

## What Can I Do with a Major in Art

**Art** is the product or process of deliberately arranging symbolic elements in a way that influences and affects the senses, emotions, and/or intellect. It encompasses a diverse range of human activities, creations, and modes of expression, including music, literature, film, photography, sculpture, and paintings. The meaning of art is explored in a branch of philosophy known as aesthetics and even disciplines such as history and psychoanalysis analyze its relationship with humans and generations. Generally, art is made with the intention of stimulating thoughts and emotions.

### Sample Job Titles (some jobs might require further training)

Accessory Designer	Corporate Designer	Greeting Card Designer
Advertising Agent	Costume Design Illustrator	Illustrator
Animator	Courtroom Artist	Interior Designer
Antiques Dealer	Curatorial Consultant	Jewelry Designer
Art Administrator	Curatorial Assistant	Landscape Architect
Art Buyer	Custom Framer	Mannequin Decorator
Art Conservator	Decorator	Medical Illustrator
Art Critic	Desktop Publishers	Motion Picture Artist
Art Preservationist	Display Artist	Pattern Designer
Art Teacher	Drafter	Photographer
Artist	Exhibition Coordinator	Photojournalist
Audio-Visual Specialist	Fashion Designer	Potter
Book Designer	Film Editor	Sculptor
CAD Designer	Floral Designer	Tattoo Artist
Calligrapher	Freelance	Visual Merchandiser
Caricaturist	Gallery Director	Web Designer
Cartoonist	Gallery Designer	
Ceramic Artist	Graphic Designer	

### Jobs requiring additional education or experience

Art Agent	College/University Faculty
Art Historian	Curator
Art Therapist	Stylist

### Related Major Skills

Imagination and Creativity	Ability to multitask
Excellent work ethic	Knowledge of popular culture and artistic events
Ability to recognize differences in shapes, shading and color	Ability to execute visual ideas into constructive products
Aptitude for spatial relationships	Strong technical skills
Strong communication skills	Critical thinking skills
Research skills	Organizational skills
Ability to execute creative decisions	
Ability to work under pressure and deadlines	

### International Organizations of Interest

[Art for the World](http://www.art-for-the-world.com) ([www.art-for-the-world.com](http://www.art-for-the-world.com))

The mission of ART for The World is to build a bridge between art and society. Its initiatives indissolubly join aesthetic as well as humanitarian purposes, with a view to raising public attention on the issues that stir up our society.

[CEC Arts Link](http://www.cecartslink.org) ([www.cecartslink.org](http://www.cecartslink.org))

CEC Arts Link is an international arts organization. Our programs encourage and support exchange of artists and cultural managers in the United States and abroad. We believe that the arts are a society's most deliberate and complex means of communication, and that artists and arts administrators can help nations overcome long histories of reciprocal distrust, insularity and conflict.

[Institute for Cultural Exchange](http://www.travelling-exhibitions.com/en) ([www.travelling-exhibitions.com/en](http://www.travelling-exhibitions.com/en))

The Institute for Cultural Exchange organizes worldwide travelling exhibitions in the fields of art and culture.

[International Association of Art](http://www.iaa-europe.eu) ([www.iaa-europe.eu](http://www.iaa-europe.eu))

The International Association of Art (IAA) Europe is a network of about 40 national member organizations, within Europe, representing professional visual artists.

[International Organization on Arts and Disability](http://www.vsarts.org) ([www.vsarts.org](http://www.vsarts.org))

VSA is an international nonprofit organization founded more than 35 years ago by Ambassador Jean Kennedy Smith to create a society where people with disabilities learn through, participate in, and enjoy the arts.

[The Pollock-Krasner Foundation, Inc.](http://www.pkf.org) ([www.pkf.org](http://www.pkf.org))

The Pollock-Krasner Foundation's mission is to aid, internationally, those individuals who have worked as artists over a significant period of time. The Foundation's dual criteria for grants are recognizable artistic merit and financial need, whether professional, personal or both.

[The Society for Arts](http://societyforarts.com) (<http://societyforarts.com>)

The Society for Arts is a not-for-profit institution focused on promoting cultural communication between Europe and the United States. Annually, we bring together film festivals exploring European cinema, art exhibitions, and concerts.

