



# Southern California Regional Occupational Center

## COURSE SYLLABUS

**COURSE TITLE:** 3D Character Design & Animation  
**COURSE#:** 658  
**INSTRUCTOR:** Robert Schuchman  
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**TIME:** Monday-Wed 12:45-3:45  
**LOCATION:** SoCal ROC - Room B-201  
**BOOKS/SUPPLIES:** Optional- Thumb drive if you want to save copies of your projects. Note the software used in this course, 3DS Max, is available free for students at [www.autodesk.com](http://www.autodesk.com). It is recommended that you download and install this on your home system.

**COURSE LENGTH:** One semester - 108 Classroom Hours

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This semester class will cover the creation of 3D characters for use in film, video games, simulations and illustration. Primary program: 3DS Max. Adobe PhotoShop, Illustrator and After Effects are taught as support programs.

### COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. Develop a working knowledge of 3D Max
2. Understand fundamentals of vertebrate anatomy
3. Communicate using 3D terminology
4. Model various styles of characters.
5. Maintain a complete filing of system of all projects
6. Present projects in a professional manner as an assembled "Reel".

**GRADING:** A midterm grade will be given based on the current overall quality of your work. The final grade will be based on the quality of your finished reel. (see examples)  
A - 5 projects from the "Advanced" column.  
B - 5 projects from the "Intermediate" column.  
C - 5 projects from the "Beginning" column

### CERTIFICATES:

Students earning a grade of A or B earn a Certificate of Competency  
Students earning a grade of C will earn a Certificate of Completion  
Students earning a grade of D will earn no certificate

**ATTENDANCE:** Attendance effects the grade of the student as follows:

**NOTE: IF YOU MISS MORE THAN 6 DAYS YOU CAN NOT PASS THIS CLASS.**  
**NOTE: IF YOU MISS 4 DAYS" IN A ROW", YOU WILL PROBABLY BE DROPPED.**

**CLASSROOM RULES OF CONDUCT:** See SoCal ROC Classroom Rules Handout

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Print Student's Name

Student Signature

Date

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Print Parent's Name

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