OCR LEVEL 3
CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE/DIPLOMA IN
MEDIA

ANIMATION PRODUCTION
K/504/0480
LEVEL 3 UNIT 66
GUIDED LEARNING HOURS: 60
UNIT CREDIT VALUE: 10
AIM OF THE UNIT
By completing this unit learners will be able to plan for and produce a short 2 to 3 minute animation, or section of an animated production.
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<th>Learning Outcome (LO)</th>
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<td><strong>The learner will:</strong></td>
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<td><strong>To achieve a merit the evidence must show that, in addition to the pass criteria, the learner is able to:</strong></td>
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<td>1  Be able to plan for a short 2 to 3 minute animation, or section of an animated production</td>
<td>P1  Learners plan for an original short 2 to 3 minute animation, or section of an animated production, including: a) selection of form b) selection of animation type c) selection of genre/style d) narrative and/or character development e) relevant risk assessment(s) f) daily shooting schedule g) crew/voice artist call sheets</td>
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<td>P2  Learners produce pre-production material for an original short 2 to 3 minute animation, or section of an animated production, including: a) treatment b) script c) storyboard d) backdrop or set design</td>
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<td>2  Be able to produce footage for use in the creation of a short 2 to 3 minute animation, or section of an animated production</td>
<td>P3  Learners produce sufficient frames/footage for an original short 2 to 3 minute animation, or section of an animated production by: a) using backdrop/set b) setting up appropriate equipment c) following script/storyboard d) following safe working practices e) following production processes f) logging shots and creating an edit decision list</td>
<td><strong>M1  The frames/footage created by learners are generally of a good technical standard and quality. Camera, lighting techniques and mise en scène are fit for purpose and used effectively to create meaning within the planned outcome</strong></td>
<td><strong>D1  The frames/footage created by learners are generally of a high technical standard and quality. Conventions of the chosen genre are followed, within the intentions of the production. The camera, lighting and mise en scène are used to enhance meaning, within the intentions of the production</strong></td>
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<td><strong>M2  Editing is proficient by learners. The final short animation produced is generally of a good technical standard and quality</strong></td>
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<td>3  Be able to produce a final short 2 to 3 minute animation, or section of an animated production</td>
<td>P4  Learners edit their frames/footage to produce a final competent and original short 2 to 3 minute animation, or section of an animated production, by: a) producing and reviewing an off line edit b) applying appropriate visual effects and transitions c) linking audio to visuals and applying audio effects</td>
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TEACHING CONTENT

The unit content describes what has to be taught to ensure that learners are able to access the highest grade.

Anything which follows an i.e. details what must be taught as part of that area of content.

Anything which follows an e.g. is illustrative, it should be noted that where e.g. is used, learners must know and be able to apply relevant examples to their work though these do not need to be the same ones specified in the unit content.

**Be able to plan for a short 2 to 3 minute animation, or section of an animated production**

For example:

a) TV programme, children’s animations, film, advert

b) line drawing, cell animation, hand drawn animation, rotoscoping, live action animation, stop motion (e.g. claymation), 2D / 3D animation (e.g. computer generated images), character animation

c) comedy, horror, super hero, anime, manga, fantasy, adventure

d) storyline based on a situation or series of events, or storyline based on character

e) identify potential hazards/risks and find resolutions to any problems

f) a day-to-day running order including equipment and resources

g) to include details of which crew and voice artists are required including time, and scene to be recorded

For example:

a) medium, running time, synopsis, target audience etc.

b) written interpretation using an industry standard format

c) An industry standard series of panels or rough sketches which outline the sequence of the scenes, action and the plot of the short animation/sequence of an animation character development - drawings based on animated movement, including sound

d) 2D/3D set, backplates etc.

d) working within the scope of the risk assessment and health and safety guidelines

e) direct voice over cast and crew to realise your visualisation of the pre production material, record the animation, depending on process record sequences in order, make notes with reference to the storyboard

f) detail each shot on a log sheet, identify time code and description of all shots, select appropriate footage from the log.

**Be able to produce a final short 2 to 3 minute animation, or section of an animated production**

For example:

a) produce a rough edit by placing the selection of shots into the sequence in order without applying transitions, make notes with reference to the storyboard and suggest changes

b) apply visual effects, e.g. filters, colour correction, chromakey; apply transitions, e.g. wipes, cross dissolves, fades, titles, credits, spinning graphics, rolling credits

c) audio dubb, checking audio levels, apply wild tracks and make corrections where necessary, apply audio/sound effects (e.g. reverbs, thunder), apply soundtrack/music track to visuals.

