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?
Animation Cartoonist  Fashion Artist  Package Designer
Architect  Fashion Designer  Painter
Art Appraiser  Fine Artist  Police Artist
Art Director  Furniture Designer  Sculptors
Art Restorer  Graphic Designer  Set Designer
Art Teacher  High School teacher  Set Illustrator
Art Therapist  Illustrator  Technical Illustrator
Artist Agent (Manager)  Interior Designer  Textile Designer
Cartoonist (Publications)  Scientific Illustrator  Toy Designer
Commercial Designer  Middle School Teacher  Web Art Director
Exhibit Designer  Model Maker

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

KNOWLEDGE
- Understanding of basic principles of art and design
- A knowledge of, and skills in, the use of tools and technology sufficient to work from concept to finished product
- The ability to conduct creative and scholarly research and to write and speak about art and design
- A broad knowledge of the history, philosophy and professional practices of art

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 INFORMATION SOURCES

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