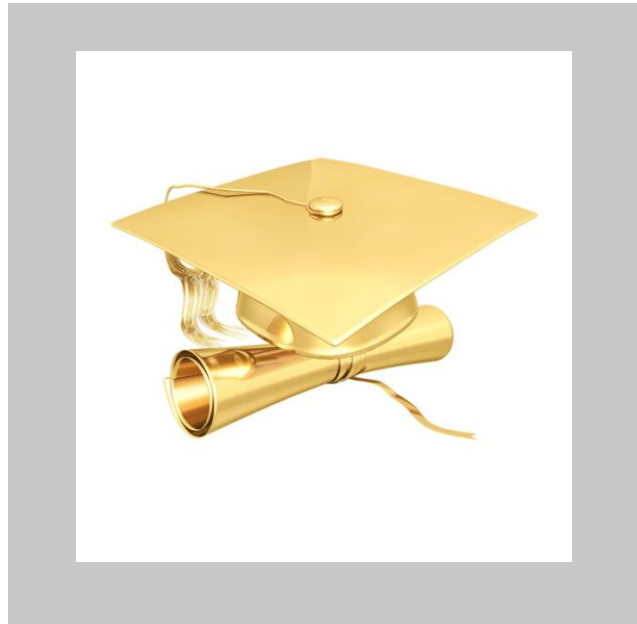


# Professional Organizations by Academic Major



## ***About Professional Organizations:***

Joining a professional organization not only enhances your resume, but also provides valuable information to students and employers within their field. Many organizations have publications that members can receive at discounted rates, or are included in their membership rates. Also, memberships sometimes include affiliations in which members can get discounts from other companies. Depending on the organization, members can network with other members to find out about different job opportunities. You can find out what each organization's membership benefits are by going to their website. Students, in almost all organizations, are able to get a discounted membership fee, if not a free membership to the organization.

### ***What should you consider before joining a Professional Organization?***

- Weigh the pros and cons of joining the organization before paying the fee.
- Make sure that you have looked at other organizations in your field as well, so that you do not spend money on an organization that does not give you the best benefits for your money.
- Ask your professors about which organizations in your field have the most prestige or are the most credible.
- Explore the websites of the organizations so that you make sure you agree with the mission and activities that this group is partaking in.
- Make sure that if the organization has responsibilities that its members are expected to fulfill (like attending annual meetings) that you are able to fill these duties.

## ***Professional Organizations by Major***

The following organizations are sorted by McDaniel majors. Although this is not a complete list, it includes some of the professional organizations that you might consider joining to enhance your understanding of your profession, and network with people in your industry.

## **Art History**

American Association of Museums	<a href="http://www.aam-us.org">www.aam-us.org</a>
American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works	<a href="http://aic.stanford.edu">aic.stanford.edu</a>
Art Libraries Society of North America	<a href="http://www.arlisna.org">www.arlisna.org</a>
College Art Association	<a href="http://www.collegeart.org">www.collegeart.org</a>
International Center of Medieval Art	<a href="http://www.medievalart.org">www.medievalart.org</a>

