

YOU CREATE THE FUTURE OF ANIMATION.

“Animation offers a medium of story-telling and visual entertainment which can bring pleasure and information to people of all ages everywhere in the world. Animation can explain whatever the mind of man can conceive. This facility makes it the most versatile and explicit means of communication yet devised for quick mass appreciation.”

- Walt Disney

YOUR CAREER PATH

Bachelor of Animation (+Honours)



Delivered by Yoobee College of
Creative Innovation

Duration: 3 years
+ additional 1 year for Honours

NZQA: Level 7

Credits: 360
+ additional 120 for Honours

Our Bachelor of Animation is New Zealand's only degree-level course specialising in 2D and 3D character animation, producing world-class animators who are at the very top of their field. Take your degree to the next level by developing your passion project concepts during self-directed Honours year.

Graduate roles



Graduates of this qualification will have the skills and knowledge to establish a career as an animation artist in a studio environment, or as an independent content producer, self-employed/freelance. Below are some relevant occupations such as:

- » 2D/ 3D Animator
- » Digital Artist
- » Visual Effects Artist
- » Game Designer
- » Motion Designer
- » Background Designer
- » Film and Video Editor
- » Production Assistant
- » Multimedia Artist
- » Storyboard Artist
- » Cartoonist



Senior roles



Animators/digital artists may progress to set up their own animation or digital business, or move into management roles. They may progress to become narrative designers (designing the stories of games), art directors, animation directors, producers, production managers or technical directors.

Animators/digital artists need to be:

- creative and imaginative
- disciplined, motivated and good at setting goals
- comfortable promoting themselves and their work
- adaptable, and able to accept criticism of their work
- able to work well under pressure and to deadlines
- good communicators.

Employability

Pay for animators/digital artists varies depending on skills, experience and the type of work they do.

Self-employed animators/digital artists may be paid by the frame/picture.

Experienced and multi-skilled animators / digital artists are in demand from animation, advertising and design companies in New Zealand and overseas. Animators/digital artists who combine their animation qualification with computer software development training can increase their chances of finding work.

The experience level is the most important factor in determining the salary. Naturally the more years of experience the higher your wage.

“On average, a person’s salary doubles their starting salary by the time they cross the 10 years* experience mark.”

* Based on the average change in salary over time. Salary variations differ from person to person.

Sources: Yoobee College of Creative Innovation, 2022; Salary Explorer, Animator Average Salary in New Zealand 2022

Median to maximum animator salary

\$63,900 to \$105,000 per year

A Diploma Graduate should commence at

\$59,700 per year

A Bachelor Graduate should commence at

\$78,600 per year

A Master Graduate should commence at

\$97,500 per year

30+
We've been
in the
business for
more than
30 years

Our story began 30 years ago when veteran Disney animator John Ewing started training young animators in his Auckland studio, later to become Animation College New Zealand.

Today, we're New Zealand's largest specialist animation school and we offer degree and diploma level courses in 2D and 3D character animation, game art and development, and specialisations in VFX.

Our Bachelor of Animation will equip you with everything you need to launch your career as a specialist in story and character, world-building and visual effects, or interactive media and games.

YOOBEE COLLEGE
OF CREATIVE
INNOVATION

1
We're an
NZQA
Category 1
Provider

86%
Percentage of
students who
go on to further
study or gain
employment

1,800
The number of
students we
successfully
train each year



We are one of only three Houdini Certified Schools in New Zealand, so our graduates who use Houdini during their studies are eligible to receive commercial version free for 6 months to a year depending on the version you choose to go with.



We are a Rookies Certified School. This means we have a formal accreditation which is designed to showcase and acknowledge the very best schools across the globe who provide the most up to date and relevant industry training and education. Find out more about Rookies at discover.therookies.co



“My favourite part so far has been life drawing class. Breaking down a subject, environment, or object into its basic shapes and structure and adding layers of construction, shading, and detail until it starts to come to life! It’s so rewarding to see how much my peers and myself have improved over the duration of this class—not only in skill level but also in speed. Before I joined Yoobee, it would take me around half an hour to an hour to finish a sketch. Now I can do it comfortably in around five minutes!”

CAYLEEN BESTER – BACHELOR OF ANIMATION

Overview

Bachelor of Animation (+Honours)

Why study

Animation at Yoobee?

- From day one you start to bring your drawings and ideas to life
- No exams! Instead, you'll learn by doing real practical animation projects
- Our projects simulate how animation studios are run, so you get a taste of the industry before you graduate
- Class sizes are small so you will get great support from your expert Yoobee tutors
- Your individual creativity is always welcomed and encouraged to grow.

Our Bachelor of Animation will equip you with everything you need to launch your career as a specialist in story and character, world-building and visual effects, or interactive media and games.

The programme kicks off with a thorough grounding in all disciplines, giving you the animation chops to work as a generalist or as part of a studio team. From there you'll delve deeper into your own chosen field, developing the academic, creative and technical expertise to really set you apart.

An Honours year gives you opportunity to develop a unique industry-ready project, backed by your own research and development, that will help you position yourself for future industry development and delivery opportunities. Or, to produce a substantial piece of research at a high academic standard, to help lead you on to a Masters, or PHD study in the future.

What you'll learn

Graduates will have a strong framework of understanding and commitment to professional excellence, collaboration, communication, critical reflection and innovation.

Key content includes:

Year 1

- Principles of storytelling for film and animation
- Studio-based life drawing classes
- Visual communication design
- 2D and 3D animation and modelling

Year 2

- Interactive narrative
- Advanced drawing
- 3D graphics and visual effects
- Professional practices

Year 3

- Specialisation
- Capstone project
- Investigative project

Optional Honours year

Discuss this with your Tutor at the beginning of Year Three.



Leopard painting created by

Cayleen Bester

– Bachelor of Animation



Scan to learn more about course information, start dates, tuition fees of Bachelor of Animation on Yoobee website.

Programme Information

Qualification	Bachelor of Digital Innovation
Delivery mode	On Campus
Tuition fee	\$21,500 NZD/year
Resource fee	\$2,500 NZD/year
Administration fee	\$400 NZD
Duration	3 years + 1 year Honours
2023 Scholarship	Up to 15% of the tuition fee for 1st year, and Up to 20% discounts for 2nd and 3rd year
2023 Intakes	27 February 24 July
Campus	City Road, Auckland Bunny St, Wellington Colombo St, Christchurch



Student Project - 3D Charboiser sculpted by
Paramveer Singh

Note: campus availability might be subject to change in each intake.

Entry requirements

International students must be at least 18 years old.



Yoobee is proudly certified as an
official New Zealand FernMark
Licensee and ambassador for the
New Zealand Story.

Academic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Completed high school with NCEA University Entrance or equivalent CIE/IB grades orAn appropriate qualification from an overseas secondary school or tertiary institution, deemed by the college to be sufficient for admission into a Bachelor programme.
English	IELTS 6.0 (Academic) with no band lower than 5.5 or equivalences approved by NZQA
Portfolio required	The portfolio must provide evidence of creative abilities and potential, ideally containing a variety of work; animations, sketches, drawings, painting, mixed media, multimedia, photography, sculpture, etc. At least 10 examples of work from applicants

Our Animation graduates are working in amazing studios and organisations all over the world. Here are just some of them...



YOOBEE

COLLEGE
OF CREATIVE
INNOVATION

Find out more at
YOOBEE.AC.NZ