



Archaeology

Transferable Skills

A liberal arts degree in general, reflects a comprehensive education emphasizing analytical skills, critical thinking and communication skills; abilities in high demand for all employers. Concentrating your studies in a major allows you to also gain specific transferable skills of interest to particular employers and industries.

Graduates with a major in Archaeology are attractive to employers due to their abilities in the following areas:

- The skills required to identify and access a wide range of relevant information and resources
- The ability to compile and organize facts and information and to comprehend and apply new and/or unfamiliar information to different situations and settings
- Skills in preparing interesting, creative and informative presentations, which target diverse audiences
- The ability to develop effective reports, presentations and materials using current technology
- The ability to learn, understand and interpret information and apply knowledge to new situations
- The ability to set priorities, meet deadlines and effectively plan/manage time, data and resources
- Problem-solving skills and the ability to make well-reasoned decisions, think creatively and search for,
- Ability to identify and consider all sides of an issue
- Skills to effectively analyze and interpret a wide range of information and data to discuss, support and/or reject ideas, opinions, reports, theories and proposals
- Skills enabling you to work effectively as part of a team by identifying your role and contributing, through leading, teaching, motivating and/or encouraging others, to the success of the team
- An understanding of how to successfully identify, plan and contribute to the goals of a project
- The ability to oversee, supervise and/or contribute to a project from beginning to end including determining outcomes, planning details, making decisions, assigning roles and completing task

Range of Example Positions held by Archaeology Majors

Please note that some of these positions require an advanced degree. For more information and descriptions of these careers, visit O*NET On-line.

- Architect
- Contracting
- Industrial and Space Design
- Public Administration
- Real Estate Development
- Research
- Teaching

Professional Associations

Professional associations or organizations can be a great way to meet, learn from and network with professionals in your field of interest. Inexpensive student memberships are often available. These are only a sampling of professional associations. Be sure to search for others that may be applicable or helpful.

- [Society for American Archaeology](#)
- [Society for Historical Archaeology](#)
- [Society for California Archaeology](#)
- [Oregon Archaeological Society](#)
- [The Society for Archaeological Sciences](#)
- [Association for Environmental Archaeology](#)
- [Archaeology for the Public](#) - list of more professional associations