

Professional Associations: Majors in the School of Business, Arts, and Sciences

Joining professional associations is a key part of career development, offering students access to industry insights, networking opportunities, and professional growth. Many organizations have student-based memberships or chapters that allow you to connect with peers, mentors, and professionals while you're still in school, helping you build relationships early on. These associations provide resources such as conferences, certifications, job boards, and mentorship programs, giving you a competitive edge in your field. By joining professional associations, you're not only investing in your education but also setting yourself up for long-term career success.

Accounting:

- [American Institute of CPAs \(AICPA\)](#)
- [Association for Financial Professionals \(AFP\)](#)
- [Association of Certified Fraud Examiners \(ACFE\)](#)
- [Association of Government Accountants \(AGA\)](#)
- [Chartered Institute of Management Accountants \(CIMA\)](#)
- [Financial Accounting Standards Board \(FASB\)](#)
- [Institute of Internal Auditors \(IIA\)](#)
- [Institute of Management Accountants \(IMA\)](#)
- [National Association of State Boards of Accountancy \(NASBA\)](#)
- [National Association of Tax Professionals \(NATP\)](#)

Arts & Entertainment Management:

- [Art Directors Club \(ADC\)](#)
- [Association for Theatre in Higher Education \(ATHE\)](#)
- [Association of Arts Administration Educators \(AAAE\)](#)
- [Association of Performing Arts Professionals \(APAP\)](#)
- [Association of Talent Agents \(ATA\)](#)
- [International Association of Venue Managers \(IAVM\)](#)
- [International Ticketing Association \(INTIX\)](#)
- [League of American Orchestras](#)
- [National Association of Music Educators \(NAfME\)](#)
- [North American Performing Arts Managers and Agents \(NAPAMA\)](#)

Athletic Administration and Leadership:

- [College Athletic Business Management Association \(CABMA\)](#)
- [College Sports Information Directors of America \(CoSIDA\)](#)
- [National Association for Coaching Equity and Development \(NAFCED\)](#)
- [National Association for Sport and Physical Education \(NASPE\)](#)
- [National Association of Athletic Compliance \(NAAC\)](#)
- [National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics \(NACDA\)](#)
- [National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics \(NAIA\)](#)
- [National Federation of State High School Associations \(NFHS\)](#)
- [National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association \(NIAAA\)](#)
- [North American Society for Sport Management \(NASSM\)](#)

Biology:

[American Institute of Biological Sciences \(AIBS\)](#)
[American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology \(ASBMB\)](#)
[American Society for Microbiology \(ASM\)](#)
[American Society of Plant Biologists \(ASPB\)](#)
[Botanical Society of America \(BSA\)](#)
[Center for Strategic and International Studies \(CSIS\)](#)
[Ecological Society of America \(ESA\)](#)
[Genetics Society of America \(GSA\)](#)
[International Institute for Strategic Studies \(IISS\)](#)
[Society for Conservation Biology \(SCB\)](#)
[Society for Experimental Biology \(SEB\)](#)
[Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology \(SICB\)](#)
[United Nations Association of the United States of America \(UNA-USA\)](#)

Communication:

[American Advertising Federation \(AAF\)](#)
[Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication \(AEJMC\)](#)
[Broadcast Education Association \(BEA\)](#)
[International Association of Business Communicators \(IABC\)](#)
[International Communication Association \(ICA\)](#)
[International Society for the Study of Argumentation \(ISSA\)](#)
[National Association for Media Literacy Education \(NAMLE\)](#)
[National Communication Association \(NCA\)](#)
[Public Relations Society of America \(PRSA\)](#)
[Society for Technical Communication \(STC\)](#)

Criminal Justice:

[Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences \(ACJS\)](#)
[American Correctional Association \(ACA\)](#)
[American Probation and Parole Association \(APPA\)](#)
[American Society of Criminology \(ASC\)](#)
[American Society of Evidence-Based Policing \(ASEBP\)](#)
[International Association for Correctional and Forensic Psychology \(IACFP\)](#)
[International Association of Chiefs of Police \(IACP\)](#)
[National Criminal Justice Association \(NCJA\)](#)
[National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives \(NOBLE\)](#)
[Police Executive Research Forum \(PERF\)](#)

Cybersecurity:

[Association of Information Security Professionals \(AISP\)](#)
[Cloud Security Alliance \(CSA\)](#)
[Cyber Threat Intelligence League \(CTIL\)](#)
[Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency \(CISA\)](#)
[Electronic Frontier Foundation \(EFF\)](#)

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[Information Systems Audit and Control Association \(ISACA\)](#)
[Information Systems Security Association \(ISSA\)](#)
[International Information Systems Security Certification Consortium, Inc. \(ISC\)²](#)
[International Society of Cybersecurity Professionals \(ISCP\)](#)
[SANS Institute](#)

Digital Media Production:

[Audio Engineering Society \(AES\)](#)
[Digital Content Next \(DCN\)](#)
[Digital Production BuZZ](#)
[Interactive Advertising Bureau \(IAB\)](#)
[International Game Developers Association \(IGDA\)](#)
[Motion Picture Association \(MPA\)](#)
[National Alliance for Media Arts and Culture \(NAMAC\)](#)
[National Association of Broadcasters \(NAB\)](#)
[Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers \(SMPTE\)](#)
[Women in Film and Video \(WIFV\)](#)

Economics and Finance:

[American Economic Association \(AEA\)](#)
[American Finance Association \(AFA\)](#)
[American Real Estate Society \(ARES\)](#)
[Chartered Financial Analyst Institute \(CFA\)](#)
[Econometric Society](#)
[Financial Management Association International \(FMA\)](#)
[Financial Planning Association \(FPA\)](#)
[National Association for Business Economics \(NABE\)](#)
[National Association of Personal Financial Advisors \(NAPFA\)](#)
[Society for Financial Studies \(SFS\)](#)

General Business:

[American Association of Exporters and Importers \(AAEI\)](#)
[American Management Association \(AMA\)](#)
[Association for Business Communication \(ABC\)](#)
[Association for Corporate Growth \(ACG\)](#)
[Entrepreneurs' Organization \(EO\)](#)
[Institute of Real Estate Management \(IREM\)](#)
[National Association of Women Business Owners \(NAWBO\)](#)
[National Business Association \(NBA\)](#)
[National Federation of Independent Business \(NFIB\)](#)
[Society for Human Resource Management \(SHRM\)](#)

Graphic Arts & Design:

[AIGA, the Professional Association for Design](#)
[American Design Awards](#)
[American Institute of Graphic Arts \(AIGA\)](#)

[Graphic Artists Guild \(GAG\)](#)
[International Council of Graphic Design Associations \(ICOGRADA\)](#)
[Society for Experiential Graphic Design \(SEGD\)](#)
[Society of Illustrators](#)
[The One Club for Creativity](#)
[Type Directors Club \(TDC\)](#)

Healthcare Management:

[American Association of Healthcare Administrative Management \(AAHAM\)](#)
[American College of Healthcare Executives \(ACHE\)](#)
[American Health Information Management Association \(AHIMA\)](#)
[American Medical Group Association \(AMGA\)](#)
[Association for Healthcare Administrative Professionals \(AHCAP\)](#)
[Association for Clinical Research Professionals \(ACRP\)](#)
[Association of University Programs in Health Administration \(AUPHA\)](#)
[Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society \(HIMSS\)](#)
[Medical Group Management Association \(MGMA\)](#)
[National Association for Healthcare Quality \(NAHQ\)](#)

Human Biology:

[American Association of Anatomists \(AAA\)](#)
[American Association of Physical Anthropologists \(AAPA\)](#)
[American Society for Human Genetics \(ASHG\)](#)
[American Society for Reproductive Medicine \(ASRM\)](#)
[American Society of Clinical Oncology \(ASCO\)](#)
[Human Biology Association \(HBA\)](#)
[Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology \(SBN\)](#)
[Society for Developmental Biology \(SDB\)](#)
[Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine \(SEBM\)](#)
[Society for the Study of Human Biology \(SSHB\)](#)

International Business:

[Academy of International Business \(AIB\)](#)
[Council on Foreign Relations \(CFR\)](#)
[Export-Import Bank of the United States \(EXIM\)](#)
[International Chamber of Commerce \(ICC\)](#)
[International Monetary Fund \(IMF\)](#)
[International Trade Administration \(ITA\)](#)
[Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development \(OECD\)](#)
[United Nations Conference on Trade and Development \(UNCTAD\)](#)
[World Bank Group](#)
[World Trade Organization \(WTO\)](#)

International Studies:

[Carnegie Endowment for International Peace](#)
[Council for European Studies \(CES\)](#)

[Council on Foreign Relations \(CFR\)](#)
[International Studies Association \(ISA\)](#)
[Latin American Studies Association \(LASA\)](#)
[Trilateral Commission](#)
[World Affairs Councils of America \(WACA\)](#)

Liberal Arts & Studies:

[American Association of University Professors \(AAUP\)](#)
[American Council of Learned Societies \(ACLS\)](#)
[Association of American Colleges & Universities \(AAC&U\)](#)
[Modern Language Association \(MLA\)](#)
[National Association of Scholars \(NAS\)](#)
[National Humanities Alliance \(NHA\)](#)
[Phi Beta Kappa Society](#)

Management:

[Academy of Management \(AOM\)](#)
[American Management Association \(AMA\)](#)
[American Production and Inventory Control Society \(APICS\)](#)
[American Society for Quality \(ASQ\)](#)
[Association for Financial Professionals \(AFP\)](#)
[Association for Talent Development \(ATD\)](#)
[Institute of Management Accountants \(IMA\)](#)
[International Association of Business Communicators \(IABC\)](#)
[Project Management Institute \(PMI\)](#)
[Society for Human Resource Management \(SHRM\)](#)

Marketing:

[American Marketing Association \(AMA\)](#)
[Association of National Advertisers \(ANA\)](#)
[Content Marketing Institute \(CMI\)](#)
[Digital Marketing Association \(DMA\)](#)
[Direct Marketing Association \(DMA\)](#)
[Interactive Advertising Bureau \(IAB\)](#)
[Marketing Research Association \(MRA\)](#)
[Mobile Marketing Association \(MMA\)](#)
[Social Media Examiner](#)
[Word of Mouth Marketing Association \(WOMMA\)](#)

Political Science:

[American Association of Political Consultants \(AAPC\)](#)
[American Political Science Association \(APSA\)](#)
[Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management \(APPAM\)](#)
[Council for European Studies \(CES\)](#)
[European Consortium for Political Research \(ECPR\)](#)
[International Political Science Association \(IPSA\)](#)

[Latin American Studies Association \(LASA\)](#)
[Midwest Political Science Association \(MPSA\)](#)
[National Conference of Black Political Scientists \(NCOBPS\)](#)
[Southern Political Science Association \(SPSA\)](#)

Psychology:

[American Counseling Association \(ACA\)](#)
[American Psychiatric Association \(APA\)](#)
[American Psychological Association \(APA\)](#)
[Association for Behavior Analysis International \(ABAI\)](#)
[Association for Psychological Science \(APS\)](#)
[Association for Psychological Therapies \(APT\)](#)
[National Association of School Psychologists \(NASP\)](#)
[Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology \(SIOP\)](#)
[Society for Personality and Social Psychology \(SPSP\)](#)
[Society of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology \(SCCAP\)](#)

Public Administration:

[American Association for Budget and Program Analysis \(AABPA\)](#)
[American Political Science Association \(APSA\) - Section on Public Administration](#)
[American Society for Public Administration \(ASPA\)](#)
[Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management \(APPAM\)](#)
[International City/County Management Association \(ICMA\)](#)
[International Institute of Administrative Sciences \(IIAS\)](#)
[National Academy of Public Administration \(NAPA\)](#)
[National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration \(NASPAA\)](#)
[National Forum for Black Public Administrators \(NFBPA\)](#)
[Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration \(NASPAA\)](#)

Public Relations & Social Media Administration:

[Association for Women in Communications \(AWC\)](#)
[Chartered Institute of Public Relations \(CIPR\)](#)
[Institute for Public Relations \(IPR\)](#)
[International Association of Business Communicators \(IABC\)](#)
[International Public Relations Association \(IPRA\)](#)
[National Association of Government Communicators \(NAGC\)](#)
[Public Relations Society of America \(PRSA\)](#)
[Social Media Club \(SMC\)](#)
[Social Media Today](#)
[Word of Mouth Marketing Association \(WOMMA\)](#)

Social Science:

[American Anthropological Association \(AAA\)](#)
[American Sociological Association \(ASA\)](#)
[Association for Computing Machinery \(ACM\)](#)
[Association for Psychological Science \(APS\)](#)

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[International Sociological Association \(ISA\)](#)
[National Council on Family Relations \(NCFR\)](#)
[Population Association of America \(PAA\)](#)
[Social Science Research Council \(SSRC\)](#)
[Society for Social Studies of Science \(4S\)](#)
[Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues \(SPSSI\)](#)

Sociology:

[American Association for Public Opinion Research \(AAPOR\)](#)
[American Sociological Association \(ASA\)](#)
[Association for Humanist Sociology \(AHS\)](#)
[Eastern Sociological Society \(ESS\)](#)
[International Sociological Association \(ISA\)](#)
[Midwest Sociological Society \(MSS\)](#)
[Pacific Sociological Association \(PSA\)](#)
[Society for Applied Sociology \(SAS\)](#)
[Society for the Study of Social Problems \(SSSP\)](#)
[Southern Sociological Society \(SSS\)](#)

Sports and Recreation Management:

[American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance \(AAHPERD\)](#)
[American Camp Association \(ACA\)](#)
[Association for Applied Sport Psychology \(AASP\)](#)
[Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education \(AORE\)](#)
[Council on Accreditation of Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Related Professions \(COAPRT\)](#)
[National Council for Accreditation of Coaching Education \(NCACE\)](#)
[National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association \(NIRSA\)](#)
[National Recreation and Park Association \(NRPA\)](#)
[North American Society for Sport Management \(NASSM\)](#)
[Society of Health and Physical Educators \(SHAPE America\)](#)

Theatre:

[American Alliance for Theatre & Education \(AATE\)](#)
[Association for Theatre in Higher Education \(ATHE\)](#)
[Broadway League](#)
[Educational Theatre Association \(EdTA\)](#)
[Literary Managers and Dramaturgs of the Americas \(LMDA\)](#)
[National Association of Schools of Theatre \(NAST\)](#)
[Stage Directors and Choreographers Society \(SDC\)](#)
[Theatre Communications Group \(TCG\)](#)
[United Scenic Artists \(USA\)](#)
[United States Institute for Theatre Technology \(USITT\)](#)

Video Game Design:

[Academy of Interactive Arts & Sciences \(AIAS\)](#)
[Entertainment Software Association \(ESA\)](#)



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[Game Developers Conference \(GDC\)](#)

[Independent Game Developers Association \(IGDA\)](#)

[International Game Developers Association \(IGDA\)](#)

[National Academy of Video Game Trade Reviewers \(NAVGTR\)](#)

[Society for the Advancement of the Science of Digital Games](#)

[Video Game Bar Association \(VGBA\)](#)

[Women in Games International \(WIGI\)](#)

[Writers Guild of America Video Game Writers Caucus](#)