**WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY VISUAL ARTS DEGREE?**

**Using the Major Sheet:**
- Large headings indicate **industry** area and subheadings indicate **employers** within that area.
- Use the titles to search for careers and related careers in order to explore your options within different areas of industry. Note that some career titles have multiple names for similar positions.
- An asterisk (*) notes that additional training (certification, graduate school, high level of experience) may be needed in order to obtain this career. Make sure to thoroughly research career pathways.

### DIGITAL ART/ANIMATION/INTERACTIVE MEDIA/GAME INDUSTRY

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### PHOTOGRAPHY

**Advertising Agencies, Magazines/Newspapers, Corporate Communications Department, Stock Houses, Hospitals, Museums, Advertising Agencies**
- Photographer’s Assistant
- Freelance Photographer
- Staff Photographer
- Curatorial Assistant
- Photographic Stylist
- Product Photographer
- Photojournalist
- Picture Editor
- Fashion Photographer

**Government, Military, Law Enforcement**
- Photographer’s Assistant
- Staff Photographer
- Forensic Photographer

**Photo Finishing/Professional Labs, Camera/Film Stores**
- Photographic Supplies Sales Rep.
- Cameral Repairer
- Darkroom Supervisor
- Photographic Technologist
- Lab Technician
- Lab Manager

**Private Studios**
- Wedding/Event Photographer
- Portrait Photographer
- Studio Manager

### GRAPHIC DESIGN / STUDIO/DIGITAL IMAGING

**Arts/Crafts Stores**
- Art Supplies Buyer
- Hobby Shop Manager
- Arts / Crafts Trainer
- Art Supplies Sales Representative
- Custom Framer

**Digital Imaging - Cable Co., Networks, Printers, Publishers, Software Developers**
- Digital Graphic Artist
- Computer Animator
- Internet Artist
- Animation Development Coordinator
- GUI Designer
- Advertising Artist
- Multimedia Producer
- Clip Artist Production Asst.
- Modeler

**Applied Art - Gov’t (military, police), Publishers (newspapers, magazines, books)**
- Forensic/Police Artist
- Medical/Science Illustrator
- Technical Illustrator
- Book Jacket Designer
- Advertising Artist/Illustrator
- Cartoonist
- Signs/Display Artist
- Children’s Book Illustrator
- Editorial Art Director
- Assistant Art Director
- Paste Up Artist
- Magazine Designer
- Package Designer
- Architectural Renderer
- Animator
- Record Cover Designer
- Promotional Designer
- Fashion Illustrator
- Graphic Designer
- Architectural Graphic Artist
- Greeting Card Artist
- Catalog Illustrator
- Courtroom Sketch Artist
- Graphic Arts Assistant

**Education - High Schools, Museums**
- Teacher/Instructor
- Tour Guide
- Docent
ART HISTORY
Museums, Auction Houses, Galleries
• Art Buyer
• Information Coordinator
• Development/Fund Raising Assoc.
• Marketer-Museum Reproductions
• Museum Technician
• Assistant Museum Curator
• Reproductions Sales Representative
• Volunteer Coordinator
• Membership Officer
• Exhibit Installer
• Museum/Tour Guide
• Armorer Technician
• Gallery Research Technician
• Museum Store Manager
• Fund Raiser/Grant Writer
• Docent
• Conservation Technician
• Cataloger
• Exhibit/Display Designer
• Display Manager

CINEMATIC ARTS/FILM / VIDEO
Community/Regional/Repertoire Theaters, Dinner Theaters, Children’s Theaters
• Touring Manager
• Lighting Technician
• Wardrobe/Costume Designer
• Art Department
• Camera Operator
• Screen/Scriptwriter
• Contestant Interviewer
• Film Assistant
• Wardrobe/Costume Designer
• Art Department
• Camera Operator
• Teacher
• Stage Technician
• Playwright
• Art Director/Production Designer
• TV Electronic Designer
• Talent Scout
• Set Building/Design
• Producer
• Programmer
• Production Assistant
• Programming Assistant
• Location Manager
• Editor
• Gaffer
• Director

MISCELLANEOUS ART-RELATED
Arts Councils/Organizations, Government, Foundations
• Grant Application/Proposal Reviewer
• Book / Subscription Salesperson
• Illustrator
• Advertising / PR - Firms, Corporations, Media, Freelance
• Marketing Research Analyst
• Advertising Salesperson
• Assistant/Junior Account Executive
• Desktop Publishing Specialist
• Exhibit Display Representative
• Story Board Illustrator
• Design Assistant
• Public Relations Specialist
• Media/Space Buyer
• Design Assistant
• Circulation Personnel
• Public Relations Specialist
• Consumer Survey Supervisor
• Media/Space Buyer
• Advertising Salesperson
• Assistant/Junior Account Executive
• Desktop Publishing Specialist
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Preparation for a Competitive Job Market:
• Focus on transferable skill sets as you pursue a degree in Visual Arts.
• Obtain relevant internship, co-op, or volunteer experiences.
• Supplement Visual Arts course work with classes that are relevant to your career.
• Meet with a Career Specialist to explore options, make decisions, and prepare for career choices.

Additional Career Center Resources:
• Major Sheets (VA, PA, AMST, ENGL, IS): http://careers.umbc.edu/tools/major-sheets/
• Links by Major: http://careers2.umbc.edu/tools/links.php
• The Vault: http://careers.umbc.edu/students/discover/explore-careers-majors/
• Click on Vault Career Insider portal link and provide UMBC user ID and password
• Select “Guides” to view relevant guides such as:
  “Vault Guide to Animation Jobs”
  “Vault Guide to Film Jobs”
  “Vault Guide to Computer and Video Game Design Jobs”
  “Career Launcher: Video Games”
  “Vault Guide to Media and Entertainment Jobs”
• Professional Organizations:
  The Screen Actors Guild & Amer Federation of Television and Radio Artists: www.sagaftra.org
  The Advertising Council: www.adcouncil.org
  Society of Illustrators: www.societyillustrators.org
  American Institute of Graphic Arts: www.aiga.org
  American Photographic Artists: www.apanational.com