### National Organizations of Interest

[Alliance of Artists Communities](http://www.artistcommunities.org) ([www.artistcommunities.org](http://www.artistcommunities.org))

The Alliance of Artists Communities is a national and international association of artists' communities and residencies — a diverse field of more than 1,000 programs worldwide that support artists of any discipline in the development of new creative work.

[Americans for the Arts](http://www.artsusa.org) ([www.artsusa.org](http://www.artsusa.org))

Americans for the Arts is the nation's leading nonprofit organization for advancing the arts in America. Americans for the Arts is dedicated to representing and serving local communities and creating opportunities for every American to participate in and appreciate all forms of the arts.

[Artists Helping Artists!](http://www.artistshelpingartists.org) ([www.artistshelpingartists.org](http://www.artistshelpingartists.org))

Artists Helping Artists (Aha!) is a 501 (c) 3 corporation with offices in Northern and Southern California. Aha! has the goal to unite artists behind a highly creative vision and a common mission to inspire and heal society through art forms and fresh creative innovation all stemming from fostering greater arts friendship and community! Each year Aha! involves many thousands of artists and other creative ones at local and regional conversations, imagination salons, majesty weekends, banquets, conferences.

[Arts Midwest](http://www.artsmidwest.org) ([www.artsmidwest.org](http://www.artsmidwest.org))

A non-profit regional arts organization headquartered in Minneapolis, Arts Midwest serves audiences, arts organizations, and artists throughout the nine states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin, and beyond. Arts Midwest presents and sponsors performances and exhibitions seen by more than half a million people annually throughout the Midwest and around the world.

[College Art Association](http://www.collegeart.org) ([www.collegeart.org](http://www.collegeart.org))

CAA includes among its members those who by vocation or avocation are concerned about and/or committed to the practice of art, teaching, and research of and about the visual arts and humanities.

[National Art Education Association](http://www.naea-reston.org) ([www.naea-reston.org](http://www.naea-reston.org))

Founded in 1947, The National Art Education Association is the leading professional membership organization exclusively for visual arts educators.

[National Assembly of State Art Agencies](http://www.nasaa-arts.org) ([www.nasaa-arts.org](http://www.nasaa-arts.org))

The National Assembly of State Arts Agencies (NASAA) is the membership organization that unites, represents and serves the nation's state and jurisdictional arts agencies. Each of the 56 states and jurisdictions has created an agency to support excellence in and access to the arts.

[National Endowment for the Arts](http://arts.endow.gov) (<http://arts.endow.gov>)

The National Endowment for the Arts was established by Congress in 1965 as an independent agency of the federal government to advance artistic excellence, creativity, and innovation for the benefit of individuals and communities.

[National Association of Independent Artists](http://www.naia-artists.org) ([www.naia-artists.org](http://www.naia-artists.org))

The mission of the National Association of Independent Artists is to strengthen, improve and promote the artistic, professional and economic success of artists who exhibit in art shows.

[The Society of Illustrators](http://www.societyillustrators.org) ([www.societyillustrators.org](http://www.societyillustrators.org))



The Society's mission is to promote the art of illustration, to appreciate its history and evolving nature through exhibitions, lectures and education, and to contribute the service of its members to the welfare of the community at large.

### Internships (Nationally and Internationally)

#### [The Art Institute of Chicago](http://www.artic.edu/aic) ([www.artic.edu/aic](http://www.artic.edu/aic))

The Art Institute of Chicago collects, preserves, and interprets works of art of the highest quality, representing the world's diverse artistic traditions, for the inspiration and education of the public and in accordance with our profession's highest ethical standards and practices.

#### [China Internship Program](http://www.artsandartists.org/cep/china.html) ([www.artsandartists.org/cep/china.html](http://www.artsandartists.org/cep/china.html))

The China Internships Program offers a full-time, high-level internship with a reputable company or organization in Beijing or Shanghai. The Program provides intensive career and academic experiences for students, graduates and new professionals.