## **Art**

Advertising Photographers of America	<a href="http://www.apanational.com">www.apanational.com</a>
The American Ceramic Society	<a href="http://www.naea-reston.org">www.naea-reston.org</a>
American Craft Council	<a href="http://www.craftcouncil.org">www.craftcouncil.org</a>
American Federation of Arts	<a href="http://afaweb.org">afaweb.org</a>
American Institute of Graphic Arts	<a href="http://www.aiga.org">www.aiga.org</a>
The American Society of Media Photographers	<a href="http://www.asmp.org">www.asmp.org</a>
American Society for Portrait Artists	<a href="http://asopa.com">asopa.com</a>
Americans for the Arts	<a href="http://www.americansforthearts.org">www.americansforthearts.org</a>
The Association of American Editorial Cartoonists	<a href="http://editorialcartoonists.com">editorialcartoonists.com</a>
The Association of Gravestone Studies	<a href="http://www.gravestonestudies.org">www.gravestonestudies.org</a>
International Sculpture Center	<a href="http://www.sculpture.org">www.sculpture.org</a>
National Art Education Association	<a href="http://www.naea-reston.org">www.naea-reston.org</a>
The National Cartoonist Society	<a href="http://www.reuben.org">www.reuben.org</a>
The National Oil and Acrylic Painters' Society	<a href="http://www.noaps.org">www.noaps.org</a>
National Press Photographers Association	<a href="http://www.nppa.org">www.nppa.org</a>
Pastel Society of America	<a href="http://www.pastelsocietyofamerica.org">www.pastelsocietyofamerica.org</a>
Professional Photographers of America	<a href="http://www.ppa.com">www.ppa.com</a>
The Society of Publication Designers	<a href="http://www.spd.org">www.spd.org</a>
Student Photographic Society	<a href="http://www.studentphoto.com">www.studentphoto.com</a>
The Visual Resource Association	<a href="http://www.vraweb.org">www.vraweb.org</a>
Wedding Photojournalist Association	<a href="http://www.wpja.com">www.wpja.com</a>

## **Biology**

American Institute of Biological Sciences	<a href="http://www.aibs.org/core/index.html">www.aibs.org/core/index.html</a>
The American Physiological Society	<a href="http://www.the-aps.org">www.the-aps.org</a>
American Phytopathological Society	<a href="http://www.apsnet.org">www.apsnet.org</a>
American Society for Horticulture Science	<a href="http://www.ashs.org">www.ashs.org</a>
The American Society for Microbiology	<a href="http://www.asm.org">www.asm.org</a>
American Veterinary Medical Association	<a href="http://www.avma.org">www.avma.org</a>
Botanical Society of America	<a href="http://www.botany.org">www.botany.org</a>
Cognitive Neuroscience Society	<a href="http://www.cogneurosociety.org">www.cogneurosociety.org</a>
Ecological Society of America	<a href="http://www.esa.org">www.esa.org</a>
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology	<a href="http://www.faseb.org">www.faseb.org</a>
The International Biometric Society	<a href="http://www.tibs.org">www.tibs.org</a>
International Bone and Mineral Society	<a href="http://www.ibmsonline.org">www.ibmsonline.org</a>
Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology	<a href="http://www.sbne.org">www.sbne.org</a>
Society for Biomolecular Sciences	<a href="http://www.sbsonline.org">www.sbsonline.org</a>
Society for Conservation Biology	<a href="http://www.conbio.org">www.conbio.org</a>
The Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology	<a href="http://www.sicb.org">www.sicb.org</a>
Society for Invertebrate Pathology	<a href="http://www.sipweb.org">www.sipweb.org</a>
The Society for In Vitro Biology	<a href="http://www.sivb.org">www.sivb.org</a>
Society of Nematologists	<a href="http://www.nematologists.org">www.nematologists.org</a>
Society for Neuroscience	<a href="http://www.sfn.org">www.sfn.org</a>
The Society of Toxicology and Chemistry	<a href="http://www.setac.org">www.setac.org</a>

## **Chemistry**

American Association for the Advancement of Science	<a href="http://www.aaas.org">www.aaas.org</a>
American Chemical Society	<a href="http://www.chemistry.org">www.chemistry.org</a>
American Institute of Chemical Engineers	<a href="http://www.aiche.org">www.aiche.org</a>
The American Nuclear Society	<a href="http://www.ans.org">www.ans.org</a>
American Society for Mass Spectrometry	<a href="http://www.asms.org">www.asms.org</a>
American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology	<a href="http://www.asbmb.org">www.asbmb.org</a>

