

COURSE CONTENT

Course Code	DT2007
Course Title	History and Culture of Animation, VFX and Game
Pre-requisites	NIL
No of AUs	3
Contact Hours	39 hours studio contact

Course Aims

In this introductory-level course you will receive a chronological and thematic overview of the history and development of animation, VFX and game through the 20th century. Emphasis will be given to significant milestones, with comparative analysis of international and regional, studio and independent, commercial and artistic examples. This course provides a valuable contextual background for other studies in animation, VFX and game, narrative studies, film studies and media theory.

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

By the end of the course, you should be able to:

1. Describe significant creative works, artists and issues throughout the history of animation, VFX and game.
2. Discuss the relationships between the various contexts of animation, VFX and game, including artistic, commercial, and social.
3. Develop and defend a point of view regarding a significant artistic, commercial or societal role that animation, VFX or game has performed.
4. Present and critically discuss aspects of animation, VFX and game history in a clear and cohesive manner.
5. Constructively discuss and critique key concepts, milestones and themes employed in your own work and in the work of your peers.

Course Content

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Class assignments

During lectures or at tutorial times, you will discuss the topic and themes that have arisen. You will also be given tasks to discuss and complete. At mid-semester you will give a short presentation that

answers a specific animation, VFX and game history challenge. At the end of the course, you will submit a written response that addresses a specific issue in animation, VFX and game history.