#### [Hyde Park Art Center](http://www.hydeparkart.org/about/internships) ([www.hydeparkart.org/about/internships](http://www.hydeparkart.org/about/internships))

Founded in 1939, the Hyde Park Art Center is a premier visual arts non-profit organization. We're one of the oldest community art centers and the longest surviving alternative art gallery in Chicago, having recently moved into a new architecturally significant, state-of-the-art facility. We are seeking responsible interns/co-op students for several positions during the summer, academic year and full calendar year.

#### [National Gallery of Art](http://www.nga.gov/education/interned.htm) ([www.nga.gov/education/interned.htm](http://www.nga.gov/education/interned.htm))

The mission of the National Gallery of Art is to serve the United States of America in a national role by preserving, collecting, exhibiting, and fostering the understanding of works of art, at the highest possible museum and scholarly standards.

#### [NEIU Office of Career Services College Central Network](http://www.collegecentral.com/neiu) ([www.collegecentral.com/neiu](http://www.collegecentral.com/neiu))

The job and internship listing site for NEIU's Office of Career Services.

#### [Smithsonian American Art Museum](http://americanart.si.edu/research/opportunity/interns/) (<http://americanart.si.edu/research/opportunity/interns/>)

The Smithsonian American Art Museum, the nation's first collection of American art, is an unparalleled record of the American experience. The collection captures the aspirations, character and imagination of the American people throughout three centuries. The American Art Museum is the home to one of the largest and most inclusive collections of American art in the world.

#### [The Walters Art Museum](http://thewalters.org/museum_art_baltimore/themuseum_jobs_internship.aspx)

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The Walters Art Museum in Baltimore, Maryland is internationally renowned for its collection of art, which was amassed substantially by two men, William and Henry Walters, and eventually bequeathed to the City of Baltimore.

### Volunteer opportunities (Nationally and Internationally)



[ArtCorps \(www.artcorp.org\)](http://www.artcorp.org)

ArtCorps advances social change initiatives by promoting art and culture as powerful tools to generate cooperative and sustainable work between development organizations and the communities they serve.

[Arts and Business Council of Chicago \(http://www.artsbiz-chicago.org/\)](http://www.artsbiz-chicago.org/)

The Arts & Business Council of Chicago annually supports hundreds of Chicago-area nonprofit arts and culture organizations by providing their management with quality educational, assessment and advisory services, and by partnering them with expert volunteers from the for-profit business sector.

[Chicago Urban Art Retreat \(www.urbanartretreat.com\)](http://www.urbanartretreat.com)

URBAN ART RETREAT (U.A.R.) encourages people to learn from each other's differences while overlapping our similarities through examining issues of violence and inequity in our society. To accomplish this task, U.A.R. offers safe, violence-free space (retreat) where people who do and do not define themselves as artists can share their visions and processes in both art and in daily living as interrelated.

[Rumble Arts \(www.rumblearts.com\)](http://www.rumblearts.com)

Rumble Arts Center is an all ages, multicultural, community arts organization serving Chicago's Humboldt Park neighborhood. We offer donation based classes in art, music, dance, yoga, martial arts, writing, and performance in addition to special workshops and cultural events.

[Employing Organizations \(Nationally and Internationally\)](#)[American Greetings \(http://corporate.americangreetings.com\)](http://corporate.americangreetings.com)

American Greetings Corporation is a leading manufacturer of innovative social expression products that assist consumers in enhancing their relationships. The company's major greeting card brands are American Greetings, Carlton Cards, Gibson, Recycled Paper Greetings, and Papyrus, and other paper product offerings include DesignWare party goods, American Greetings and Plus Mark gift-wrap and boxed cards and Date Works calendars. American Greetings also has the largest collection of electronic greetings on the Web, including cards available at AmericanGreetings.com through AG Interactive, Inc., the company's online division.

[Electronic Arts \(www.ea.com\)](http://www.ea.com)

Electronic Arts Inc. is a leading global interactive entertainment software company. EA develops, publishes, and distributes interactive software worldwide for video game systems, personal computers, wireless devices and the Internet.

[Hallmark \(www.hallmark.com\)](http://www.hallmark.com)

For 100 years, Hallmark Cards, Inc. has helped people connect with one another and give voice to their feelings. Our employees are personally passionate about caring, creativity, quality and innovation, values that have guided us from the start and remain at our core. Our products include paper party supplies, gifts and wrapping paper, ornaments and decorative items for the home, memory-keeping picture frames, albums and scrapbooks, e-cards and customized photo cards, and even a cable television channel.

