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

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
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/

Sources: The College Majors Handbook (Fogg, Harrington, & Harrington, 2012) and the University of Kansas University Career Center