

Animation

college to career major map

	1ST YEAR	2ND YEAR	3RD YEAR	4TH OR FINAL YEAR	
Academics	<p>Start taking LASC coursework as well as foundation and core Animation courses.</p> <p>Need a little help in your classes? Look into tutoring with the Academic Support Center.</p> <p>Look into the many experiential learning opportunities offered to build a well-rounded college experience.</p>	<p>Take a deeper dive into the discipline of Animation and begin considering a minor and/or certificate such as Graphic Communication.</p> <p>Schedule an appointment with a Career Coach to discuss how to connect your academics to your future career.</p>	<p>Schedule an appointment with your Academic Advisor to ensure you're on track for graduation.</p> <p>Take inventory of your professional goals and decide if your future will need to include graduate school. Take the necessary exams and begin submitting applications to programs that will help you achieve your goals.</p>	<p>Participate in the President's Winter Celebration of the Arts to showcase your work and connect to the community.</p> <p>Ensure you submit your application for graduation on time.</p>	<p>Where can you go? A degree in Animation can take your career in many directions. Most students choose to enter the workforce right after graduation and some continue their education after a few years on the job. Our students are equipped with a strong foundation for a career as a(n):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertising Artist • Animator • Graphics Assistant • Motion Graphics Artist • Multimedia Specialist • Technical Animator • Technical Modeler • Visual Effects Artist <p>What skills will you need?</p> <p>To be successful in the world of Animation, you will need the following skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical Thinking • Active Listening • Active Learning • Visualization • Creativity • Written Comprehension • Technology <p>Thankfully, through your coursework, on-campus involvement, part-time employment and/or internships, and other self-guided learning, you will be prepared for life post-graduation.</p>
Get Relevant Experience	<p>Sign up to participate in the Film & Animation Learning Community.</p> <p>Join a major specific student organization such as the Drawing Guild. Check out all your student organization options by visiting DragonCentral.</p> <p>Participate in Student Life Pathways to continue growing your skills/knowledge outside of the classroom. We recommend starting with the Community Life Pathway.</p>	<p>Find an on-campus job or a part-time position in the community. Visit DragonJobs powered by Handshake, or one of the many other online job boards to find opportunities.</p> <p>Continue working on your Student Life Pathways. Try working your way through the Personal Wellness and the Equity and Inclusion paths.</p>	<p>Begin your leadership journey by applying for a student leadership position or run for an officer position in Drawing Guild or Anime Club.</p> <p>During your third year, we suggest focusing on the Professional Success and Contribution and Influence Student Life Pathways. These will help connect you to potential employers and develop skills necessary for success post-graduation.</p>	<p>Assess what experiences or skills are areas of growth for you and fill in gaps with volunteering, organizations, internships, or part-time employment.</p> <p>Finish up your pathways and be sure to add your accomplishments to your LinkedIn and resume.</p>	
Connect to the Community	<p>Volunteer on or off-campus with different community organizations such as the Fargo Film Festival.</p>	<p>Join LinkedIn to begin building your professional network and online presence. Think of your profile as a virtual resume and make sure to update it regularly to reflect new jobs, research, coursework, volunteering, involvement, and skills.</p> <p>Develop an online portfolio to showcase your work.</p>	<p>Attend off-campus events such as Creative Mornings Fargo, StartUp Brew, Ladyboss, Springboard for the Arts, or TedX to connect with others and gain exposure to the community.</p> <p>Attend the on-campus Meet the Employer and Featured Employer events as often as possible. Make sure to engage with the representatives and collect contact information to follow up.</p>	<p>Join professional organizations such as Association of Computing Machinery to gain access to research, continuing education opportunities, job boards, and message boards. Make sure to join prior to graduation to receive the discounted student rate (when applicable).</p>	
Understand Your Career	<p>Explore your interests, skills, and values and learn about the career readiness competencies by taking the FOCUS 2, an online assessment free for all MSUM students.</p> <p>Schedule an appointment with the Career Development Center to review your FOCUS 2 results and to begin building your resume.</p>	<p>Start researching potential career paths on O*Net. Here, you will be able to find valuable information such as typical tasks associated with the profession, skills, and knowledge needed, education and licensures needed, wages and employment trends, professional organizations, and related occupations. We suggest you search for careers such as Animator.</p>	<p>Attend professional development-related events on-campus, and connect with faculty to learn more about the field and gain insights on how to be successful in your job search.</p> <p>Find an internship or part-time job with a local or regional company or organization to learn the ins and outs of your chosen career. Prepare for the application & interview process by working with the Career Development Center.</p>	<p>Network relentlessly! Attend the spring Career Fairs to get connected to employers looking to hire soon-to-be grads. Check DragonCentral for more information.</p> <p>Schedule appointments with a Career Coach to go over your professional documents and to prepare for upcoming interviews. Remember, once a dragon always a dragon. You have access to these services for life.</p>	

This map is intended to provide suggestions for activities and careers, but everyone's abilities, experiences, and constraints are different. Schedule an appointment with a Career Coach to discuss your individual goals and to create a personalized map.

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