## **Communication**

Association for Business Communication	<a href="http://www.businesscommunication.org">www.businesscommunication.org</a>
Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication	<a href="http://www.aejmc.org">www.aejmc.org</a>
Association for Educational Communications and Technology	<a href="http://www.aect.org">www.aect.org</a>
The Association for Women in Communications	<a href="http://www.womcom.org">www.womcom.org</a>
Broadcast Education Association	<a href="http://www.beaweb.org">www.beaweb.org</a>
Eastern Communication Association	<a href="http://www.ecasite.org">www.ecasite.org</a>
International Association for Media and Association Research	<a href="http://www.iamcr.org">www.iamcr.org</a>
International Communication Association	<a href="http://www.icaheadq.org">www.icaheadq.org</a>
International Speech Communication Association	<a href="http://www.isca-speech.org">www.isca-speech.org</a>
International Telecommunication Society	<a href="http://www.itsworld.org">www.itsworld.org</a>
Journalism Education Association	<a href="http://www.jea.org">www.jea.org</a>
National Association of Broadcasters	<a href="http://www.nab.org">www.nab.org</a>
National Communication Association	<a href="http://www.natcom.org">www.natcom.org</a>
National Association of Black Journalists	<a href="http://www.nabj.org">www.nabj.org</a>
Public Relations Society of America	<a href="http://www.prsa.org">www.prsa.org</a>
Society for Technical Communication	<a href="http://www.stc.org">www.stc.org</a>

## **Computer Science**

The Advanced Computing Systems Association	<a href="http://www.usenix.org">www.usenix.org</a>
American Association for Artificial Intelligence	<a href="http://www.aaai.org">www.aaai.org</a>
American Association for History and Computing	<a href="http://www.theaahc.org">www.theaahc.org</a>
American Society for Cybernetics	<a href="http://www.asc-cybernetics.org">www.asc-cybernetics.org</a>
American Society for Information Science and Technology	<a href="http://www.asis.org">www.asis.org</a>
Association for Computational Linguistics	<a href="http://www.aclweb.org">www.aclweb.org</a>
Association for Computers and the Humanities	<a href="http://www.ach.org">www.ach.org</a>
Association for Computing Machinery	<a href="http://www.acm.org">www.acm.org</a>
Association for Women in Computing	<a href="http://www.awc-hq.org">www.awc-hq.org</a>
Association of Internet Technology Professionals	<a href="http://www.aitp.org">www.aitp.org</a>
Black Data Processing Associates	<a href="http://www.bdpa.org">www.bdpa.org</a>
Computer Professionals for Social Responsibility	<a href="http://www.cpsr.org">www.cpsr.org</a>
Computing Research Association	<a href="http://cra.org">cra.org</a>
IEEE Computer Society	<a href="http://www.computer.org">www.computer.org</a>
Internet Society	<a href="http://www.isoc.org/isoc">www.isoc.org/isoc</a>
Society for Industrial and Implied Mathematics	<a href="http://www.siam.org">www.siam.org</a>
The Society for Modeling and Simulation International	<a href="http://www.scs.org">www.scs.org</a>

## **Deaf Studies**

American Sign Language Teachers Association	<a href="http://www.aslta.org">www.aslta.org</a>
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## ***Economics/Business Administration***

American Association of Individual Investors  
American Business Women's Association  
American Economics Association  
American Institute of Certified Public Accountants  
American Management Association  
American Marketing Association  
American Society for Training and Development  
The Association for Corporate Growth  
Association for Financial Professionals  
Commercial Development and Marketing Association  
The Econometric Society  
International Association for Business Communicators  
National Association for Business Economics  
National Association for the Self-Employed  
The National Association of Personal Financial Advisors  
National Economic Association  
National Society of Accountants  
Society of Financial Service Professionals

[www.aaii.com](http://www.aaii.com)  
[www.abwa.org](http://www.abwa.org)  
[www.aeaweb.org](http://www.aeaweb.org)  
[www.aicpa.org](http://www.aicpa.org)  
[www.amanet.org](http://www.amanet.org)  
[www.marketingpower.com](http://www.marketingpower.com)  
[www.astd.org](http://www.astd.org)  
[www.acg.org](http://www.acg.org)  
[www.afponline.org](http://www.afponline.org)  
[www.cdmaonline.org](http://www.cdmaonline.org)  
[www.econometricsociety.org](http://www.econometricsociety.org)  
[www.iabc.com](http://www.iabc.com)  
[www.nabe.com](http://www.nabe.com)  
[www.nase.org](http://www.nase.org)  
[www.napfa.org](http://www.napfa.org)  
[www.neaecon.org](http://www.neaecon.org)  
[www.nsacct.org](http://www.nsacct.org)  
[www.financialpro.org](http://www.financialpro.org)

