYBRID COURSE

COVID 19 Notice:

McLennan Community College is committed to providing you with every resource you need to reach your academic goals including your safety. We will continue to monitor the evolving situation with COVID 19 and adjust our safety guidelines to make sure we offer a safe environment for you and our faculty. Please make sure to consult your faculty and the MCC website on any changes to these guidelines.

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FALL 2021

Instructor Information:

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- Office Location: Business Technology Building (BTB) 110
- Office/Teacher Conference Hours: M-TH 11:00 am to 12:30 pm, M 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
- Teaching Experience: Temple College FA2008-SP2018, Univ Mary Hardin-Baylor FA2014-SP2020, McLennan Community College FA2020-Present
- Credentials: MS Information Systems, BAS Computer Science, AAS Computer Applications, AA General Studies

Course Description:

Teaches skill development in the use of software to develop storyboards and two-dimensional animation including creating, importing, and sequencing media elements to create multimedia presentations. Emphasis on conceptualization, creativity, and visual aesthetics. The goal of this course is to give the student grounding in basic principles of 2D animation and use of Adobe animation software for generating dynamic Web content. The course requires the student to be comfortable using a computer and experienced using the Internet. 3 Semester Hours

Prerequisites and/or Corequisites:

No course prerequisites, but student must be proficient with Windows functions, mouse use, and keyboarding skills.

Course Objectives and/or Competencies:

During this course, students will learn to:

- Explain the basics of After Effects animation
- Construct scenes, movie clips, and animated buttons
- Understand/explain audio file types and use them in an artistic manner for enhancing a visual animation
- Publish an animation in an HTML file for use on the Web
- Use actions and interactive design concepts to construct a multilevel user interface for web site navigation
- Use actions to construct game-type interactive animations
- Create appropriate project scripts and storyboards

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Course Outline or Schedule:

****Subject to Change****

Week #	Start Date	Topic / Assignments
1	8/23	Introduction and Syllabus Getting Started AE Lesson 1 Getting to Know the Workflow
2	8/30	AE Lesson 2 Creating a Basic Animation Using Effects and Presets
3	9/6	AE Lesson 3 Animating Text
4	9/13	AE Lesson 4 Working with Shape Layers
5	9/20	AE Lesson 5 Animating a Multimedia Presentation
6	9/27	AE Lesson 6 Animating Layers
7	10/4	AE Lesson 7 Working with Masks
8	10/11	AE Lesson 8 Distorting Objects with the Puppet Tools
9	10/18	AE Lesson 9 Using the Roto Brush Tool
10	10/25	AE Lesson 10 Performing Color Correction
11	11/1	AE Lesson 11 Creating Motion Graphics Templates
12	11/8	AE Lesson 12 Using 3D Features
13	11/15	AE Lesson 13 Working with the 3D Camera Tracker
14	11/22	AE Lesson 14 Advanced Editing Techniques (Thanksgiving)
15	11/29	AE Lesson 15 Rendering and Outputting
16	12/6	

View important college dates here: <https://www.mclennan.edu/events/index.html>

****Important calendar items:**

Course Grading Information:

****Final Grades are not rounded; you receive what you earn****

Grade Category	
Attendance/Participation	10%
Homework/Quizzes	20%
Projects/Labs	30%
Exams/Final	40%

Grading Scale	
90-100	A
80-89.9	B
70-79.9	C
60-69.9	D
0-59.9	F

Course Notes and Instructor Recommendations:

This course is focused primarily on student performance in completing assignments. Do not fall behind as it will be difficult to recover.

