



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR HISTORY MAJORS

SKILLS & ABILITIES OF THE HISTORY MAJOR

Cross-Cultural

- Analyze impact of problems on society
- Knowledge of how societies cope with change
- Explain the present by referring to the past
- Develop a world view
- Strongly appreciate other cultures

Research

- Analyze ideas/information
- Organize materials/ideas
- Compile and evaluate information
- Compare/contrast ideas and information
- Understand and interpret the present and the past

- Examine and analyze evidence

Project Development

- Plan and implement historical projects
- Organize materials/information
- Understand relationship between factors

Communication

- Explain ideas
- Describe and evaluate issues/problems/events
- Observe and compare people/data/things
- Compile research reports
- Interpret events/ideas
- Write and present information clearly

POTENTIAL CAREERS

- Environmentalist
- Historian
- History Teacher
- Explorer
- Curator
- Archivist
- Art Conservator
- Folklorist
- Publications Editor
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Coordinator of School and Youth Programs
- Director of Museum Education
- Director of Visitor Services
- Environmental Education Instructor
- Museum Educator
- Urban Park Ranger
- Biographer
- Database/Records Manager
- Genealogist
- Information Specialist
- Institutional Researcher
- Research Analyst
- Paralegal
- Public Relations Officer
- Tour Director
- Education Administrator

TYPES OF EMPLOYERS

- Museums
- Antiquarian and Landmark Societies
- Centers for Cultural Studies
- Centers for Science and Industry
- Children's Museums
- Historic Houses
- Historical Societies
- Oral History Centers

- Colleges and Universities
- National, State, and Local Government
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Botanical Gardens/Zoos
- Research Centers
- Consulting Organizations
- Libraries
- Sports-Related Organizations
- Hospitality Industry
- High Schools

RESOURCES AND WEBSITES

American Historical Association - [/www.historians.org](http://www.historians.org)
Organization of American Historians-<http://www.oah.org/>
American Alliance of Museums-<http://www.aam-us.org/>
Society for History in the Federal Govt.-<http://shfg.org/shfg/>
Society for American Archivists-<http://www2.archivists.org/>
Coordinating Council for Women in History-<http://theccwh.org/>
O*Net-<http://www.onetonline.org/>

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