

What Can I Do With a Major in...

History?

Students who choose to major in history study a core curriculum rich in arts, sciences and humanities with a concentration in history courses. Students can also combine their studies with 30 credits in secondary education for the Pennsylvania Certification in Social Studies. The history program is designed to stimulate critical and analytical thinking, develop writing and research skills and heighten the student's understanding of the world. Students investigate the history of civilization, exploring the diversity of cultural, political and social customs, while examining events that have changed the course of civilization. A degree in history prepares the student for careers in business, communications, education, government, journalism, and ministry. A graduate can also continue studies in government, history, political science, law, and museum administration.

Skills/Competencies Associated with History Majors:

- *Public speaking skills
- *Analytical mind
- *Reflective nature
- *Appreciation of past events
- *Desire to research
- *Proficiency in reading, writing, and research
- *Intellectual capacity to excel in undergraduate and graduate programs
- *Ability to collect and organize historical data
- *Strong communication skills
- *Keen observation skills
- *Attention to detail and accuracy

Related Occupations:

Anthropologist	Historic Preservation Specialist	Museum Technicians & Specialist
Archeologist	Historic Site Tour Guide	Newspaper Reporter
Archivist	Historical Society Staff Member	Paralegal Assistant
Biographer	Human Service Worker	Park Ranger
Clergy	Insurance Agent/Broker	Peace Corps/Vista Worker
Community Relations Director	Intelligence Analyst	Political Scientist
Congressional Aide	International Relations Specialist	Psychologist
Consumer Advocate	Journalist	Public Administrator
Counselor	Judge	Public Relations Specialist
Criminologist	Lawyer	Research Assistant
Demographer	Lecturer	Research Library Assistant
Economist	Legal Assistant/Paralegal	Sociologist
FBI / CIA Agent	Librarian	Teacher, Social Studies
Foreign News Correspondent	Lobbyist	Technical Writer
Foreign Service Officer	Market Research Analyst	Travel Agent
Genealogist	Media Consultant	Urban Administrator
Gerontologist	Museum Curator	Urban Planner
Government Official		Writer/Author
Historian		

*This is only a partial list and not meant to limit you. Come to Career Services to explore your options further.

Strategies:

- *Get experience in student government
- *Obtain internship in government agencies
- *Take courses in business and communication
 - *Consider graduate school
 - *Work for campus publications
- *Volunteer at a historical society, library or museum

Resources for History Majors:

American Historical Association
<http://www.theaha.org>

Organization of American Historians
<http://www.oah.org>

American Association for State & Local History
<http://www.aaslh.org>

National Council on Public History
<http://ncph.org>

The College Central Network
<http://www.collegecentral.com/kutztown>

Occupational Outlook Handbook
www.bls.gov/oco

O*NET OnLine Museum
<http://online.onetcenter.org>

Employment Resource Center
<http://www.museum-employment.com>

Thomson Wadsworth Resource
http://www.wadsworth.com/history_d/special_features/careers.html

Society for History in the Federal Government
www.shfg.org

Social Science History Association
www.ssha.org

Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission
www.phmc.state.pa.us/

American Historical Association
www.historians.org

Historical Society of Pennsylvania
www.hsp.org

Society of American Archivists
www.archivists.org

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