Required Text & Materials:

- Textbook: Adobe After Effects CC Classroom in a Book (2021 Release) 1st Edition
- Author: Lisa Fridsma, Brie Gyncild
- ISBN: 9780136815648
- MCC Bookstore Website: <http://www.mclennan.edu/bookstore>
- Software: Adobe Creative Cloud, After Effects <https://www.adobe.com/creativecloud/plans.html>
- Computer: Laptop or Desktop computer that meets minimum specifications to run Adobe After Effects software. <https://helpx.adobe.com/after-effects/system-requirements.html>
- Portable Hard Drive or Thumb Drive with a minimum 32 GB capacity

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Email Policy:

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All assignments must be uploaded to the course management system to receive a grade. Do not email assignments to the instructor unless directed as assignments emailed to the instructor will not be graded.

All communication regarding this course will be through the course management system or university email. You need to check the course management system and your email at least twice each day, once before class and once in the evening.

General response time for email is 24 hours Monday through Friday. The instructor(s) may or may not answer email on weekends or holidays.

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Forwarding Emails:

You may forward the emails that come to your McLennan address to alternate email addresses; however, the College will not be held responsible for emails forwarded to an alternate address that may become lost or placed in junk or spam filters. Emails lost or placed in junk mail or caught by spam filters may adversely affect your grade as they may contain pertinent information concerning assignments, exams, or other course assessment activities.

Methods of Teaching and Learning:

Students are expected to have read all assigned readings before coming to class or lab. Student progress will be assessed through exercises, homework, online discussions, projects, group work, or exams.

All submitted assignments must be typed (if applicable) as handwritten work will not be accepted.

The exams may include multiple choice, fill-in the blank, short answer, discussion, and problem-solving questions that focus on concept and application. You are responsible for all material in the required textbook chapters and any additional readings as well as any information from class lectures, labs, and assignments. All material covered in class or assigned as homework is fair game for inclusion in an exam.

For work done in teams, each team member may be asked to complete an evaluation of their teammates' contribution to the team assignments. If a team member is not contributing sufficiently, their grade for the team assignment will be reduced accordingly.

Late Work, Attendance, and Make Up Work Policies:

All assignments are due on the day they are due. Assignments received after the due date may be assessed a penalty of ten percent (10%) per week in which they are late and may not be submitted one (1) week after the due date unless approved by the instructor. Students are responsible for all assignments even if they are absent on the due date.

Online discussions are designed to mimic class discussion on a topic and failure to complete a discussion by the due date will result in an automatic zero for the discussion as that is equivalent to missing a class discussion.

Make-up exams, quizzes and other assignments are only allowed in the event of a college excused absence or as otherwise scheduled with the instructor. It is the student's responsibility to inform the instructor beforehand, or in the event of an emergency, immediately afterward, so that other arrangements can be made. The student must initiate scheduling any make-up exams, quizzes, or any other assignments with the instructor. Exams, quizzes, or other assignment will be assigned an automatic zero (0) unless they are scheduled with the instructor for completion later.

Students who fail to submit any graded assessments for two (2) consecutive weeks, will be dropped from the course.

Student Behavioral Expectations or Conduct Policy:

Students are expected to maintain classroom decorum that includes respect for other students and the instructor, prompt and regular attendance, and an attitude that seeks to take full advantage of the education opportunity.

You are encouraged and expected to ask questions and to interact with the instructor regarding relevant issues. However, personal conversations and "chatter" not related to the course will not be tolerated as this practice is very distracting and rude to your fellow students as well as to the instructor.

Students are expected to have reading assignments completed before class or lab.

Turn off cell phones, pagers, or other mobile communication devices when class or lab starts.

Student Responsibility:

All students will be treated as adults, which means you are ultimately responsible for your education. Please take note of the following:

- The course instructor(s) may not remind you when assignments are due.
- The course instructor(s) may not request you attend class or lab.
- The course instructor(s) may not tell you what is on an exam. Any material in the book or covered in class or lab is fair game for inclusion in an exam.
- The course instructor(s) expect you to plan accordingly.

However, the instructor will also be the biggest advocate for you in your educational journey.

MCC Academic Integrity Statement:

<https://www.mclennan.edu/academic-integrity>

The link above will provide you with information about academic integrity, dishonesty, and cheating.

