

2D Animation

Learn Ottawa's most in-demand animation skills and software. Gain real studio experience with an internship, and a chance to work at Big Jump Entertainment. Work on animation projects in a real studio environment and graduate with a professional demo reel. Start your career in just 12 months.

2D animation is the art of creating movement in a two-dimensional space. This includes characters, backgrounds, and special effects. 2D animators sequence individual drawings over time to make it appear as though they are moving.

Herzing College offers the most accelerated, job-ready 2D animation training in Ottawa. Our students are fully prepared for a professional studio environment, straight after graduation.



 Program Length: **12 Months (20 hours/week)**
Includes **6 week internship**

 Program Delivery:
On-Campus

CAREER OUTLOOK

Ottawa is one of the best cities in Canada to start a career in 2D animation. There is a serious shortage of animators trained in Toon Boom Harmony, the software of choice at leading animation studios. Herzing has a very special partnership with Big Jump, which gives students in our 2D Animation program some major advantages. Big Jump Entertainment is one of Ottawa's most successful and well-known 2D animation studios.

PROSPECTIVE JOB TITLES

2D Animator at a professional animation or game studio, Layout Artist Location or Character Designer, Background Artist, Posing Artist In-between Animator, Digital Character Rigger

PROSPECTIVE CAREER PATHS

Television, Film, Games

Employment Statistics

90%

Percentage of Overall 2022 Available Graduates
Employed in a Related Field

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum of a Canadian high school grade 12 or equivalent (Ontario high school diploma or equivalent) or a mature student (19 years of age or older and has been removed from full-time high school for minimum 2 years). Students applying as mature students must demonstrate appropriate levels of math, English literacy, comprehension and/or written skills to warrant success and completion of program
- Pass an entrance test administered by Herzing College
- Be interviewed in detail regarding interest in the field.
- Note: admission to some programs may include additional requirements.

COURSE LIST

Herzing's 2D Animation program is laser-focused on teaching puppet animation with Toon Boom Harmony. The vast majority of entry-level jobs in 2D animation require this skillset.

- Introduction to Animation Software

- Squash and Stretch

- Introduction to Animation

- Anticipation

- Arcs

- Follow Through and Overlapping Action

- Ease In and Ease Out

- Straight Ahead Action and Pose to Pose

- Staging

- Exaggeration

- Solid Drawing

- Timing

- Appeal

- Drawing Hands and Feet

- Secondary Action

- Complex Character Rigging

- Basic Walk/Attitude Walk Cycles

- Basic Run/Attitude Run Cycles

- Simple Character Rigging

- Character Animation

- Character and Prop Interaction

- Lip Sync Animation

- Introduction of Acting for Animation

- Posing 101

- Advanced Animation Syllabus

- Posing/Animation using Storyboards
