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**3D Animator in Film & TV Industry Qualifications**

Although this area of work is open to all graduates, the following degree or foundation degree subjects are particularly relevant:

* animation;
* art and design;
* computer-aided engineering;
* design for moving image;
* electrical engineering;
* film and video;
* graphic design/illustration;
* model making or sculpture;
* multimedia;
* spatial design;
* 3D design.

Entry without a higher education qualification is not impossible. Exceptions may be made for very talented candidates. Many animators consider that having an artistic background is just as important as having skills in IT.

**Extended Diploma Level 3 - Film & TV Production**

This course develops your practical media skills, with a focus on the moving image. You will develop your video, audio, animation and multimedia production skills using high-quality, industry standard equipment. You'll produce your own short film, make experimental videos, produce animations, create corporate videos and documentaries, and work with real clients. This qualification will form the main part of your Canterbury College study programme. Our study programmes combine your main qualification and work experience.

**Skills:**

To do this role, you will need to:

* have a feel for movement and timing
* possess creative and artistic qualities, along with the appropriate technical skills
* have observational skills and acting talent, for character work
* have good communication skills
* have good team-working skills
* have good organisational skills
* pay close attention to detail
* be able to take direction

**Will I need a qualification?**

To become a Computer Animator, it will help you to gain a degree in computer animation, computer science or similar, or in an art-related subject.

**eg. University of Derby**

For this course, you need;

* UCAS points - 280 (up to 40 from AS-levels)
* Specific requirements at A-level - N/A
* Specific requirements at GCSE - Five GCSEs at Grade C or above, including Maths and English
* Interview / Audition
* Portfolio

**eg. UWE – University of West of England (Bristol)**

For an Honours degree course you normally need two A-levels or the equivalent, such as a BTEC Diploma or Extended Diploma; IB (International Baccalaureate); or Access to Higher Education Diploma. For foundation courses, you normally need one A-level, or equivalent.

I think the personal qualities a person should need for this course is to get three GCSE grades including English & Maths. You need to stayed focused on the important detail a person has given you, and you have to be well-organised. The main reason for being a 3D animator is that it’s complicated to use the computer to making 3D animated films, because you need to be very skilful.

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