

Career Opportunities with a History Major

History programs involve the study of past events. Emphasis is placed on the social and political impact of these events. A better understanding of current happenings can be gained through the examination of historical events. The study of history gives students the foundation for a solid education and prepares them for careers ranging from business to politics. Many history majors enter the teaching field, libraries, museums, and legal careers. The discipline also prepares students for graduate study.

Related Skills

- Ability to research, analyze and interpret both past and present events
- Knowledge of principles and methods of analysis and decision-making
- Ability to remain objective and open-minded
- Ability to concentrate for long periods of time
- Ability to appreciate diverse perspectives
- Proficiency in writing and speaking
- Ability to conduct and explain research
- Ability to manage details with accuracy

Potential Careers

Some of these jobs also require or prefer education beyond a bachelor's degree.*

[Anthropologist*](#)

[Biographer](#)

[Clergy*](#)

[Curator*](#)

[Educator, secondary](#)

[Genealogist](#)

[Journalist](#)

[Lecturer/College Professor*](#)

[Charity Administrator](#)

[Politician](#)

[Research Analyst](#)

[Archeologist*](#)

[Foreign News Correspondent](#)

[Historian](#)

[Judge*](#)

[Librarian*](#)

[Policy Evaluator](#)

[Preservation Specialist](#)

[Research Assistant](#)

[Urban Administrator](#)

[Travel Agent](#)

[Archivist*](#)

[City Manager](#)

[Criminologist*](#)

[Editorial Assistant](#)

[Foreign Service Agent](#)

[Human Service Worker](#)

[Lawyer*](#)

[Newspaper Reporter](#)

[Political Scientist](#)

[Public Administrator](#)

[Tour Guide](#)

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Types of Employers

- Advertising firms
- Archives
- Chambers of Commerce
- Colleges/Universities
- Film companies
- Government agencies
- Historical societies
- Hotels
- Libraries
- Museums
- National Parks
- Publishers
- Research firms
- Social service agencies
- Travel industry
- Volunteer agencies

Professional Organizations for History Majors

- American Antiquarian Society
<http://www.americanantiquarian.org/>
- American Association for State and Local History
<http://www.aaslh.org/>
- American Cultural Resources Association
<http://www.acra-crm.org/>
- American Historical Association
<http://www.historians.org/>
- American society for History and Computing
<http://www.theaahc.org/>
- Organization of American Historians
<http://www.oah.org/>
- History of Science Society
<http://www.hssonline.org/>
- Social Science History Association
<http://www.ssha.org/>
- World History Association
www.thewha.org

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