## ***Education***

American Association for Higher Education  
American Council on Education  
American Federation of Teachers  
The Association of Teacher Educators  
National Council of Teachers of English  
National Middle School Association  
Phi Delta Kappa International

[www.appa.org](http://www.appa.org)  
[www.acenet.edu](http://www.acenet.edu)  
[www.aft.org](http://www.aft.org)  
[www.ate1.org](http://www.ate1.org)  
[www.ncte.org](http://www.ncte.org)  
[www.nmsa.org](http://www.nmsa.org)  
[www.pdkintl.org](http://www.pdkintl.org)

## ***English***

American Association for Applied Linguistics  
American Society for Journalists and Authors  
American Society for Magazine Editors  
Association of Literary Scholars and Critics  
National Council of Teachers of English  
National Writers Union  
Newspaper Association of America  
The Modern Language Association  
Small Publishers, Artists, and Writers Network  
Society of Professional Journalists  
Society for Technical Communication

[www.aaal.org](http://www.aaal.org)  
[www.asja.org](http://www.asja.org)  
[www.magazine.org](http://www.magazine.org)  
[www.bu.edu/literary](http://www.bu.edu/literary)  
[www.ncte.org](http://www.ncte.org)  
[www.nwu.org](http://www.nwu.org)  
[www.naa.org](http://www.naa.org)  
[www.mla.org](http://www.mla.org)  
[www.spawn.org](http://www.spawn.org)  
[www.spj.org](http://www.spj.org)  
[www.stc.org](http://www.stc.org)

## ***Environmental Policy and Science***

Air and Waste Management Association  
American Water Works Association  
Ecological Society of America  
National Association of Environmental Professionals  
National Environmental Health Association  
National Registry of Environmental Professionals  
Society for Environmental Journalists  
Soil and Water Conservation Society

[www.awma.org](http://www.awma.org)  
[www.awwa.org](http://www.awwa.org)  
[www.esa.org](http://www.esa.org)  
[www.naep.org](http://www.naep.org)  
[www.neha.org](http://www.neha.org)  
[www.nrep.org](http://www.nrep.org)  
[www.sej.org](http://www.sej.org)  
[www.swcs.org](http://www.swcs.org)

## **Exercise Science**

American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance [www.aahperd.org](http://www.aahperd.org)  
American College of Sports Medicine [www.acsm.org](http://www.acsm.org)  
International Association for Sports Information [www.iasi.org](http://www.iasi.org)

## **French**

American Association of Teachers of French [www.frenchteachers.org](http://www.frenchteachers.org)  
American Council of Teaching a Foreign Language [www.actfl.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=1](http://www.actfl.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=1)  
Centre international d'études pédagogiques [www.ciep.fr/en/index.php](http://www.ciep.fr/en/index.php)  
TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) France [www.tesol-france.org](http://www.tesol-france.org)

## **German**

American Association of Teachers of German [www.aatg.org](http://www.aatg.org)  
American Council of Teaching a Foreign Language: [www.actfl.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=1](http://www.actfl.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=1)

## **Gerontology**

The American Geriatrics Society [www.americangeriatrics.org](http://www.americangeriatrics.org)  
American Society of Aging [www.asaging.org](http://www.asaging.org)  
Association for Gerontology in Higher Education [www.aghe.org](http://www.aghe.org)  
The Gerontological Society of America [www.geron.org](http://www.geron.org)

## **History**

African Studies Association <https://www.africanstudies.org>  
American Anthropological Association [www.aaanet.org](http://www.aaanet.org)  
American Association for History and Computing [www.theaahc.org](http://www.theaahc.org)  
American Association of Museums [www.aam-us.org](http://www.aam-us.org)  
American Historical Society [www.historians.org](http://www.historians.org)  
American Philological Association [www.apaclassics.org](http://www.apaclassics.org)  
American Studies Association [www.theasa.net](http://www.theasa.net)  
The Association of Asian Studies [www.aasianst.org](http://www.aasianst.org)  
The Historical Society [www.bu.edu/historic](http://www.bu.edu/historic)  
Latin American Studies Association [lasa.international.pitt.edu](http://lasa.international.pitt.edu)  
Middle East Studies Association [mesa.wns.ccit.arizona.edu](http://mesa.wns.ccit.arizona.edu)  
The Society of American Archivists [www.archivists.org](http://www.archivists.org)

