

# CTAN 448 INTRODUCTION TO FILM GRAPHICS –

# ANIMATION

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Thursdays 4–6:50pm or Fridays 1–3:50pm

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CTAN 448 (4 units) is an introduction to the process of creating frame-by-frame animation using physical materials. Students will use their cell phones and a stop motion app to animate household objects, food, sand, paint, paper cut-outs, clay figures, and even people. Throughout the semester, we will take inspiration from exceptional examples of these creative techniques and physical materials.

During weekly homework assignments, students will experiment with each material and employ basic principles of animation, including timing, composition, quality of movement, and transitions. The emphasis will be on the artistic process, personal expression, and experimentation.

In our weekly Zoom classes, students will encourage and give constructive feedback to their peers. We will engage in discussions on the ways in which materials and techniques can enhance the concept and content of the animation. Students will work collaboratively on two projects. The Final Project is a short animation using one or more of the materials and methods explored this semester.

