



Major/ Career Connections

Major Profile: Art (AES)

Herron School of Art & Design

Artistic Interest Cluster

Is Art for me?

Find out by answering the following questions. If you answer yes to most of them, read on to learn more. If not, try one of the other **Major Profiles** (<http://uc.iupui.edu/students/academics/mccs.asp>).

	No	Yes
Are you artistic, enterprising, or social (see Interest Cluster sheets)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you a creative thinker?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you intuitive and innovative in your ideas and abilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you expressive, original and independent in your work and/or play?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you enjoy art, music, drama, language, literature and other cultures?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you value beauty and self-expression?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

What is Art?

The study of art examines the historical development of art as a social and intellectual phenomenon. Skills in analysis of specific works of art are developed through courses in art theory, art history, research methods, and the uses of materials and tools needed to create works of art. Students study specific periods, cultures, styles, and themes that exist in the field of art. Concentrations are available in Art Education, Art History, Ceramics, Furniture Design, Fine Arts, Painting, Photography, Printmaking, or Sculpture. The Art Education program focuses on how to teach art and art appreciation programs at various educational levels.

What Courses Will I Take?

Courses will vary based upon chosen degree.

- Nineteenth Century Art
- Art Museum Studies
- Wheel Throwing
- Clay & Glaze Materials
- Furniture Design I to VI
- Portrait Painting
- Watercolor Painting
- Digital Imaging
- Lithography
- Etching
- Sculpture

What are Some Related Majors?

- Interior Design (AES)
- English (ASE)
- Visual Communication (AES)
- Philosophy (AIE)
- General Art (AES)
- Journalism (AES)
- Media Art (ASI)
- Education (SAE)
- Communications (ESA)
- Public Relations (ESA)
- Pre-law (ESA)

What Skills Will I develop?

As an art major, students will learn to think logically and critically through examining visual images and other forms of cultural expression. The abilities to conduct research, analyze ideas, solve problems creatively and communicate (in oral, written and visual forms) are strongly enhanced through earning an Art degree. Students studying a studio art (such as sculpture or photography) learn to use equipment and work with materials ([Quick Guide to Colleges and Careers, 2002](#) and [IUPUI's Herron School of Art](#)).

Where Could I Work?

Art majors obtain a broad educational foundation with a liberal arts framework, combined with the specific art courses related to one's degree/concentration. These students may find work in Art Museums and Galleries, Fine Arts, Commercial Art, Education, Art Therapy, Media, Photography, Art Sales, Retailing, Fashion, Textile and Interior Design.

What Job Opportunities Exist?

Students may pursue one of the career options listed below (Guide to College Majors, 2008).

- Animator
- Art Dealer
- Artist
- Digital Artist
- Fashion Designer
- Graphic Designer
- Interior Designer
- Art Teacher
- Set Designer
- Web Art Director
- Website Designer
- Writer

Employment Outlook

According to the Occupational Outlook Handbook (2008-2009), Employment of artists and related workers is expected to grow faster than the average through the year 2016. Illustrators who work on computers will be in demand as websites use more detailed images and backgrounds in their designs. Medical illustrators will also be in demand because of medical research continues to grow rapidly. Multimedia artists and animator jobs will increase because there are more realistic video games movie and television special effects, and 3D animated movies.

Salary Expectations

“Median annual earnings of salaried fine artists, including painters, sculptors, and illustrators, were \$41,970. The middle 50 percent earned between \$28,500 and \$58,550. The lowest 10 percent earned less than \$18,350, and the highest 10 percent earned more than \$79,390 (Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2008-2009).” As an Art educator, the Handbook states that the “median annual earnings of kindergarten, elementary, middle, and secondary school teachers ranged from \$43,580 to \$48,690; the lowest 10 percent earned \$28,590 to \$33,070; the top 10 percent earned \$67,490 to \$76,100. Median earnings for preschool teachers were \$22,680.”

What Graduate/Professional School Opportunities Exist?

- Art Education
- Fine Arts
- Museum Studies
- Art Therapy
- Arts Administration
- Art History

Where Can I Get More Information?

IUPUI Herron School of Art Art Program	http://www.herron.iupui.edu/ Office: Herron School of Art Phone: (317) 278-9400
Academic Advising at IUPUI	http://uc.iupui.edu/students/academics/index.asp
Career Counseling at IUPUI	http://uc.iupui.edu/students/career/index.asp
UNC Wilmington (Jobs/Associations)	http://www.uncwil.edu/stuaff/career/Majors/
Learn More Indiana (Jobs/Associations)	http://www.learnmoreindiana.org/careers/Pages/Home.aspx
Art Network (professional resources)	http://www.artmarketing.com/