



# History

Degree: Bachelor of Arts

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## *Introduction*

History involves the study and interpretation of events of the past. It enlarges and enriches our understanding of the world's social, political, and economic institutions through analysis of earlier and current human communities. History majors analyze and evaluate events, ideas, institutions, and individuals from the past. They rely on written records and materials and use this knowledge to understand and interpret the present. They provide insights that help us understand the many different ways in which individuals and groups make decisions, exercise power, or respond to change. Historians usually specialize in a specific country or geographic region, in a particular time period; or, in a particular field such as social, intellectual, political, or diplomatic history. Furthermore, historians hold varying jobs. Biographers collect detailed information on individuals. Genealogists trace family histories. Other historians help study and preserve archives, artifacts and historical buildings. They use standard techniques to locate and evaluate historical evidence, which they study carefully to determine whether it is reliable and genuine, then determine the significance of their findings.

## *What are some desirable personal qualities?*

- Academic aptitude
- An ability to work both independently and as part of a group
- Analytical skills and good judgment
- Intellectual curiosity and creativity
- Strong interest in reading and writing
- Research skills
- Critical thinking Skills

## *What are some potential occupations?*

Archivist  
Archaeologist  
Art Historian  
Attorney  
Biographer  
Business  
Curator  
Freelance Writer  
Historian

## *What are some of the job tasks?*

- Collect and organize data
- Collect detailed information on individuals
- Conduct and explain scientific research
- Critique historical documentaries
- Design and prepare museum displays
- Give presentations
- Study and preserve archives, artifacts, and historical sites
- Trace family histories
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## *What are some potential occupations? (con't.)*

Journalist/Editor  
Lecturer  
Librarian  
Market Research Analyst  
Museum Specialist  
News Analyst/Reporter/Researcher  
Park Historian  
Teacher/Professor  
Tour Guide  
Travel Agent  
Urban Planner  
Writer

## *Who hires?*

- Business Corporations/Industry
- Educational Institutions
- Historical Associations/Societies
- International/Multicultural Agencies
- Law Firms
- Museums
- Planning Agencies
- Public Library
- Publishing Firms
- Research Institutions
- Travel Industry

## *Additional information*

Experience acquired through cooperative education or internships can prove valuable in obtaining professional positions.

Many historians are employed as teachers.

A good writing background expands job possibilities.

Training in the language and literature of the area and era in which you specialize, as well as background in computer methodology and statistics, can be most helpful.

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