

Introduction to After Effects

Training course outline

Adobe After Effects is the industry leading application for motion graphics, video compositing and visual effects.

Introduction to After Effects provides a thorough grounding in After Effects for beginners. On completion you will be able to use After Effects' key tools to deliver stunning visual results.



Course summary

Entry-level course providing a thorough grounding in After Effects' key tools and features. Sessions include:

- Animation techniques
- Layer control
- Working with shapes
- Effects
- Track mattes and masks
- Type and type animations
- Exporting your compositions.
- For the full syllabus, see over.

Duration

Two days.

Who should attend?

Newcomers to After Effects and novice After Effects users.

In-class or live online

You can attend in-person at our centres, or participate live online from your place of work or home.

To read about our approach to online training, see armada.co.uk/liveonline.

General information

Courses are hosted by highly experienced instructors with vast experience of using the application professionally.

Whilst attending training at our centres, you'll have the use of a computer running licensed Adobe Creative Cloud software to practice the techniques taught. You can choose to use a Windows computer or Mac.

Refreshments and lunch are provided.

Course fees can be paid by card or bank transfer. We accept purchase orders from UK-registered companies and public sector organisations.

Course materials and certificate

You'll receive:

- A comprehensive training guide and practice files.
- An e-certificate (PDF) confirming successful course completion.

Method of delivery

Training is designed for the busy professional, being short and intensive and combining lecture and demonstration. Practical exercises carried out under guidance help you learn the techniques taught.

You have ample opportunity to discuss specific requirements with the trainer.

After course support

Following training, you're entitled to 30 days' email support from your trainer.

Further information

See armada.co.uk/course/ae.

Course syllabus

See over.

Follow-on course

Advanced After Effects (1 day). See armada.co.uk/course/advae for details.

Course syllabus

Topics	Sub-topics
Introduction to After Effects	What is After Effects...? Tour of the interface Setting preferences Setting Auto-Save
Getting started	Creating a new project/composition Creating a new composition from footage Importing assets Organising assets Working with layers
Animation techniques	Keyframing Temporal and spatial keyframes Motion paths Modifying motion paths Orientation Anchor point essentials Roving across time Easing keyframes Exponential scale The Graph Editor Motion sketch
Layer control	Arrange, organise and navigate layers Lock, hide and solo layers Understand Switches and Modes view

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Working with Shapes	Understanding how shape layers work in After Effects Creating shape layers Multiple shapes on the same layer? Shapes and their anchor points Moving anchor points Animating shapes
Effects	Examples of effects Applying effects Customising effects properties
Track mattes and masks	Creating masks Creating track mattes Differences between masks and track mattes Animating masks and track mattes
Type and type animation	Working with type Basic text animation Text animation presets Layer styles
Exporting your Compositions	Export options Exporting directly from After Effects Exporting through Media Encoder