

Professional Organizations by 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
American Institute for Conservation of
Historic and Artistic Works
Art Libraries Society of North America
College Art Association
International Center of Medieval Art

www.aam-us.org
aic.stanford.edu

www.arlisna.org
www.collegeart.org
www.medievalart.org

Art

Advertising Photographers of America
The American Ceramic Society
American Craft Council
American Federation of Arts
American Institute of Graphic Arts
The American Society of Media Photographers
American Society for Portrait Artists
Americans for the Arts
The Association of American Editorial Cartoonists
The Association of Gravestone Studies
International Sculpture Center
National Art Education Association
The National Cartoonist Society
The National Oil and Acrylic Painters' Society
National Press Photographers Association
Pastel Society of America
Professional Photographers of America
The Society of Publication Designers
Student Photographic Society
The Visual Resource Association

www.apanational.com
www.naea-reston.org
www.craftcouncil.org
afaweb.org
www.aiga.org
www.asmp.org
asopa.com
www.americansforthearts.org
editorialcartoonists.com
www.gravestonestudies.org
www.sculpture.org
www.naea-reston.org
www.reuben.org
www.noaps.org
www.nppa.org
www.pastelsocietyofamerica.org
www.ppa.com
www.spd.org
www.studentphoto.com
www.vraweb.org

Wedding Photojournalist Association

www.wpja.com

Biology

American Institute of Biological Sciences

www.aibs.org/core/index.html

The American Physiological Society

www.the-aps.org

American Phytopathological Society

www.apsnet.org

American Society for Horticulture Science

www.ashs.org

The American Society for Microbiology

www.asm.org

American Veterinary Medical Association

www.avma.org

Botanical Society of America

www.botany.org

Cognitive Neuroscience Society

www.cogneurosociety.org

Ecological Society of America

www.esa.org

Federation of American Societies for Experimental
Biology

www.faseb.org

The International Biometric Society

www.tibs.org

International Bone and Mineral Society

www.ibmsonline.org

Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology

www.sbne.org

Society for Biomolecular Sciences

www.sbsonline.org

Society for Conservation Biology

www.conbio.org

The Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology

www.sicb.org

Society for Invertebrate Pathology

www.sipweb.org

The Society for In Vitro Biology

www.sivb.org

Society of Nematologists

www.nematologists.org

Society for Neuroscience

www.sfn.org

The Society of Toxicology and Chemistry

www.setac.org

Chemistry

American Association for the Advancement of Science

www.aaas.org

American Chemical Society

www.chemistry.org

American Institute of Chemical Engineers

www.aiche.org

The American Nuclear Society

www.ans.org

American Society for Mass Spectrometry

www.asms.org

American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular
Biology

www.asbmb.org

Communication

Association for Business Communication

www.businesscommunication.org

Association for Education in Journalism & Mass
Communication

www.aejmc.org

Association for Educational Communications and
Technology

www.aect.org

The Association for Women in Communications

www.womcom.org

Broadcast Education Association

www.beaweb.org

Eastern Communication Association

www.ecasite.org

International Association for Media and Association
Research

www.iamcr.org

International Communication Association

www.icahdq.org

International Speech Communication Association

www.isca-speech.org

International Telecommunication Society

www.itsworld.org

Journalism Education Association

www.jea.org

National Association of Broadcasters

www.nab.org

National Communication Association

www.natcom.org

National Association of Black Journalists

www.nabj.org

Public Relations Society of America

www.prsa.org

Society for Technical Communication

www.stc.org

Computer Science

The Advanced Computing Systems Association

www.usenix.org

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

Deaf Studies

American Sign Language Teachers Association	www.aslta.org
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Economics/Business Administration

American Association of Individual Investors	www.aaii.com
American Business Women's Association	www.abwa.org
American Economics Association	www.aeaweb.org
American Institute of Certified Public Accountants	www.aicpa.org
American Management Association	www.amanet.org
American Marketing Association	www.marketingpower.com
American Society for Training and Development	www.astd.org
The Association for Corporate Growth	www.acg.org
Association for Financial Professionals	www.afponline.org
Commercial Development and Marketing Association	www.cdmaonline.org
The Econometric Society	www.econometricsociety.org
International Association for Business Communicators	www.iabc.com
National Association for Business Economics	www.nabe.com
National Association for the Self-Employed	www.nase.org
The National Association of Personal Financial Advisors	www.napfa.org
National Economic Association	www.neaecon.org
National Society of Accountants	www.nsacct.org
Society of Financial Service Professionals	www.financialpro.org

Education

American Association for Higher Education	www.appa.org
American Council on Education	www.acenet.edu
American Federation of Teachers	www.aft.org
The Association of Teacher Educators	www.ate1.org
National Council of Teachers of English	www.ncte.org
National Middle School Association	www.nmsa.org
Phi Delta Kappa International	www.pdkintl.org

English

American Association for Applied Linguistics	www.aaal.org
American Society for Journalists and Authors	www.asja.org
American Society for Magazine Editors	www.magazine.org
Association of Literary Scholars and Critics	www.bu.edu/literary
National Council of Teachers of English	www.ncte.org
National Writers Union	www.nwu.org
Newspaper Association of America	www.naa.org