[The Metropolitan Museum of Art \(www.metmuseum.org\)](http://www.metmuseum.org)

The Metropolitan Museum of Art is one of the world's largest and finest art museums. Its collections include more than two million works of art spanning five thousand years of world culture, from prehistory to the present and from every part of the globe

[The Walt Disney Company \(http://corporate.disney.go.com\)](http://corporate.disney.go.com)

The Walt Disney Company, together with its subsidiaries and affiliates, is a leading diversified international family entertainment and media enterprise with four business segments: media networks, parks and resorts, studio entertainment and consumer products.

Organizations of Interest in Chicago-area

[Art Institute of Chicago \(www.artic.edu\)](http://www.artic.edu)

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[The Bradford Exchange \(www.bradfordexchange.com\)](http://www.bradfordexchange.com)

The Bradford Exchange Online is the e-commerce partner of The Bradford Exchange. Since the early 1970s, The Bradford Exchange has been recognized as the premier source for a vast array of unique limited-edition collectibles and fine gifts that offer an exceptionally high level of artistry, innovation and enduring value.

[DesignPac Inc. \(www.designpac.com\)](http://www.designpac.com)

DesignPac Inc. operates as a product development and production company of specialty gifts and home decor. The company designs, develops, and produces gourmet food, candy, wine and spirits, seasonal products, and other gifts. It sells its gifts and decorative accessories to retail stores in the United States and internationally. The company was founded in 1991 and is based in Melrose Park, Illinois. DesignPac Inc. operates as a subsidiary of 1-800-Flowers.com, Inc.

[McGraw-Hill Higher Education Publishing \(www.mcgraw-hill.com\)](http://www.mcgraw-hill.com)

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[Publications International \(www.pilbooks.com\)](http://www.pilbooks.com)





Publications International, Ltd. (PIL) is one of North America's leading publishers of consumer periodicals, producing more than 400 new book titles each year and printing more than 20 million books annually.

[Sears Holdings](http://www.searsholdings.com/careers) ([www.searsholdings.com/careers](http://www.searsholdings.com/careers))

Sears Holdings is committed to improving the lives of our customers by providing quality services, products and solutions that earn their trust and build lifetime relationships.

[WLS-TV](http://abclocal.go.com/wls/index) (<http://abclocal.go.com/wls/index>)

ABC7 is the Midwest flagship of the ABC television network. The station's offices and studios are located in the Loop in downtown Chicago. ABC7 leads the market in local news coverage with daily newscasts. ABC7 also offers local news. ABC7 has been in a number one position in local news since March 1986.

### On-line Job Boards

(NEIU's Office of Career Services Job Board: [www.collegecentral.com/neiu](http://www.collegecentral.com/neiu))

<http://www.artjob.org>

<http://www.artdeadline.com>

<http://www.aquent.com>

<http://www.creativehotlist.com>

<http://www.graphicdesignerjobs.com>

<http://www.state.il.us/agency/iac>

<http://www.war.com/employment>

<http://www.aiga.com/>

<http://www.artschools.com>

<http://www.thepauper.com/>

<http://www.nppa.org>

<http://www.museum-employment.com>

<http://www.collegeart.org>

<http://www.artcareer.net>

<http://www.globalartjobs.com>

<http://www.artisiantalent.com>

<http://jobbank.artsusa.org>

<http://www.greetingcard.org>

<http://www.gamesindustry.biz>

<http://www.vraweb.org>

<http://www.creativedir.com><http://jobs.awn.com/>

<http://www.printjobs.com>

<http://www.nationjob.com/media>

<http://www.interiordesignjobs.com>

<http://www.coroflot.com>

<http://www.chicagobookclinic.org/jobline/>

<http://www.csuchico.edu/plc/artjobs.html>

<http://www.theartnewspaper.com>

<http://artdeadlineslist.com>

<http://www.creativeheads.net>

<http://www.gamejobs.com>

<http://illustrator.jobs.com>