

**APTECH 53 Course Outline as of Fall 2008****CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: APTECH 53 Title: COMPUTER ANIMATION  
 Full Title: Computer Modeling and Animation with 3D Studio Max  
 Last Reviewed: 1/25/2021

Units	Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total		
Maximum	3.00	Lecture Scheduled	2.00	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	35.00
Minimum	3.00	Lab Scheduled	3.00	8	Lab Scheduled	52.50
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	5.00		Contact Total	87.50
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 70.00

Total Student Learning Hours: 157.50

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable

Grading: Grade Only

Repeatability: 39 - Total 2 Times

Also Listed As:

Formerly:

**Catalog Description:**

Three-Dimensional (3D) modeling, rendering, and animation using the windows-based, 3D Studio Max Software program. The student will create professional quality 3D models, photo-realistic still images and film quality animation at the personal computer. Topics include: creating 3D objects and scenes, assigning and editing bitmap materials, creating and setting light sources and camera, casting shadows, and describing movement of: objects, camera, and lights to produce desired results within computer animations.

**Prerequisites/Corequisites:****Recommended Preparation:****Limits on Enrollment:****Schedule of Classes Information:**

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Only)  
Prerequisites/Corequisites:  
Recommended:  
Limits on Enrollment:  
Transfer Credit: CSU;UC.  
Repeatability: Total 2 Times

### **ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:**

<b>AS Degree:</b>	<b>Area</b>	Effective:	Inactive:
<b>CSU GE:</b>	<b>Transfer Area</b>	Effective:	Inactive:
<b>IGETC:</b>	<b>Transfer Area</b>	Effective:	Inactive:
<b>CSU Transfer:</b>	Transferable	Effective: Fall 1998	Inactive:
<b>UC Transfer:</b>	Transferable	Effective: Fall 2013	Inactive:

### **CID:**

**Certificate/Major Applicable:**  
Both Certificate and Major Applicable

### **COURSE CONTENT**

#### **Outcomes and Objectives:**

At the conclusion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Comprehend 3D Animation's role and usage in today's society
2. Effectively interface with the 3D Studio Max software program
3. Analyze pre-existing models and scenes
4. Create and edit 3D models and scenes
5. Assign bitmap materials to 3D objects
6. Set and adjust lighting and shadows
7. Establish and control environmental factors within 3D scenes
8. Describe and create movement of objects, lights, and cameras
9. Create photo-realistic renderings of 3D scenes
10. Produce broadcast quality animations
11. Repeating students will:
  - a. Utilize new software releases to accomplish animation projects
  - b. Interface with new options in software
  - c. Utilize new tools and applications related to new software releases

#### **Topics and Scope:**

1. Overview of the 3D animation industry
  - A. Gaming
  - B. Motion Pictures
  - C. Architecture/Construction/Engineering
  - D. Advertising

2. The 3D Studio Max software interface
  - A. Viewport navigation
  - B. Command panels
  - C. Time controls
  - D. Menus and toolbars
3. Analysis of pre-existing models and scenes
  - A. Component identification
  - B. Critique
  - C. Evaluation
4. Create and edit 3D models and scenes
  - A. Polygonal modeling
  - B. Surface modeling
  - C. Model deformation
5. Bitmap material assignment
  - A. The material editor
  - B. Mapping coordinates and parameters
6. Lighting and shadow creation and adjustment
  - A. Omni, spot, and direct lighting
  - B. Free and target lighting
  - C. Ray traced and shadow maps
7. Environmental factors at 3D scenes
  - A. Environment maps
  - B. Environmental effects
  - C. Exposure control
8. Movement of objects, lights, and cameras within animations
9. Photo-realistic renderings of 3D scenes
  - A. Image adjustments and capture
  - B. Printing
10. Produce broadcast quality animations
  - A. Save working and rendered animation files
  - B. Compression of animation files
  - C. Post scripting
11. Repeating students will:
  - A. Utilize new software releases to accomplish animation projects
  - B. Interface with new options in software
  - C. Utilize new tools and applications related to new software releases

**Assignment:**

1. Reading, approximately 20 - 30 pages per week
2. Weekly animation exercises in lab
3. Homework: five (5) computer generated animations (to illustrate mastery of topics and techniques covered in class)
4. Objective and performance-based quizzes (3-4)
5. Final exam: objective and performance based
6. Repeating students will accomplish assignments utilizing new release(s) of the animation software and do projects of increasing complexity

**Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:**

**Writing:** Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

None, This is a degree applicable course but assessment tools based on writing are not included because problem solving assessments and skill demonstrations are more appropriate for this course.

Writing  
0 - 0%

**Problem Solving:** Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

Animation exercises

Problem solving  
10 - 20%

**Skill Demonstrations:** All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

Performance exams, Animations

Skill Demonstrations  
50 - 60%

**Exams:** All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Multiple choice, True/false, Matching items, Completion, Computer generated animations

Exams  
20 - 30%

**Other:** Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

None

Other Category  
0 - 0%

### **Representative Textbooks and Materials:**

Harnessing 3DS Max 8

Aaron F. Ross, Michele Bousquet

Autodesk Press 2006

Exploring 3D Modeling with 3DS Max 7

Steven Till

Autodesk Press 2005

Instructor prepared materials