

A career in animation is one of the most-sought-after career options these days. And why not? With high salaries, career growth and an opportunity to showcase your creativity, a career in animation could be the right choice for today's youth. With movies like Kung Fu Panda, Ice Age and others being a rage among children and adults alike, the prospects of animation industry look bright.

A job in animation can be defined as the art of breathing life to a character or an object. A blend of entertainment industry and technology, it is concerned with the design, drawing, layout, and production of graphically rich and attractive multimedia clips.

Courses in Animation after 12th:

Here are some of the courses that you can go for once you pass 10+2. Please note different institutions have different eligibility criteria for an animation course. A 50% marks are minimum you should have.

- BA in Animation
- B.Sc in Animation
- Diploma in Animation
- Certificate Courses

To elaborate ahead, Training is the most essential and important aspect of the creation of a skilled professional in the field of animation. To become an animator, one doesn't require any specific academic qualification. Those with a basic sketching skill and a passion for animation can enter this field.

For a better job prospect, one should have a degree or diploma in animation.

Degree and Diploma courses in animation are abundance nowadays apart from online services. Minimum education qualification for a degree and diploma course in animation is plus two or equivalent.

Any graduate preferably arts graduate could apply for Post Graduation in animation. But some institutions such as Industrial Design Center (IDC), Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) and Indian Institute of Design (NID) follows eligibility criterion that only graduate of architecture, technology, and engineering, fine arts can apply for the PG course in these institutes.

Besides these graduate and postgraduate courses, there are several professional courses that focus on various styles and techniques. These courses, i.e Courses in Traditional animation, Stop-motion animation, Rotoscoping, Computer generated 3D and 2D animation, Claymation, Photoshop, Human anatomy, Drawing etc helps one to specialize in a particular area. One should also have a basic knowledge of computer handling.

Top Colleges for Animation:

1. Maya Academy of Advanced Cinematics (MAAC)

2. Arena Multimedia
3. Picasso Animation
4. Apeejay Institute of Design, South Delhi
5. Zee Institute of Creative Arts (ZICA)
6. The Toonz-Webel Academy
7. Global Institute of Gaming and Animation
8. Whistling Woods International

Animation - Career Options

Work opportunities for quality animators and related professionals like graphic designer, multimedia developer and game developer, character designers, keyframe animators, 3D modelers, layout artists etc exists in following sectors at large-

- Advertising
- Online and Print News Media
- Film & Television
- Cartoon production
- Theater
- Video Gaming
- E-learning

Though, these are some examples only. Opportunities exist both with the government as well as private sector enterprises. The animation itself is an industry, and as an industry, it's on the boom. There exist numerous animation houses both in India and abroad who work for clientele. An animator and multimedia professional can also work as a freelancer or start his / her own enterprise given he/she has entrepreneurial skills and funds for investments. Animators work in various capacities.

The good salary is the most attractive part of this profession. Within years these professionals can earn a six-digit salary. As a junior animator or trainee one could get between Rs.10000- 15000 per month. A three to five-year experienced animator will get 25000 to 40000.

And a well-experienced animator who has a good portfolio of excellent animation work could easily get 50000- 60000 per month.