While collaboration between students is welcome to facilitate learning, each student's work must be their own. Representing another student's work as your own will result in a zero (0) for the assignment and possible "F" for the course.

MCC Attendance/Absences Policy:

<https://www.mclennan.edu/highlander-guide/policies.html>

Click on the link above for the college policies on attendance and absences.

Students are expected to be punctual and attend all scheduled class or lab sessions.

Students are responsible for all class or lab work, assignment due dates, and other information given during any regularly scheduled class or lab periods. Students are also responsible for obtaining assignments, instructions, class notes and any other material that was missed due to tardiness or absence, from other students.

Students who are absent from class or lab for a college excused event may make-up exams, quizzes, and other assignments within one week of the excused absence or as scheduled with the instructor.

Students are expected to arrive to class and/or lab on time and to remain in the classroom for the duration of the class or lab. Leaving and re-entering the room after class or lab has started is distracting both to the students and to the instructor.

Students who have missed 25% of the cumulative scheduled classes for the semester or have been absent for two (2) consecutive weeks, will be dropped from the course.

Accommodations/ADA Statement:

Any student who is a qualified individual with a disability may request reasonable accommodations to assist with providing equal access to educational opportunities. Students should contact the Accommodations Coordinator as soon as possible to provide documentation and make necessary arrangements. Once that process is completed, appropriate verification will be provided to the student and instructor. Please note that instructors are not required to provide classroom accommodations to students until appropriate verification has been provided by the Accommodations Coordinator. Instructors should not provide accommodations unless approved by the Accommodations Coordinator.

For additional information, please visit <https://www.mclennan.edu/disability>

Students with questions or who require assistance with disabilities involving physical, classroom, or testing accommodations should contact:

- disabilities@mclennan.edu
- 254-299-8122
- Room 319, Student Services Center

Student Support/Resources:

<https://www.mclennan.edu/campus-resource-guide>

MCC provides a variety of services to support student success in the classroom and in your academic pursuits to include counseling, tutors, technology help desk, advising, financial aid, etc. A listing of these and the many other services available to our students is available at the web address listed above.

College personnel recognize that food, housing, and transportation are essential for student success. If you are having trouble securing these resources, we encourage you to contact a success coach by calling (254) 299-8226. Students can visit the Completion Center Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. to meet with a success coach and receive additional resources and support to help reach academic and personal goals. Paulanne's Pantry (MCC's food pantry) is open 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, without an appointment. The Completion Center and pantry are located on the Second Floor of the Student Services Center (SSC).

MCC Foundation Emergency Grant Fund:

<https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/scholarships-and-resources/emergencygrant.html>

Unanticipated expenses, such as car repairs, medical bills, housing, or job loss can affect us all. Should an unexpected expense arise, the MCC Foundation has an emergency grant fund that may be able to assist you. Please go to the above web address to find out more about the emergency grant.

The application can be found here:

https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/docs/Emergency_Grant_Application.pdf

Title IX:

<https://www.mclennan.edu/titleix>

We care about your safety, and value an environment where students and instructors can successfully teach and learn together. If you or someone you know experiences unwelcomed behavior, we are here to help. Individuals who would like to report an incident of sexual misconduct are encouraged to immediately contact the Title IX Coordinator at titleix@mclennan.edu or by calling Dr. Drew Canham (Vice President for Student Success) at 299-8645. Individuals also may contact the MCC Police Department at 299-8911 or the MCC Student Counseling Center at MCC by calling 299-8210. The MCC Student Counseling Center is a confidential resource for students.

Any student or employee may report sexual harassment anonymously by visiting the following website:

<http://www.lighthouse-services.com/mclennan/>

McLennan's Title IX webpage contains more information about definitions, reporting, confidentiality, resources, and what to do if you or someone you know is a victim of sexual misconduct, gender-based violence or the crimes of rape, acquaintance rape, sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, dating violence or domestic violence.

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