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| BA Animation  ORIENTATION TIMETABLE | | |
| **COURSE LEADER - STEPHEN RYLEY/HEAD OF SCHOOL – MICHAELA O’BRIEN** | | |
| **Congratulations on being accepted onto BA ( Hons) Animation.**  My colleagues and I look forward to working with you over the next few years and we will endeavour to ensure that your time with us will be creative, exciting and fulfilling.    On the attached pages you will find details of your time with us at the start of the year.  During Orientation week we will go through the course programme with you in detail. We have arranged a number of activities to help you settle in and prepare for your time with us. This will include familiarising you with workspaces, who you will be working with, the campus and its community before you start the formal, scheduled learning weeks. After this, the first teaching week starts on Monday 25th September.    We have also included a short list of books and other resources that will help you to get a good start in your studies pre-arrival, as well as a note on equipment and materials.    If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.    Best wishes and welcome to University life. We look forward to seeing you in September.  Stephen Ryley  Course Leader BA Animation | | |
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| |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Tuesday 17th September 2019** | | | | **Time** | **Event** | **Location** | | **13:00 – 13:30** | **Welcome meeting** | **Auditorium Harrow Campus HA1 3TP** | | **14:15 – 14-45** | **Enrolment** | **Forum** | | **15:00 – 16:00** | **Meet your course leader, colleagues and F.A.N.S.** | **Animation studio D** |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Wednesday 18th September 2019** | | | | **Time** | **Event** | **Location** | | **11:00 – 16:00** | **Arrivals Fair *(optional event)*** | **Harrow Forum** |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Thursday 19th September 2019** | | | | **Time** | **Event** | **Location** | | **10:30- 11:00** | **Meet your tutors** | **Animation studio D** | | **11:00- 12:00** | **Campus/ Studios tour** | **Harrow Campus** | | **12:00- 13:00** | **Timetable/ Module introduction** | **Animation studio D** | | **14:00- 15:30** | **Studentship workshop** | **Animation studio D** |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Friday 20th September 2019** | | | | **Time** | **Event** | **Location** | | **10:30 – 12:30** | **Course introduction, student handbook, Health and Safety** | **Animation studio D** | | **13:30 – 15:00** | **Module briefing** | **Animation studio D** | | **15:00 – 16:00** | **Informal Q and A** | **Animation studio D** | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Monday 23rd September 2019** | | | | **Time** | **Event** | **Location** | | **10:30 – 13:00** | **First Workshop** | **Lecture Theatre** | | **14:00 – 16:00** | **Film Theory** | **Lecture Theatre** | | | |
| **READING LIST**  **“Making Comics:** Storytelling Secrets of Comics, Manga and Graphic Novels” [Paperback] by **Scott McCloud** – *which is about £6 from Amazon* | | |
| ADDITIONAL INFORMATION See below... | | |
| Message from Stephen Ryley, Course Leader BA Animation |  |  |
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Animation is a complex, multi-disciplinary art form. It can employ and embrace practically every other mode of artistic expression. Whatever your passion, the chances are you can find an outlet for it through the medium of animation.

Animators are unusual people; they must combine the curiosity and enthusiasm of a child with the analytical mind of a research scientist. They must embody the vision and passion of an artist, and somehow balance this with the pragmatic skills of an entrepreneur.

To produce *satisfactory* animation you must understand and be able to use a wide range of specialized skills and techniques, but to create *truly inspiring* animation, you must add to this list a thorough understanding of audience needs, and sprinkle in a bit of that magical, elusive, mysterious ingredient which refuses to be pinned down; an ability to *entertain*.

Animation is an extraordinary mode of expression; it is arguably the closest we have yet come to transforming the realm of the imagination into a reality that can be shared with others.

The animation industry is currently enjoying very rapid growth, as innovative technologies open up enormous new markets and opportunities, so this is a particularly good time to be learning to become an animator.

Our BA (Hons) Animation course aims to help you to identify and develop the core skills and abilities which will set you up for what we hope will be an extensive, productive and fascinating career in Animation. The work is fun and the rewards are large.