



FAQ

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CORONA RENDERER ONLINE

Welcome to SOA Academy!

In this document you can find useful information that may answer to all your questions and doubts about SOA Academy's online courses. Please, read this pdf carefully and if you still need info, contact us! We'll be glad to solve all your remaining doubts.



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SOA ONLINE COURSES: CORONA RENDERER

Hardware & Software requirements

Minimum hardware requirements

Intel I7 with 8 cores
32GB of ram.
3dsMax 2018
Corona Renderer 6

Course structure: details on videos & live webinars

How is the course structured? Is it live or recorded?

Our online courses are made up of two parts: some recorded videos which become instantly available upon purchase of the course and some live webinars which are scheduled on specific dates. Every course is associated with a specific date for the live webinar. When you purchase the course, you get access to that specific session.

What's the difference between a webinar and an on-demand course?

On-demand courses are pre-recorded and available at any time. They cover the basic aspects of the software. Webinars are online live lessons with our teachers. Webinars are always sold together with pre-recorded (on-demand) videos and are the advanced part of the course.

How long can I access the pre-recorded videos I've purchased?

Pre-recorded videos are available forever from the date of your purchase.

Will I have to be online to follow the live webinar?

Since the webinars are live advanced lessons, you'll have to be online to attend them (otherwise you can see the recordings later).

When are the live classes? Which dates?

Live classes are in the afternoon (Italian timezone) to give the chance to all people in different timezones to watch them live. The dates varies according to each batch. Please select them in the dropdown menu in the widget when making your purchase.

I couldn't attend the live session of the webinar. Can I get the recordings? How long will such recordings be available?

All live webinars will be recorded and shared with the participants of the batch. You can access them in your group on our website and watch them later. Please note that the recordings will be available only for a limited time during which you'll have to watch them. After that time, they'll be cancelled and no longer accessible on our servers.

I missed one of the live webinar, can I attend it on another date?

No, if you missed the live session, you can watch the recordings but won't be able to access another live (for that topic) at a later date.

What platform are you using for the live sessions?

All webinars are streamed via our Zoom platform. You'll receive credentials before the live starts.

How long do the lessons last? How many hours/days should I work on them?

The length of lessons varies as some may last only a few minutes and others may be longer.

I've chosen the best course for me, what do I have to do now? How can I apply?

Make sure the dates of the webinars are good for your schedule and add the course to your cart. Pay for the course and you'll receive all information to access the platform and take the course in the booked time.

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Corona Renderer course

Is there any certificate included in the Corona course?

With the online course on Photorealism with Corona you'll get a certificate as Corona User. To become certified instructor, you have to take the exam for instructor.

How do I become a Certified Instructor? What are my benefits?

With the course "Photorealism with Corona Renderer" you become Certified User. To become instructor, you have to take our online exam. The Exam can only be purchased by people who have previously completed the User course.



What modeling software is used in the Corona course? Is the course compatible with software other than 3dsMax?

We use Autodesk 3dsmax as a base but all the knowledge can be applied on Maxon C4D because the Corona version is pretty the same in terms of functions.

Is the Corona online training at a specific time of the day or can I watch the training whenever I like?

You can watch all the pre-recorded videos whenever you like. The live webinars will start at 2.30pm (Italian timezone). If you can't attend because of the time zone, the webinar will be recorded and posted as on-demand content for the class.

I purchased the course but I can only find some videos with basic topics of Corona Renderer. Where can I find the advanced topics?

The prerecorded videos are meant to give you the basic knowledge to attend the live webinars. The webinars are complementary to the videos and will cover all advanced topics related to the software

Schedule

How long are the live webinars?

Live webinars are the advanced- level lessons on Corona and last about 2 hours each.

How many live webinars are there in the Corona course?

The Corona course includes 3 live webinars:

- 1 for lighting;
- 1 for materials;
- 1 for Q&A.

Where do the courses take place?

All online courses take place on our Zoom platform. You'll receive the credentials to access after making the payment.

What time are the webinars scheduled?

The live webinars are usually scheduled in the afternoon (Italian timezone). You'll receive a notification with the exact timeframe.

Are the live classes lasting a full day?

No, live webinars are lasting only 2/3 hours each and are scheduled one per day. In general in the afternoon (Italian timezone).



Payments

Can I pay via PayPal?

No, we only accept payments via credit/debit card.

Can I pay via bank transfer?

Yes, you can. Please, contact us.

Is VAT applied if I buy the course as a company in the European Union?

VAT isn't applied to companies in the EU. To have it removed from the cart, please put your VAT ID in the correct field.

I put my VAT ID but I still have to pay VAT. Why?

Only companies who are registered in the vies don't pay VAT. All other companies have to pay for it. If you are registered and still get an error, please contact us and we'll help you solve it.

Can I split the payment in two installments?

Since the payment is made via credit card on the website, it can't be split in different parts. You'll have to make one unique payment to purchase it.

I can't complete the payment. I got an error. What shall I do?

Please make sure you have enough money in your card to make the purchase. Don't make multiple attempts at the same time or you may be charged multiple times. Contact us if you have any problems with payments.

If I book, when I need to pay?

To book the course you have to pay for it. The payment is automatic and via credit card. If you don't complete the purchase, you won't get the access to the course contents. Only 20 seats are available per batch.

Discounts & cancellations

Are there any discounts available to purchase the course?

No, there aren't any discounts available unless stated differently.

Are there discounts if I purchase more than one course?

No, there aren't any discounts available unless stated differently.

Are there discounts for former students of SOA Academy?

No, currently there aren't any discounts available unless stated differently.



Can I cancel my purchase and get a refund?

No, purchases can't be cancelled and no refunds are available. We assume that if you purchase the course, you've read and accepted our Terms & Conditions. This implies that since with the purchase you get instant access to the contents, no refund can be provided.

Do I get discounts for Corona Renderer Licenses?

Certified Users get a 10% discount on the purchase of a one-year license of Corona Renderer; Certified Instructors can organize their own courses for certified users. You'll also get a 1-month free license of Corona Renderer.

Other

Is the ArchViz Masterclass also offered online?

No, it isn't.

Why isn't the ArchViz Masterclass offered online?

The Academy team likes being in contact with the students to instantly solve any kind of problem that might arise. We also think that a face-to-face course is the best way to establish a good relationship with the guys who, in the end, become part of the Academy family. This is the reason why we decided to keep the Masterclass an in-class personal experience.

What is the language of the courses? Online courses are all available in English unless specified differently.

How many seats are there in each batch?

In every online course, we can have 20 persons. Once we reach the maximum number, bookings will be closed and a new live session on different dates will become available.





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