

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

This information describes typical occupations and employment settings associated with this major. Understand that 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 AND PERFORMING ARTS

A Visual and Performing Arts degree at UT Dallas allows students to pursue an interdisciplinary study of the arts and gain practical experience in at least one area of the visual arts, performing arts, or creative writing. You should expect to develop outstanding skills in written and oral communication, independence and creativity, cultural understanding, and the interpretation ideas and artistic expression. With a bachelor's degree in Visual and Performing Arts, you can pursue entry level positions in design, broadcasting, government, fashion, education, publishing, journalism, public relations, business, performance, arts administration, and entertainment (just to name a few). Likewise, you can continue your education in graduate programs to study business, law, administration, government, religious studies, medicine, or any number of fields in the fine arts and humanities. Because the Visual and Performing Arts degree can lead you to down many different career paths, it is important to identify an area of interest and take the initiative to develop the appropriate skills, experience, and credentials to enter your chosen field.

MARKETABLE SKILLS

- **Planning**—Ability to organize and execute events and synthesize complex ideas
- **Creative Problem Solving**—Ability to view problems in multiple ways and generate unique solutions
- **Communication**—Ability to express thoughts and ideas clearly and professionally to diverse audiences
- **Interpersonal**—Ability to communicate effectively with people from various backgrounds

POSSIBLE INTERNSHIPS

AT&T, Future Leaders Intern	Nicole Kwon Concept Store, Fashion Merchandising Intern
C2 Art Advisors, Project and Research Asst. Intern	Parkland Health & Hospital System, Community Relations and Communications Intern
Dallas Black Dance Theatre, Community Engagement/Social Media Intern	Santander Consumer USA, HR Intern
Dallas HD Films, Production Intern	Shakespeare Dallas, Social Media Intern and Assistant House Manager Intern
Fine Arts Chamber Players, Basically Beethoven Festival Intern	The Dallas Contemporary, Museum Intern
Legacy Counseling Center, Grace Project Women's Program Intern	Wolf Trap, Arts Industry Intern

POSSIBLE JOB TITLES

Art Historian	Event Coordinator	Photographer
Art Therapist	Fundraiser	Producer
Broadcaster	Grant Writer	Product Designer
Business Analyst	Human Resources Coordinator	Professor
Career Counselor	Industrial Designer	Program Manager
Collections Manager	Information Specialist	Project Manager
Community Affairs Specialist	Interior Designer	Public Relations Specialist
Copywriter	Journalist	Publisher
Courtroom Sketch Artist	Layout Artist	Set Designer
Curator	Medical Illustrator	Social Worker
Entertainment Agent	Museum Exhibit Designer	Theater Director
Environmental Planner	Personnel Manager	Transportation Designer

POSSIBLE EMPLOYERS

Aetna	Interstate Batteries, Inc.	Texas Film Commission
AmeriCorps	Junior Players	The Dallas Morning News
Artemis Fine Art Services	Kidventure	The Greenlining Institute
AT&T	North Texas Public Broadcasting (KERA)	Theatre Three
City of Dallas	PBS	Toyota
D Magazine	Peace Corps	United Commercial Realty
Dallas Museum of Art	Pioneer Natural Resources USA	United Nations
Edmentum	Sanderson Farms	UT Dallas
Federal Government	Southwest Airlines	Vee Model Management Consulting
Fossil	State Farm	Yelp
Frontier Communications		

EMPLOYMENT WEBSITES

CometCareers	Art Jobs
GettingHired	Bridgespan Nonprofit Job Board
Indeed.com	Higher Ed Jobs
Idealist.org	New Pages
LinkedIn.com – Recent Graduates	USAJobs.gov

PROFESSIONAL INDUSTRY RESOURCES

Association of American Publishers	Dance Council of North Texas
College Art Association	Educational Theatre Association
Creative Arts Center of Dallas	Texas Film Commission
Creative Organizations in DFW	Texas Music Office
Dallas Film Society	The United States Institute for Theatre Technology

RESEARCHING JOB TITLES & CAREERS

Careeronestop	O*Net
Employers of Drama, Theater & Visual Arts Majors	Occupational Outlook Handbook
Federal Occupations by College Major	Quintessential Careers

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS / CAMPUS RESOURCES

Active Minds at UTD	Pride at UTD
Alpha Phi Omega	Student Government
Club Improv	Student Leadership Programs
Feather Guns - UTD Creative Writing	Student Media
Onomatopoeia	Student Union & Activities Advisory Board (SUAAB)

CAREER READINESS – CORE COMPETENCIES EMPLOYERS SEEK

[Career readiness](#) is the attainment and demonstration of requisite competencies that broadly prepare college graduates for a successful transition into the workplace. Take time to intentionally develop and demonstrate these competencies in your classes, projects, volunteerism, campus involvement, PT jobs and internships.

- Critical Thinking/Problem Solving
- Oral/Written Communication
- Teamwork/Collaboration
- Digital Technology
- Leadership
- Professionalism/Work Ethic
- Career Management
- Global/Intercultural Fluency