

What can I do with a major in Visual Arts?

*Art X: Expanded Forms, Ceramics, Drawing, Fabric Design,
Graphic Design, Interior Design, Jewelry and Metalwork,
Painting, Photography, Printmaking,
Scientific Illustration, Sculpture, Studio Art*

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This information describes typical occupations and employment settings associated with this major. Understand some of these options may require additional training. Moreover, you are not limited to these options when choosing a possible career path.

Description of Visual Arts

Students in Visual Arts are guided by accomplished artists/teachers to pursue their goals in ceramics, drawing, digital media, fabric design, graphic design, interior design, jewelry and metalwork, painting, photography, printmaking, scientific illustration, sculpture, and studio art. Generally, visual artists fall into two categories—"graphic artists" and "fine artists"—depending on the artist's purpose in creating a work of art. **Graphic artists** put their artistic skills and vision at the service of commercial clients, such as major corporations, retail stores, advertising, design, or publishing firms. **Fine artists** create art to satisfy their own need for self expression, and may display their work in art galleries, museums and homes. Fine artists work independently, choosing their mediums and subject matters as they see fit. Often, they specialize in one or more forms of art, i.e. painting, sculpting, or printmaking. In many instances, visual artists work in more commercially connected endeavors, while pursuing their "fine arts" goals.

Research Careers

O*NET, <http://online.onetcenter.org> (click on "Find Occupations")

Occupational Outlook Handbook, www.bls.gov/oco (type in general term for career of interest)

Alberta Occupational Profiles, www.alis.gov.ab.ca/occinfo/frameset.asp (click on "Occupational Title Search")

Georgia Career Information Center, www.gcic.peachnet.edu (call the Career Center front desk at 706.542.3375 for the username and password)

***Please visit the Career Center Library or your Career Consultant if you need additional information or assistance.**

Possible Job Titles of Visual Arts Graduates

(*As reported by UGA Career Center post-graduate survey)

Account Executive*	Assistant Curator	Label Designer
Advertising Artist	Calligrapher	Layout Artist
Appraiser	Cartoonist	Mannequin Decorator
Architectural Model Maker	Ceramic Artist	Mechanical & Production Artist
Archivist	Color Expert	Motion Picture Animator
Antiques Dealer	Costume and Mask Designer	Muralist
Art Administrator	Creative Services Manager*	Paper Maker
Art and Design Professor*	Exhibition Coordinator	Photographer
Art Buyer	Fashion Artist/Designer	Photojournalist
Art Consultant	Foundry Artist	Printing Designer
Art Critic	Furniture Designer	Product Designer/Illustrator
Art Dealer	Gallery Owner	Quick Sketch Artist
Art Director	Glass Blower	Set Designer/Illustrator
Art Historian*	Illustrator	Sculptor
Art Restorer	Interior Designer	Stained Glass Artist
Art Teacher*	Jewelry Designer	Stone Carver
Art Therapist*	Kitchenware Designer	Toy Designer
Artist's Agent		Web Designer

Possible Employers of Visual Arts Graduates

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Atlanta Journal-Constitution*	Hatch Snow Print*	Roswell Visual Arts Center*
Athens Magazine*	High Hirsch Bedner Associates*	Southeastern Louisiana University*
Awaken the Arts!*	Mohawk Home*	Starz Entertainment*
BBDO Atlanta*	Morris Museum of Art*	Teach for America*
Booth Western Art Museum*	NCI*	Thrasher Photography & Design
burton + Burton*	NKP Media*	WonderRoot*
Creative Marketing and Associates*	Pier 59 Studios*	Young Athenians*
FanDriveMedia*	Renewal Design Build*	ZoomWorks*

Career Center Library Resources

The Artists Guide, by Jackie Battenfield
Careers for Crafty People and other Dexterous Types, by Mark Rowh
Careers for Culture Lovers & other Artsy Types, by Marjorie Eberts
Great Jobs for Liberal Arts Majors, by Blythe Camenson
How to be a Successful Cartoonist, by Randy Glasbergen
Careers for Shutterbugs and other Candid Types, by Cheryl McLean
Careers for Nature Lovers and other Outdoor Types, by Louise Miller
Great Jobs for Art Majors, by Blythe Camenson

Career Insider powered by the Vault: www.career.uga.edu – In the “Resources” tab, select “Online Resources”

The Vault Guide to Interior Design
The Vault Guide to Fashion Careers
The Vault Guide to Advertising

Campus Resources

Lamar Dodd School of Art, 706.542.1511, <http://art.uga.edu/>

Ceramics Student Association

Ideas for Creative Exploration (ICE), <http://ice.uga.edu/>

Idea Lab, <http://idealap.uga.edu/>

Georgia Museum of Art, 706.542.GMOA (706.542.4662), <http://georgiamuseum.org/>

Georgia Sculptors Society, www.georgiasculpture.org/ or info@georgiasculpture.org

National Art Education Association, www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=36757006136 or ARTED@LISTSERV.UGA.EDU

Printmaking Student Association, gzuniga@uga.edu

Scientific Illustration Club, scientificillustrationclub@gmail.com

Student Photography Association, spa.uga@gmail.com

Employment Websites

UGA DAWGlink (career.uga.edu)- <https://uga-csm.symplicity.com/students/index.php>

Art Career - www.artcareer.net/jobs.asp

Art History Network - www.arthistory.net/

Art Jobs - <http://artjobs.artsearch.us/>

Museum Employment Resource - www.museum-employment.com/

Museum Jobs - www.museumjobs.com/

Georgia Archives - <http://sos.georgia.gov/archives/>

Visual Nation - www.visualnation.com/

New York Foundation for the Arts - www.nyfa.org/default.asp

World Wide Art Resources - <http://wwar.com/>

Christie's - www.christies.com/home_page/home_page.asp

Additional Resources

The College Art Association - www.collegeart.org/

American Association of Museums - www.aam-us.org/

American Society For Aesthetics - aesthetics-online.org/

Society of American Archivists - www.archivists.org/

Virtual Library Museums Pages - <http://archives.icom.museum/vlmp/usa.html>

American Art Therapy Association - www.arttherapy.org

Winsor Gallery- www.thewinsorgallery.com