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 course in-person at any of our centres, or participate online from your place of work or home.

To read about our approach to online training, see: armada.co.uk/live-online-training.

General information

Armada is an Adobe Authorised Training Centre (AATC), and our *Introduction to After Effects* course is accredited by Adobe.

After Effects courses are hosted by Adobe Certified Instructors (ACIs) with vast experience of creating motion graphics and visual effects professionally in industry.

Whilst attending training at our centres, delegates have the use of a computer running licensed After Effects software to practice the techniques taught. 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.

If you're self-funding your training, you can pay in staged payments, interest-free, over 12 months.

Course materials and certificate

You'll receive:

- Comprehensive training materials.
- An e-certificate (PDF) confirming completion of an Adobe-accredited Introduction to After Effects course.

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 delegates to learn the techniques taught.

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

After course support

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

Further information, prices & dates See armada.co.uk/course/ae.





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 Rove across time Toggle hold Exponential scale The Graph Editor Motion sketch
Layer control	Arrange, organise and navigate layers Lock, hide and solo layers Understand Switches and Modes view

Topics	Sub-topics
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



