



What can I do with a major in... HISTORY

The History major is designed to provide the student with a broad, general knowledge of the political, social and cultural history of a variety of geographic regions and time periods. Each student takes a well-rounded selection of courses in the history of America and other areas of the world. Included in this curriculum is HIS4835 History Seminar, a course whose purpose is to teach basic historical research and writing skills. The program functions as a terminal major or as preparation for graduate study, leading to career opportunities in historical research, law, the service professions, business, government, or the ministry.

What types of work are related to this degree?

Public Policy or community affairs
City management
Program administration
Research
Intelligence or Foreign Service
Campaign management
Staff administration
Special interest advocacy
Lobbying
Administration and management
Fund raising or fund development
Grant writing or research
Archivist or museum work
Interpreter/tour guide/naturalist

Who employs people with this degree?

Federal, state, local governments
Non-profit organizations
Political campaigns and candidates
Public and private schools
Research and service institutions
Major corporations
Law firms
Colleges, universities, libraries
Public advocacy groups
National & state parks
International business firms
Historic, cultural, genealogical groups

More information online at ONETonline.org

Strategies for Success:

- A major in history provides a broad, liberal arts education. Develop a career goal, and then obtain the skills, experiences, and education necessary to enter that field.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills are imperative for most careers related to history, politics, or government.
- Prepare to develop a specialty area including both academic training and work experience for history related careers. Develop patience, persistence, and drive to obtain history related jobs.
- Gain experience in fundraising and grant writing techniques. Nonprofit and educational organizations are often funded in this manner.
- Learn to articulate the transferrable skills that history majors often possess in writing, speaking, research, and problem solving. These skills are applicable to many careers, even if they are not “related” to history.

Professional Associations:

American Studies Association
Center for History and New Media
Minnesota Genealogical Society
National Women's History Project
Society for Preservation of Natural History Collections
The History Cooperative
American Historical Association

Organization of American Historians
National Council for History Education
American Association for State and Local History
American Association of Museums
Society for American Archaeology
American Anthropological Association

This information represents possible occupations and strategies for careers with this major. As with any job or career, there may be additional qualifications or experience needed. For more information and options, make an appointment with Career Development or check out our online resources on our website or on theROCK, Career Development tab.