## **Journalism**

American Society for Journalists and Authors [www.asja.org](http://www.asja.org)  
Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication [www.aejmc.org](http://www.aejmc.org)  
Investigative Reporters and Editors [www.ire.org](http://www.ire.org)  
Journalism Education Association [www.jea.org](http://www.jea.org)  
National Press Photographers Association [www.nppa.org](http://www.nppa.org)  
Newspaper Association of America [www.naa.org](http://www.naa.org)  
Society for News Design [www.snd.org](http://www.snd.org)  
Society of Professional Journalists [www.spj.org](http://www.spj.org)

## **Mathematics**

American Mathematical Society [www.ams.org](http://www.ams.org)  
American Statistical Association [www.amstat.org](http://www.amstat.org)

Association for Women in Mathematics  
The Mathematics Association of America  
Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics

[www.awm-math.org](http://www.awm-math.org)  
[www.maa.org](http://www.maa.org)  
[www.siam.org](http://www.siam.org)

### **Music**

American Choral Association  
American Composers Forum

[www.acdaonline.org](http://www.acdaonline.org)  
[www.composersforum.org](http://www.composersforum.org)

### **Philosophy**

American Association of Philosophy Teachers  
American Philosophical Association  
Association for Practical and Professional Ethics  
Society for Philosophy and Technology

[aapt-online.org](http://aapt-online.org)  
[www.apa.udel.edu](http://www.apa.udel.edu)  
[www.indiana.edu/%7Eappe](http://www.indiana.edu/%7Eappe)  
[www.spt.org](http://www.spt.org)

### **Religious Studies**

American Academy of Religion  
American Society of Papyrologists  
North American Association for the Study of Religion

[www.aarweb.org](http://www.aarweb.org)  
[www.papyrology.org](http://www.papyrology.org)  
[www.as.ua.edu/naasr](http://www.as.ua.edu/naasr)

### **Physics**

The American Association of Physicists in Medicine  
American Association of Physics Teachers  
American Astronomical Society  
American Physical Society  
Biophysical Society  
Institute of Physics

[www.aapm.org](http://www.aapm.org)  
[aapt.org](http://aapt.org)  
[www.aas.org](http://www.aas.org)  
[www.aps.org](http://www.aps.org)  
[www.biophysics.org](http://www.biophysics.org)  
[www.iop.org](http://www.iop.org)

### **Political Science**

The American Academy for Political and Social Science  
American Planning Association  
The American Political Science Association  
International Society of Political Psychology  
National Council for Social Studies  
Public Relations Society of America

[www.aapss.org](http://www.aapss.org)  
[www.planning.org](http://www.planning.org)  
[www.apsanet.org](http://www.apsanet.org)  
[ispp.org](http://ispp.org)  
[www.ncss.org](http://www.ncss.org)  
[www.prsa.org](http://www.prsa.org)

### **Psychology**

Academy for Eating Disorders  
American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry  
American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy  
American Psychiatric Association  
American Psychiatric Nurses Association  
American Psychoanalytic Association  
American Psychological Association  
Anxiety Disorder Association of America  
Association for Behavior Analysis International  
Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies  
Association for Psychological Science  
International Association of Applied Psychology  
Mental Health America

[www.aedweb.org](http://www.aedweb.org)  
[www.aacap.org](http://www.aacap.org)  
[www.aamft.org](http://www.aamft.org)  
[www.psych.org](http://www.psych.org)  
[www.apna.org](http://www.apna.org)  
[apsa.org](http://apsa.org)  
[www.apa.org](http://www.apa.org)  
[www.adaa.org](http://www.adaa.org)  
[www.abainternational.org](http://www.abainternational.org)  
[www.abct.org](http://www.abct.org)  
[www.psychologicalscience.org](http://www.psychologicalscience.org)  
[www.new.iaapsy.org](http://www.new.iaapsy.org)  
[www.nmha.org](http://www.nmha.org)