**Be able to produce footage for use in the creation of a short 2 to 3 minute animation, or section of an animated production**

For example:

a) 2D/3D set, backplates etc.

b) including cameras, tripods, dollies, lighting, sound equipment

c) use the pre-production material as reference to the production process
DELIVERY GUIDANCE

This unit is centre-assessed and externally moderated. In order to achieve this unit, learners must produce a portfolio of evidence showing that they can meet all the pass grading criteria.

Portfolios of work must be produced independently. Portfolios put forward for moderation must be available for the OCR Visiting Moderator to access freely during the moderation visit, along with witness statements and any other necessary supporting documentation.

Centres must confirm to OCR that the evidence produced by learners is authentic.

In order to achieve this unit, learners must produce evidence that meets all the pass grading criteria. There are no other additional requirements for this unit.

Learners should gain knowledge, understanding and skills through practical tasks related to their own productions as well as professional produced media products. This unit can be linked with the other units including, 21, 24, 26 31, 32, 33

If working as a team, learners should ensure that they have identified their contribution to the planning and execution of any task involving teamwork, this should be supported by a witness statement from the tutor. If learners are working as a team this presents the opportunity for individuals to draw on their strengths and also to develop new skills.

P1: When planning for a short animated production or section of a production, learners should, where possible, be using professional practises. It may be beneficial to learners if the centre could arrange for a visiting practitioner to proved some insight into the planning process linked with teacher led skills workshops. Risk assessments should be conducted to identify any potential hazards or risks and where relevant learners could include photographic evidence in addition to written notes to support their risk assessments. Evidence of the planning of the animated production, depending on the type of animation, could take the form of annotated sketches and drawings computer modelling with notes, an audiovisual presentation or a verbal presentation with a supporting slide show. Industry standard formatted documents should be adopted particularly with reference to the risk assessment, daily shooting schedule and crew call sheets.

P2: Learners when producing pre production material should be where possible using industry standard practises. Teacher led skills workshops could focus on developing key skills which learners would find beneficial in producing their own pre production material. Learners’ evidence for the grading criteria should, reflect industrial working practices.

P3/M1/D1: When producing the new animated production learners should, wherever possible, work to a deadline and follow industry standard production processes. Learners should be taught appropriate production skills in line with commercial practices, which may be possible through teacher led skills workshops, or where possible inviting guest practitioners to the Centre. It is also important that learners adopt safe working practices in line with the media product they are producing. Evidence of the learner’s contribution to the recording process, especially if working in a group, should be identified by the learner for instance photographs of learner setting up and using the equipment, a section of the animated production the learner was responsible for this could be, for instance directing the voiceover cast. Evidence of the learner’s contribution to the production process should be supported by a witness statement from the tutor.

P4/M2/D2: When editing the animated production learners should wherever possible work to a deadline and follow industry standard production skills. These skills could be developed in workshops led by the tutor or a visiting guest practitioner. Evidence of the learner’s contribution to the editing process, especially if working in a group, should be identified by the learner for instance photographs of learner using editing equipment, a section of the edited animated production the learner was responsible for. Evidence of the learner’s contribution to the editing process should be supported by a witness statement from the tutor.

Learners should seek to evidence the grading criteria through a variety of mediums, (i.e. written format, written presentations, verbal presentations, audio content, audiovisual content) which highlight their particular strengths, however learners should be encouraged to stretch their skills and knowledge by using a range of mediums to evidence their work.
RESOURCES

This section provides suggestions of suitable resources. The list is neither prescriptive nor exhaustive, and learners should be encouraged to gather information from a variety of sources.

Some suggested resources are intended for Tutor use. The resources in this section were current at the time of production.

Books

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Websites

www.bbfc.co.uk
www.ofcom.org.uk
www.artscouncil.org.uk
www.skillset.org/animation/overview/
www.moviemagicproducer.com
LINKS TO NOS

Skillset – Animation (2007)
ANIM 2   Manage and store assets
ANIM 8   Create designs
ANIM 11  Create 2D assets for production
ANIM 14  Set up 3D elements for animation
ANIM 15  Create 3D animation
ANIM 16  Render 3D animation
ANIM 17  Build characters (models) for stop motion animation
ANIM 18  Set up lighting and cameras for stop motion animation
ANIM 19  Create stop motion
ANIM 21  Create digital visual effects
ANIM 22  Composite animation

Skillset – Interactive Media and Computer Games (2009)
IM1     Work effectively in interactive media
IM3     Prepare assets for use in interactive media products
IM5     Design user interfaces for interactive media products
IM6     Use authoring tools to create interactive media products
IM23    Create narrative scripts for interactive media products
IM24    Create 2D animations for interactive media products
IM27    Create sound effects for interactive media products

ENTO – Health and Safety Standalone Units
HSS1    Make sure your own actions reduce risks to health and safety
HSS6    Conduct a health and safety risk assessment of a workplace
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