WHAT CAN I DO WITH A HISTORY DEGREE?

A degree in history teaches students essential skills and abilities crucial for success in any number of careers...the key is being able to sell the value of these skills to a prospective employer. These include:

- effective writing and oral communication skills
- ability to see the long-term perspective
- research skills, including familiarity with primary sources
- comprehensive critical analysis leading to persuasive arguments
- understanding of other countries, cultures, societies, and languages
- interdisciplinary thinking and training

CAREERS AND PROFESSIONS

A list of possible career paths and places to work for students of history.

Historians as Educators
Primary and Secondary Schools
Colleges and Universities
Historic Sites and Museums

Historians as Researchers
Museums
Historical Organizations
Cultural Resources Management
Genealogy/Heir Research

Historians as Communicators
Writers and Editors
Journalists
Documentary Editors
Producers of Multimedia Material

Historians in Government
Foreign Service/Diplomacy
Public Policy
Legislative Research
National Park Service

Historians as Advocates
Lawyers and Paralegals
Litigation Support
Historic Preservation

Historians as Information Managers
Archivists
Records Managers
Librarians
Information Managers

Historians in Businesses and Associations
Corporate Historians
Contract Historians/Consultants
Historians at Nonprofit Associations
Think Tanks

Useful Minors to Consider
Minors are a helpful way to improve your marketability and job prospects. Consider these minors as a way to enhance your history degree.

- Anthropology
- Communications
- Editing
- Foreign language or area studies
- Family History-Genealogy
- Information Technology
- International Development
- Political Science
- Management/Business
- Women’s Studies