Welcome to Introduction to Animation

This course is meticulously designed to align with state standards and targeted learning objectives, ensuring comprehensive coverage of essential knowledge and skills required for student success.

Course Description:
Discover the exciting world of animation with **Introduction to Animation**, a self-paced, semester-long online course that brings your creative ideas to life. This course is designed to help you turn your imagination into motion, covering both traditional hand-drawn animation techniques and modern digital methods.

Whether you're a complete beginner or an aspiring animator, this course will guide you through the essential principles of animation. Learn to create your own characters, design vibrant scenes, and bring stories to life through captivating animations.

The flexible format allows you to progress at your own pace, ensuring that you can balance your animation journey with other commitments. By the end of the course, you'll have a portfolio of original animations to showcase your talents, making it the perfect starting point for a future in animation.

Course Syllabus
Unit 1: Introduction to Animation Basics
- Overview of animation history and techniques.
- Introduction to the principles of animation (squash and stretch, timing, etc.).
- Understanding keyframes, inbetweens, and animation cycles.

Unit 2: Traditional vs. Digital Animation
- Basics of hand-drawn animation techniques.
- Introduction to digital animation tools and software.
- Exploring the advantages of digital animation.

Unit 3: Creating Characters and Scenes
- Design and development of characters for animation.
- Principles of character movement and expression.
- Designing backgrounds and environments for animated stories.

Unit 4: Bringing Stories to Life
- Storyboarding and planning animations.
- Understanding pacing and timing for narrative flow.
- Integrating sound and music into your animations.

Unit 5: Building Your Portfolio
- Refining and editing your animations.
- Finalizing projects for a professional portfolio.
- Tips for showcasing your work to future employers or clients.

Learning Outcomes
By the end of the course, students will:
1. Master the fundamental principles of animation.
2. Gain proficiency in both traditional and digital animation techniques.
3. Develop original characters, scenes, and short animations.
4. Build a portfolio that demonstrates their animation skills and creativity.

Conclusion
Introduction to Animation is the perfect course for anyone eager to explore the world of animation and storytelling. With hands-on projects and interactive lessons, you'll gain the skills and confidence to bring your creative visions to life. Start your journey today and unleash your animation potential!

Course Requirements: iPad or drawing tablet.