Fine Arts
Herron School of Art + Design

ABOUT THE MAJOR

Studying fine arts at IUPUI in the school of Herron is your first step in building a meaningful and influential career in art and design. You will study the historical development of art as a social and intellectual phenomenon. As a student, you will learn about art first-hand with Indianapolis community partners and will find opportunities and resources to bring your artistic concepts to fruition. All majors spend the first year building foundational skills. Fine arts majors include: ceramics, drawing and illustration, furniture design, painting, photography, printmaking, and sculpture.

Skills and abilities this major develops include: understanding historical contexts, analysis, fine arts skills, and cultural competency (Herron School of Art + Design, 2017).

OPPORTUNITIES AFTER GRADUATION

Career Opportunities

According to the Occupational Outlook Handbook (2017), employment of arts and design occupations is growing slower than average at 2% from 2014-2024. For multimedia artists and animators, the job outlook is growing at 6% which is the national average through 2024. Herron graduates have many other opportunities aside from being an artist, including work in nonprofits, business development, and marketing. The job outlook for social and community services will grow 10%, faster than average, from 2014-2024.

Salary Information

The average starting salary for Herron graduates was $30,867 for the May 2016 graduating cohort. The median salary for fine artist professionals in Indiana was $35,900 in May 2015 (Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2017).

(This section is intended for informational purposes, not prediction of actual salary.)

Graduate & Professional School Paths

Fine arts majors often pursue advanced degrees in the following areas: Art Education, Fine Arts, Museum Studies, Art Therapy, Arts Administration, and Art History Art History.

WHERE TO GET MORE INFORMATION

IU Herron School of Art + Design
Herron 126; 317-278-9400
herron.iupui.edu

College Art Association (CAA)
www.collegeart.org

Herron Career Services
herron.iupui.edu/student-jobs

Sample Coursework:

- Art history
- Drawing
- Color concepts
- Studio course
- Digital imaging
- 2-D media
- 3-D media
- Senior thesis

Possible Careers:

- Freelance artist
- Gallery curator
- Graphic designer
- Nonprofit program coordinator
- Production artist
- Visual arts educator*

* = Career option requires additional training or education.

Where Could I Work?

- Angie’s List
- Education
- Indiana University Health
- Indianapolis Museum of Art
- IUPUI
- Nonprofits

Complementing Interests:

Artistic Enterprising Social

Get your interest code at go.iupui.edu/interests

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