Cultural entrepreneurship is an emerging discipline that examines how cultural products (such as art, theater, and literature) and cultural activities (like sports, music, food, and film events) have an impact on the growth of local, national, and global economies. The degree program is designed for Liberal Arts students to develop the critical business, entrepreneurship, creativity and intercultural skills necessary to participate in the booming culture and creative economy. We do not expect all students with this degree to start new ventures. Instead, the major helps students with a unique and valued skill set and mindset that can be applied in intrapreneurial ways throughout their careers.

**Acquired Skills**

Students in this interdisciplinary program:
- Develop an entrepreneurial mindset involving creative problem solving, risk-taking, action-orientation, and proactivity among others.
- Acquire functional communication skills in world languages.
- Receive in-depth training in design-thinking process and in using design-thinker’s toolkit.
- Learn approaches useful for managing cultural organizations.

**Career Possibilities**

Our students pursue a wide range of careers, such as advertising, marketing, event management, environmental conservation projects, customer research, customer service, and designing back office processes. The major prepares students for careers across private, non-profit, and public sector organizations, but more importantly those in need of startup mindset calling for flexibility and leadership.
Requirements

The program requires a second field of study. The program encourages an optional study abroad preferably at sites such as: Montpellier, Salamanca, St. Petersburg, Worcester, Passau, Potsdam and Ocean University in China. Students work with the program director to explore possibilities as to how courses abroad can be incorporated into this program. The program requires students to take one of internship, field study or independent study courses during their junior or senior years.

What you can do with this degree?

Our curriculum trains those interested in either running their own business or contributing to the operation of one in the following areas. What these occupations and employment fields have in common is that in addition to business and entrepreneurial skills, they require quick thinking, creative solutions, adaptability, and the ability to express yourself in word and picture. They require unconventional, outside of the box thinking and creative skills.

- Advertising, Marketing, Public Relations, Digital and Television Media Production and Consulting
- Tourism, City Management and Location Marketing
- Event Management
- (Digital) Arts and Humanities Advocacy and Leadership
- International Affairs and Citizen Diplomacy

Graduate Report

Recent UMD Graduates Job Placement Data & Employers

Here's a sampling of positions Cultural Entrepreneurship grads have attained six months to one year after graduation.

- Member Services Representative, HealthPartners, Minneapolis, MN
- Technical Account Coordinator, Audax Solutions, Medina, MN
- Floral Designer, The Perfect Petal, Denver, CO

For more data see the Cultural Entrepreneurship Graduate Follow-Up Report.
For ideas about Cultural Entrepreneurship and other majors visit Career & Internship Services.

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