



Major/ Career Connections

The "A" Interest Cluster: "Artistic"

Matching Personalities with Majors/ Careers

Majors and careers can be clustered into 6 broad interest areas that correspond to 6 different personality types. Based on the research of Dr. John Holland, this clustering system provides a preliminary way to identify undergraduate majors and careers that might be a satisfying fit for you. **Because personality, majors, and careers are too complex to be described by a single interest theme, you will see that the lists below have a 3 letter code to more accurately describe majors and careers using a combination of related interests (in order of importance).** This "Artistic" sheet reflects the interest cluster that ranks the "A" theme first, but be sure to review the other 5 sheets to see if any of those themes (R,I,S,C,E) are more descriptive of your interests.

Am I Artistic?

Check off your interests, values, abilities, and qualities to find out.

Interests	Values	Talents & Abilities	Qualities
<input type="checkbox"/> Working with others	<input type="checkbox"/> Truth, honesty	<input type="checkbox"/> Communication skills	<input type="checkbox"/> Creative
<input type="checkbox"/> Influential roles	<input type="checkbox"/> Beauty	<input type="checkbox"/> Work well under pressure	<input type="checkbox"/> Expressive
<input type="checkbox"/> Art, music, drama	<input type="checkbox"/> Self-expression	<input type="checkbox"/> Artistic ability	<input type="checkbox"/> Original
<input type="checkbox"/> Language, literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Objectivity	<input type="checkbox"/> Good at improvising	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent
<input type="checkbox"/> Other cultures	<input type="checkbox"/> Diversity	<input type="checkbox"/> Innovative	<input type="checkbox"/> Unsystematic
<input type="checkbox"/> Unstructured events	<input type="checkbox"/> Public recognition	<input type="checkbox"/> Intuitive	<input type="checkbox"/> Quick wit

These are characteristics of the artistic type. Artistic people are imaginative, independent, extroverted, value aesthetics and prefer self-expression through the arts. They have innovative or intuitive abilities and prefer to work in an unstructured situation, using their imagination or creativity. If this sounds like you, read on. If not, try one of the other 5 interest cluster sheets.

What Majors are Artistic?

Following is a small sample of majors an artistic person might choose:

Major (Interest Code)	School	Major (Interest Code)	School
American Literature (AES)	LIBA	Foreign Languages and Literature (ASE)*	LIBA
Art History (AES)	HERR	Fine Arts (ASI)	HERR
Art Teacher Education (AES)	HERR	Interior Design (AES)	ET
Commercial Photography (AES)	HERR	Radio and TV Broadcasting (AES)	NA
Communication Studies (ASE)*	LIBA	Social Psychology (ASE)	NA
Drama/ Theater Arts (ASE)	NA	Landscape Architecture (AES)	NA
English (AES)	LIBA	Music Theory & Composition (AES)	NA
Fashion Design and Illustration (AEI)	NA	New Media (AIR)*	INFO
Film/ Cinema Studies (AIR)	NA	Technical Graphics (AEI)	ET

* Select a profile sheet for information on these majors. Majors in **bold** are not offered at IUPUI.

What Careers are Artistic?

Following is a small sample of careers an artistic person might choose:

Account Executive (AES)	Interior Designer (AES)
Actor/ Actress (AES)	Medical Illustrator (AIE)
Architect (AIR)	Musician (AES)
Artist, Police (ASC)	Patent Agent (AEI)
Audio Production Specialist (AES)	Photographer (AES)
Columnist/ Commentator (EAS)	Photojournalist (AEC)
Copy Writer (ASI)	Production Manager, Advertising (ASE)
Critic (AES)	Public Relations Representative (EAS)
Dance Therapist (ASI)	Reporter (ASE)
Editor, Newspaper (AES)	Teacher, Art (ASE)
Entertainer (AES)	Virtual Set Designer (AIE)
Graphic Designer (AES)	Writer (AES)

Definitions of the above job titles can be found at www.doleta.gov/programs/onet. For additional artistic majors or careers consult your academic advisor or a career counselor.

How do I Select a Major/Career?

Selecting a major/career is a very involved process, requiring careful evaluation of yourself as well as academic and occupational information. No single questionnaire, assessment, or person can tell you what you should pursue. In order to make the best choices, it is important to consider your unique combination of interests, values, abilities, personality, and experiences. **Keep in mind that majors and careers can accommodate a wide range of interests; exact fit is not necessary for academic and career satisfaction.** The majors/careers above are suggested only as starting points for your exploration. Specific major/career decisions can be discussed in more detail with your academic advisor or career counselor. For more information on choosing a major you may also want to check out www.iupui.edu/~career1/studentsf.html.



Where Can I get More Information?



Assessing Academic/ Career Interests (Holland code with link to careers/ IUPUI courses)	testing.tc.iupui.edu/online/merkler (must use campus computer only)
Schools/Majors/ Degrees Offered at IUPUI	www.iupui.edu/academic/schooldegrees.htm
Course Requirements for each IUPUI Major	uc.iupui.edu/checksht/home.asp#A
Course Descriptions for all IUPUI Courses	bulletin.iupui.edu
“What I can do with a Major in...?”	www.uncwil.edu/stuaff/career/Majors/majors.htm www.utexas.edu/student/careercenter/career_ideas
Academic Advising at IUPUI	http://uc.iupui.edu/Aa/FAQ/Questions/Advising.asp
Career Counseling at IUPUI	www.iupui.edu/~career
Career Profiles (salary, outlook, educational requirements, etc)	http://stats.bls.gov/oco/home.htm http://www.icpac.indiana.edu/careers/career_profiles/