

Resume Sample: Artistic Competencies

As an art student, you use visual representations to convey emotion or “tell a story” through the use of photography, paint, clay, or even dance. A resume, in essence, is another visual representation of who you are... as a student. The process of creating your resume may be confusing at times, and it might be difficult deciding what to include, but the main goal is to show an employer the experience you have relevant to the position for which they’re recruiting. The tips below will provide guidance as you begin to draft a resume that combines all of your experience. Refer to the example on the opposite side as you read through the tips provided. You can stop by the Arts and Sciences Career Services Office during walk-in hours to have your resume draft reviewed (details about walk-in hours are found at <https://asccareerservices.osu.edu>).

- 1 Display your work. As you build your personal collection of photography, paintings, or even dance routines, create a website for yourself to display your work. Employers will be very interested to see samples of your work, and giving them an option to view these samples online is a great, and convenient, way to set yourself apart from other applicants. Tips on creating an online portfolio to display your work are found at <http://www.iseek.org/jobs/online-portfolios.html>
- 2 Highlight educational experience. Potential employers will be interested in any experience you’ve gained through a study abroad or any other educational experience outside of Ohio State (e.g., spending time at an art studio or dance academy outside of Ohio). In addition to simply listing where you studied, be sure to include a brief description of what you did while away from campus.
- 3 Relevant vs. additional experience. The relevant experience section of your resume may consist of paid and unpaid experience that displays knowledge, transferable skills, and experience that relates to the opportunity you’re seeking. The additional experience section (at the bottom of the resume example) includes items that are valuable but don’t necessarily relate to your ideal job.
- 4 Display relevant skills. A traditional resume typically includes a Skills section where a student can highlight their computer and language skills. This same idea holds true for art students, but the idea is to also include the specific disciplines a student has knowledge of (i.e. paint, clay, photography, etc.), any specific computer/design programs a student works with, and other skills relevant to the position.
- 5 Exhibition participation. As an art student you will have the invaluable opportunity to participate in art shows and exhibitions. Potential employers will surely be interested in this aspect of your resume. Exhibition participation should be listed in reverse chronological order and include: the name of the exhibition, the gallery name, and the gallery location.
- 6 Highlight special awards. Your art experience is a great asset to an employer. If you’ve earned a special award and/or recognition as a result of your skills and hard work in a relevant area make sure to highlight that on your resume. Focus on those awards that are relevant to the job you’re seeking.

Resources/Websites for Art Students

ArtSEARCH: a website for jobs and internships in the arts community

- <http://www.tcg.org/artsearch>
- login info: email address: theatre@osu.edu; password: gobucks

Online Portfolio Websites: a great way for artistic students to organize their work online

- <http://www.behance.net/>
- <http://www.dribbble.com/>
- <http://www.coroflot.com/>
- You can also use YouTube to create your portfolio. An example can be found at:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iX3gWQYOT0>

Job Hunter’s Sourcebook: 13th Ed. (ISBN-13: 978-1-4144-9030-4):

- Book includes job search resources and employment leads for actors, artists, cartoonists, choreographers, dancers, graphic artists, musicians, photographers, etc.

Collections of resume samples for those with creative competencies are found at:

<http://theultralinx.com/2014/02/fantastic-examples-creative-resume-designs.html>

<http://www.webgranth.com/resume-designs-best-creative-resume-design-infographics>

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EDUCATION

The Ohio State University
Bachelor of Fine Arts, specialization in Painting and Drawing
Columbus State Community College
Non-degree courses: Adobe Illustrator (1 & 2), Adobe Photoshop (1)

Columbus, OH
Expected August 2016
Columbus, OH
September 2013-May 2014

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STUDY ABROAD

Cam Ocagi (The Glass Furnace)
• Designed glass art with world renowned artists
• Participated in, and collaborated with, other artists for Istanbul Design Week
• Coordinated a group class project for a glass exhibition
• Customized trip to maximize cultural experiences in order to enhance artistic view

Istanbul, Turkey
September 2013

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Reel Buckeyes Productions
Co-Producer
• Acted as co-producer, location scout, and set designer for a feature length film
• Organize filming schedules at regional parks and residential locations
• Oversee filming and evaluate sets to ensure quality and consistency in production
• Solicit businesses for donations to finance film, focusing on marketing opportunities. Personally obtained contributions to cover 15% of production costs

Columbus, OH
April 2013-present

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OSU Undergraduate Juried Art Exhibition
Coordinator

- Directed the set-up and organization of art show for undergraduate student work at The Ohio State University
- Measured and arranged the layout of art work within the gallery according to flow and aesthetic considerations
- Composed and mounted tags for artists' work for easy identification by patrons

Columbus, OH
March 2012

RELEVANT SKILLS

Art

- Advanced knowledge of techniques in painting, drawing, glass, ceramics, and sculpture
- Ability to evaluate and instruct key concepts in composition and color

Computer

- Proficient with Microsoft Word & PowerPoint; Adobe Illustrator & Photoshop; ArtWeaver; and iMovie
- Active on social networking sites ArtBlog, Facebook, Tumblr, Twitter, and Pinterest

Presentation

- Exhibit and discuss art in weekly critiques
- Coordinate and design slide shows that emphasize goals, abilities, and achievements
- Clearly articulate position and persuade audiences

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EXHIBITIONS

BFA Group Exhibition, Hopkins Gallery, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio
Once, When I Was Sailing, Junction View Studios, Columbus, Ohio
Glasses, Exposures Gallery, Columbus, Ohio
Photonic Bliss, Silver Image Gallery, Columbus, Ohio

2015
2013
2012
2011

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HONORS

Robert Marion Gatrell Undergraduate Scholarship Award
The Ohio State University Department of Art, Columbus, Ohio

2012

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ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Applebees
Server

- Train new employees regarding corporate policies and procedures to ensure consistent customer experiences
- Promote weekly specials to customers to aid in their purchase decisions

Columbus, OH
June 2012- present