

**Animation
2025–26 M.A.
Program of Study**

SCAD

Atlanta/Savannah/SCADnow online

**Possible Assigned
Classes***

Preliminary
Classes

Assigned SLS Language Classes
Assigned Intensive Courses [ANIM 501, ANIM 504, VFX 501, VFX 505]**

**Degree
Requirements**

45 credits [9 classes]

3 classes per quarter
= 1 year [3 quarters]

2 classes per quarter
= 1.5 years [5 quarters]

Foundational
Classes

ANIM 705 Animation Aesthetics and Practice
ANIM 709 Computer Generated Modeling and Design
ANIM 713 Drawing in Motion
700 level ARTH elective

Intermediate
Classes

ANIM 737 Collaborative Project (ANIM 705, ANIM 709)
Select one of the following:
ANIM 724 #D Naturalistic Character Animation (VSFX 708 or ANIM 709)
ANIM 715 Character Look Development (VSFX 708 or ANIM 709)
Select one of the following:
ANIM 714 3D Cartoon Character Animation (VSFX 708 or ANIM 709)
ANIM 725 Environment Look Development (VSFX 708 or ANIM 709)

Review for
Candidacy

M.A. Review for Candidacy [no credit, no tuition]
• All students must pass the Review for Candidacy before registering for SANM 748.
• The review should be taken after 3 completed 700-level classes.
• The review guidelines can be accessed at the Graduate Advising Website on MySCAD.

Elective
Classes

Select one of the following:
ANIM 779F Graduate Field Internship
500-level SCADpro elective
700 level ACT, ANIM, DWRI, FILM, GAME, ITGM, IXDS, MOME, PROD, SANM, SFLM, SNDS, STEC, THED or VFX elective

Capstone
Class

SANM 748 School of Animation and Motion M.A. Final Project

**Additional
Information**

- Taking two classes is considered full-time. Graduate students are not required to take three classes.
- Every student has five years to complete their degree.
- International students must check with ISSO before planning to do an internship.
- Recommended course sequencing is subject to class availability.
- To see a list of your required courses, visit MySCAD > My academics > Academic Tools and Applications > SCAD Degree Planner.
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Foundational Classes

ANIM 705 Animation Aesthetics and Practice
ANIM 709 Computer-generated Modeling and Design
ANIM 713 Drawing in Motion

Intermediate Classes

MOME 719 Media Theory and Application
ANIM 721 Storyboarding and Previsualization
ANIM 737 Collaborative Project (ANIM 705, ANIM 709)

Review for Candidacy

M.F.A. Review for Candidacy [no credit, no tuition]

- All students must pass the Review for Candidacy before registering for ANIM 775
- The review should be taken after 9 completed 700-level classes.
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Degree Requirements

90 credits [18 classes]

3 classes per quarter
= 2 years [6 quarters]

2 classes per quarter
= 3 years [9 quarters]

Elective Classes

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 500-level SCADpro elective
 700-level ACT, ANIM, DWRI, FILM, GAME, ITGM, IXDS, MOME, PROD, SANM, SFLM, SNDS, STEC, THED, or VFX elective
 Select one of the following
 ANIM 779F Graduate Field Internship
 BEST 779 Teaching Art and Design
 700-level ACT, ANIM, DWRI, FILM, GAME, ITGM, IXDS, MOME, PROD, SANM, SFLM, SNDS, STEC, THED, or VFX elective
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 500-700 level elective
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 700-level ARTH elective

Capstone Classes

ANIM 753 M.F.A. Thesis Exploration and Research (ARTH 702, ANIM 705, MOME 719)
 ANIM 775 M.F.A. Thesis Visual Component Production (ANIM 753, completion of the review for candidacy)
 ANIM 790 Animation M.F.A. Thesis Completion (ANIM 775)

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