



2021 ANIMATION BFA APPLICATION PROCESS + REQUIREMENTS

Students may apply for the Animation BFA degree program only after first obtaining Pre-BFA status. See designdept.byu.edu or contact the Department of Design office for

information about how to apply for Pre-BFA status at designdepartment@byu.edu.

Application deadline: June 10, 2021 (closes at 11:59pm)

BFA Program Application Information and Instructions

1. Prepare a selection of 8-15 examples of your best, most current artworks. A curated sampling of projects and assignments from your classes (DES 150/131/DESAN/DESIL 131, DESAN 160, and CSANM 150). You may optionally include some of your personal work as well. All mediums will be considered. Your portfolio should include:

- 5-10 of your best figure drawings from DES 150/131/DESAN 131/DESIL 131
- 1 animation sample-preferably 2D traditional animation from DESAN 160: Intro to 2D Animation Skills (Upload a playable file in Quicktime, SWF, AVI, etc with a 60 MB limit).
- 2-5 samples of 3D graphic images from CSANM 150: 3D Graphics

- While other work may be submitted, evaluations will primarily consider fundamental drawing skills and 3D proficiency. Figure drawing is imperative, as well as observational drawing that shows proper shape, proportion, and use of line. 3D models should show an understanding of the software and ability to create an artistic image using that software.

- When photographing original work, ensure that the work is well lit and the focus is clear.

- Create an account at slideroom.com if you do not already have one.
- Log in to slideroom.com and select 2020 Animation BFA Application, upload your images, following the instructions on the web site.
- Upload a recent photograph of yourself where requested in the application form.
- Obtain a copy of your Progress Report and upload it with your registration. The report can be generated at myBYU > AIM > Student Academic Record > Progress Report (ABC Report).
- When prompted in the application, briefly outline your educational and career goals (200 words or less).
- Complete the form electronically and submit it by the deadline noted above.
- In lieu of physical sketchbooks, students should prepare a digital sketchbook of good and bad drawings and studies from their recent sketchbooks and submit them as a single digital sketchbook in PDF format according to the requirements below.

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Digital sketchbook should be:

1. scanned at 300 dpi or carefully photographed with even lighting
2. edited for suitable value levels and color corrected as appropriate
3. resized to no more than 2000 pixels in the long dimension
4. saved as good quality JPEG files (level 8-9 on the quality scale), and compiled into a single PDF file that is 6 MB or less in total size

This sample portfolio (<https://byu.app.box.com/s/gg7xp95kg05hdoxyvs3qdv0kj8yjbnt3>) was created using Apple Pages. It includes 10 plates of selected images with a title page. Exported as a PDF file using the “better” setting, it is only 2.4 MB in size, but the quality is good enough for online presentation. As shown in the example, multiple drawings may be cropped and arranged on a single page. However, please limit the quantity of images to 3-4 drawings per page to maintain visual appeal and quality.

Due to time constraints, digital sketchbooks that exceed the 6 MB size limit will not be reviewed by the faculty. Sketchbooks with images that are poorly scanned or

photographed will negatively affect the student’s portfolio review. Please review the sample portfolio for an example of presentation expectations. The sketchbook is supplementary or preliminary to the work in the main portfolio, and as such, the samples included should not be the same as those in the portfolio. Additional questions about sketchbook content may be directed to full-time faculty in the Animation area.

In addition to your portfolio review, faculty reviewers will also consider the cumulative record of each student including their past performance in class, work ethic, attitude, progress, and commitment-all factors considered to be of major importance.

You will be notified by email regarding the outcome of the review within 1-2 weeks.

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