

History

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 History are attractive to employers due to their abilities in the following areas:

- Possess wide knowledge of historical information
- Possess ability to creatively teach concepts
- Attention to detail
- Ability to make critical observations and evaluations
- Ability to think clearly and form arguments
- Careful record keeping
- Comprehensive command of grammar and vocabulary
- Possess a diversity of knowledge across many topics
- Excellent proficiency in writing, speaking and reading
- Ability to think logically and critically and make analogies
- Strong research skills
- Ability to understand ideas and values
- Aware of intercultural conflicts and perspectives
- Proficiency in analytical reasoning
- Possess strong skills in computer technology
- Wide ranging curiosity
- Excellent skills in oral and written expression
- Ability to quickly digest large amounts of information

Range of Example Positions held by History 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](#).

- Account Supervisor-Marketing
- Advertising Copywriter
- Arts Educator
- College Professor
- Columnist
- Critic
- Curator
- Editorial Writer or Assistant
- Foreign Correspondent
- Freelance Writer
- Fundraiser
- Historic Preservationist
- History Teacher
- Human Resources Manager
- Instructional Media Specialist
- International Business Officer
- Internet Entrepreneur
- Interpreter
- Journalist
- Lawyer
- Librarian
- Manager/Supervisor
- Market Researcher
- Museum Exhibit Programmer
- News Analyst
- Playwright
- Production Assistant
- Proposal Writer
- Public Relations Consultant
- Publisher
- Researcher
- Scientific Writing
- Screenwriter
- Social Worker
- Television Producer
- Translator
- Travel Writer
- Webmaster/Content Writer
- Writer's Assistant

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.

- [American Historical Association](#)
- [Organization of American Historians](#)
- [American Studies Association](#)
- [Early Modern Women: An Interdisciplinary Journal](#)
- [The Renaissance Society of America](#)
- [Sixteenth Century Society and Conference](#)
- [The UCLA Center for Renaissance and Medieval Studies](#)
- [The Huntington Library](#)
- [The College Art Association](#)
- [Villa I Tatti: The Harvard University Center for Italian Renaissance Studies](#)
- [The American Academy in Rome](#)
- [The Library of Congress American Memory Project](#)
- [History Matters](#)