Society for Personality and Social Psychology  
Society for Research on Child Development

[www.spsp.org](http://www.spsp.org)  
[www.srcd.org](http://www.srcd.org)

### **Social Work**

Association of Oncology Social Work  
Clinical Social Work Association  
Council on Social Work Education  
National Association of Black Social Workers  
National Association of Social Workers  
School Social Work Association of America  
Society for Social Work and Research

[www.aosw.org](http://www.aosw.org)  
[www.associationsites.com/main-pub.cfm?usr=cswa](http://www.associationsites.com/main-pub.cfm?usr=cswa)  
[www.cswe.org](http://www.cswe.org)  
[www.nabsw.org](http://www.nabsw.org)  
[www.socialworkers.org](http://www.socialworkers.org)  
[www.sswaa.org](http://www.sswaa.org)  
[www.sswr.org](http://www.sswr.org)

### **Sociology**

The American Academy of Political and Social Science  
American Association for Public Opinion Research  
The American Society of Criminology  
American Sociological Association  
Association for Behavior Analysis International  
Association for Institutional Research  
International Society for the Sociology of Religion  
International Sociological Association  
International Visual Sociology Association  
Social Science History Association  
Society for the Study of Social Problems  
The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues  
Sociologists for Women in Society

[www.aapss.org](http://www.aapss.org)  
[www.aapor.org](http://www.aapor.org)  
[www.asc41.com](http://www.asc41.com)  
[www.asanet.org](http://www.asanet.org)  
[www.abainternational.org](http://www.abainternational.org)  
[www.airweb.org](http://www.airweb.org)  
[soc.kuleuven.be/ceso/sisr/eng/index.htm](http://soc.kuleuven.be/ceso/sisr/eng/index.htm)  
[www.isa-sociology.org](http://www.isa-sociology.org)  
[www.visualsociology.org](http://www.visualsociology.org)  
[www.ssha.org](http://www.ssha.org)  
[www.sssp1.org](http://www.sssp1.org)  
[www.asap-spssi.org](http://www.asap-spssi.org)  
[www.socwomen.org](http://www.socwomen.org)

### **Spanish**

National Association for Bilingual Education  
American Council of Teaching a Foreign Language:  
American Association of Teachers of Spanish & Portuguese  
National Association for Bilingual Education  
National Council of La Raza  
Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages

[www.nabe.org](http://www.nabe.org)  
[www.actfl.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=1](http://www.actfl.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=1)  
[www.aatsp.org](http://www.aatsp.org)  
[www.nabe.org](http://www.nabe.org)  
[www.nclr.com](http://www.nclr.com)  
[www.tesol.org/s\\_tesol/index.asp](http://www.tesol.org/s_tesol/index.asp)

### **Theatre Arts**

Actors Equity Association  
The Actors Fund  
American Alliance for Theatre and Education  
American Arts Alliance  
American Association of Community Theatre  
American Society of Theatre Consultants  
American Theatre Critics Association  
Costume Society of America  
The Shakespeare Association of America  
Theatre Communications Group  
University Resident Theatre Association

[www.actorsequity.org](http://www.actorsequity.org)  
[www.actorsfund.org](http://www.actorsfund.org)  
[www.aate.com](http://www.aate.com)  
[www.americanartsalliance.org](http://www.americanartsalliance.org)  
[www.aact.org](http://www.aact.org)  
[www.theatreconsultants.org](http://www.theatreconsultants.org)  
[www.americantheatre critics.org](http://www.americantheatre critics.org)  
[www.costumesocietyamerica.com](http://www.costumesocietyamerica.com)  
[www.shakespeareassociation.org](http://www.shakespeareassociation.org)  
[www.tcg.org](http://www.tcg.org)  
[urta.com/index](http://urta.com/index)

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