The Modern Language Association
Small Publishers, Artists, and Writers Network
Society of Professional Journalists
Society for Technical Communication

www.mla.org
www.spawn.org
www.spj.org
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
www.awwa.org
www.esa.org
www.naep.org
www.neha.org
www.nrep.org
www.sej.org
www.swcs.org

Exercise Science

American Alliance for Health, Physical Education,
Recreation & Dance
American College of Sports Medicine
International Association for Sports Information

www.aahperd.org
www.acsm.org
www.iasi.org

French

American Association of Teachers of French
American Council of Teaching a Foreign Language
Centre international d'études pédagogiques
TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other
Languages) France

www.frenchteachers.org
www.actfl.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=1
www.ciep.fr/en/index.php
www.tesol-france.org

German

American Association of Teachers of German
American Council of Teaching a Foreign Language:

www.aatg.org
www.actfl.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=1

Gerontology

The American Geriatrics Society
American Society of Aging
Association for Gerontology in Higher Education
The Gerontological Society of America

www.americangeriatrics.org
www.asaging.org
www.aghe.org
www.geron.org

History

African Studies Association
American Anthropological Association
American Association for History and Computing
American Association of Museums
American Historical Society
American Philological Association
American Studies Association
The Association of Asian Studies
The Historical Society
Latin American Studies Association
Middle East Studies Association
The Society of American Archivists

<https://www.africanstudies.org>
www.aaanet.org
www.theaahc.org
www.aam-us.org
www.historians.org
www.apaclassics.org
www.theasa.net
www.aasianst.org
www.bu.edu/historic
lasa.international.pitt.edu
mesa.wns.ccit.arizona.edu
www.archivists.org

Journalism

American Society for Journalists and Authors
Association for Education in Journalism and Mass
Communication
Investigative Reporters and Editors
Journalism Education Association
National Press Photographers Association
Newspaper Association of America

www.asja.org
www.aejmc.org
www.ire.org
www.jea.org
www.nppa.org
www.naa.org

Society for News Design
Society of Professional Journalists

www.snd.org
www.spj.org

Mathematics

American Mathematical Society
American Statistical Association
Association for Women in Mathematics
The Mathematics Association of America
Society for Industrial and Implied Mathematics

www.ams.org
www.amstat.org
www.awm-math.org
www.maa.org
www.siam.org

Music

American Choral Association
American Composers Forum

www.acdaonline.org
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
www.apa.udel.edu
www.indiana.edu/%7Eappe
www.spt.org

Religious Studies

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

www.aarweb.org
www.papyrology.org
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
aapt.org
www.aas.org
www.aps.org
www.biophysics.org
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
www.planning.org
www.apsanet.org
ispp.org
www.ncss.org
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
Society for Personality and Social Psychology
Society for Research on Child Development

www.aedweb.org
www.aacap.org
www.aamft.org
www.psych.org
www.apna.org
apsa.org
www.apa.org
www.adaa.org
www.abainternational.org
www.abct.org
www.psychologicalscience.org
www.new.iaapsy.org
www.nmha.org
www.spsp.org
www.srcd.org

Social Work

Association of Oncology Social Work

www.aosw.org

Clinical Social Work Association
www.associationsites.com/main-pub.cfm?usr=cswa

Council on Social Work Education www.cswe.org
National Association of Black Social Workers www.nabsw.org
National Association of Social Workers www.socialworkers.org
School Social Work Association of America www.sswaa.org
Society for Social Work and Research www.sswr.org

Sociology

The American Academy for Political and Social Science www.aapss.org
American Association for Public Opinion Research www.aapor.org
The American Society of Criminology www.asc41.com
American Sociological Association www.asanet.org
Association for Behavior Analysis International www.abainternational.org
Association for Institutional Research www.airweb.org
International Society for the Sociology of Religion soc.kuleuven.be/ceso/sisr/eng/index.htm
International Sociological Association www.isa-sociology.org
International Visual Sociology Association www.visualsociology.org
Social Science History Association www.ssha.org
Society for the Study of Social Problems www.sssp1.org
The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues www.asap-spssi.org
Sociologists for Women in Society www.socwomen.org

Spanish

National Association for Bilingual Education www.nabe.org
American Council of Teaching a Foreign Language: www.actfl.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=1
American Association of Teachers of Spanish & Portuguese www.aatsp.org
National Association for Bilingual Education www.nabe.org
National Council of La Raza www.nclr.com
Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages www.tesol.org/s_tesol/index.asp

Theatre Arts

Actors Equity Association www.actorsequity.org
The Actors Fund www.actorsfund.org
American Alliance for Theatre and Education www.aate.com
American Arts Alliance www.americanartsalliance.org
American Association of Community Theatre www.aact.org
American Society of Theatre Consultants www.theatreconsultants.org
American Theatre Critics Association www.americantheatre critics.org
Costume Society of America www.costumesocietyamerica.com
The Shakespeare Association of America www.shakespeareassociation.org
Theatre Communications Group www.tcg.org
University Resident Theatre Association urta.com/index.p

