What Can I Do With A Major In: Art

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DESCRIPTION
Art careers can vary dependent on the artistic skill set of the candidate and the industry one wants to go into. Common career fields can include teaching, art directors, craft and fine arts, fashion design, floral design, graphic design, industrial designers, interior design and multimedia artists and animators.

WHAT JOBS ARE AVAILABLE?

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WHO EMPLOYS STUDENTS WITH THIS MAJOR?
Advertising Firms, Television Studios, Newspapers, Publishers, Theaters, Schools, Museums, Toy Companies, Colleges and Universities, Restoration Companies, Private Work

INTERNSHIP INFORMATION
The Fine Art Museum Internship Program provides "real world" work and learning experiences for college students and recent graduates in related fields of study such as arts administration, museum installation, curating, art education, art history, marketing, hospitality, communications, museum studies and graphic design.

Working under the supervision of the museum staff, interns assist with the daily tasks that culminate in the FAM's exhibitions and special events. Interns work with their supervisors to design their own focus, which helps to build acquired skills such as problem solving, teamwork, volunteer coordination and museum organization. The FAM offers the chance for students to build their resumes and receive letters of recommendation at the completion of a successful Internship Program.

A link that might be of interest to students interested in interning is:
Explore the Fine Art Museum
http://www.wcu.edu/museum/discover/internship-program.asp
WHAT SKILLS ARE LEARNED IN THE CLASSROOM?
Contemporary Graphic Issues, Printmaking, Book Arts, Photography, Painting, Drawing, Ceramics, Sculpture, Computer Aided Drafting, Space Planning, Problem-Solving, Lighting

THINKING, PLANNING, AND ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS
● The ability to learn, understand and interpret information and apply knowledge to new situations
● The ability to set priorities, meet deadlines and effectively plan/manage time, data and resources
● Problem-solving skills and the ability to make well-reasoned decisions, think creatively and search for, identify and consider all sides of an issue
● Skills to effectively analyze and interpret a wide range of information and data to discuss, support and/or reject ideas, opinions, reports, theories and proposals

PROFESSIONAL RESOURCES
● There are a lot of different associations for art majors depending on what area you are working in.
● TIP: Join LinkedIn groups that are related to your career interest. Need help finding groups? Check out the “Groups You May Like” link under the Interests/Groups tab. Review the groups that professionals in your field of interest have joined and consider joining them as well.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
● WCU Center for Career and Professional Development: careers.wcu.edu

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