History

 Marketable Skills

History majors develop professional skills including:

- An understanding of a broad range of social, geographical, and cultural issues
- Strong writing skills and experience adapting content for different audiences
- The ability to locate and use primary sources in research
- The ability to apply historical lessons to current policy, social movements, and business trends
- Knowledge of historical origins of issues, problems, and trends
- Experience locating, collecting, evaluating, and organizing data and documents
- Critical thinking and creative problem solving skills
- Selecting, preserving, and making historically valuable artifacts and records available for use

 Relevant Fields

- Advocacy
- Archiving
- Communications
- Community / Social Services
- Cultural / Historic Preservation
- Education
- Government
- Historical Societies
- Journalism
- Law
- Museum Administration
- Nonprofit Management
- Records Management

Sample Occupational Titles

Bachelor’s Degree:

- Archivist
- Curator
- Historical Researcher
- Journalist
- Nonprofit Manager
- Teacher

Advanced Degree:

- Biographer
- Consultant
- Foreign Correspondent / Editor
- Information Manager
- Professor
- Research Analyst
Print Resources

Find these titles and additional books, periodicals, and handouts in the Career Resource Library:

- Great Jobs for History Majors by Julie Degalan
- Great Jobs for Liberal Arts Majors by Blythe Camenson
- Smart Moves for Liberal Arts Grads: Finding a Path to Your Perfect Career by Sheila Curran and Suzanne Greenwald
- Top Careers for History Graduates by Ferguson Publishing
- Top Careers for Liberal Arts Graduates by Ferguson Publishing

Online Resources

Visit these websites and others listed in our School-Specific Resources:

- Hoovers at www.hoovers.com
- Idealist at www.idealist.org
- International Jobs Center at www.internationaljobs.org
- Occupational Outlook Handbook at www.bls.gov/oco
- O*NET Resource Center at www.onetcenter.org
- Public History Resource Center at www.publichistory.org/Classifieds/index.asp

Professional Associations

The following professional associations offer career-related information and job listings:

- American Association for State and Local History at www.aaslh.org
- American Historical Association at www.historians.org
- National Council for History Education at www.history.org/nche
- National Council on Public History at www.ncph.org
- The Organization of American Historians at www.oah.org

Find more professional associations at American Society of Association Executives at www.asaecenter.org/Directories/AssociationSearch.cfm