What Can I Do With a Major in…?
History

Overview
The study of the past broadens our perspective and allows us to discover the essential elements of human existence. Besides preparing students for careers in government service, law, teaching, business, advertising, and journalism, an education in history can lead to a variety of enriching careers. Positions that attract history majors will likely require some of the following qualifications: experience, extensive knowledge of a particular time period or region, the ability to communicate with diverse groups of people, and good writing and research skills. The term historian covers a broad range of career options and job settings. In general, historians study, assess, and interpret the past to determine what happened and why. They examine court documents, diaries, letters, and newspaper accounts; they conduct research, write, teach, evaluate, and make recommendations. They interview individuals and study archaeological and artifactual evidence. Schools, universities, libraries, and museums, government offices, and private enterprise are some of the job settings for history majors. The following list contains a representative sample of job titles of former graduates with a math or computer science major. Use this as an idea list, and remember that it represents some, but certainly not all, of the careers you might consider, some of these jobs also require education beyond a bachelors' degree.

Related Careers

Anthropologist
Antique Dealer
Archeologist
Archivist
Art Appraiser
Banker
Biographer
Buyer
Cataloguer
CIA Agent
Clergy
Community Case Manager
Community Relations Director
Congressional Aide
College Professor
Consultant
Consumer Advocate
Counselor
Criminologist
Curator
Demographer
Diplomat
Director of Historical Attraction
Disability Examiner
Educator
Economist
Economic Development Specialist
Editor
Events Manager
FBI Agent
Foreign Services Officer
Fund Raiser
Genealogist
Grant Administrator
Grant Writer
Historian
Historical Archaeologist
Historic Preservationist
Historic Site Tour Guide
Historical Society Staff
Indicter
Insurance Agent/Broker
Intelligence Analyst
International Relations
Journalist/Broadcast Journalist
Lawyer
Legislator
Lecturer
Legal Assistant/Paralegal
Librarian
Lobbyist
Manuscript Reader
Market Research Analyst
Media Consultant
Military
Museum Curator
Museum Technician/Specialist
News Editor
Non-profit Management
Park Ranger
Peace Corps/VISTA Worker
Political Campaign Manager
Politician
Political Scientist
Property Management
Psychologist
Public Relations Specialist
Public/Governmental Administrator
Realtor
Research Assistant
Research Writer
Sales Coordinator
Sociologist
Teacher
Technical Writer
Travel Agent
Volunteer Coordinator
Urban Administrator
Urban Planner
Writer/Author
## Major Skills

- Explaining Ideas
- Writing and presenting information
- Analyzing ideas and information
- Explaining the present by referring to the past
- Seeing relationships between factors
- Interpreting events and ideas
- Examining evidence
- Developing a world-view
- Decision making
- Research
- Oral and written communication skills

## Related Web Sites

- MonsterTRAK [http://www.monstertrak.com](http://www.monstertrak.com)

## Professional Organizations

- American Historical Association [www.historians.org](http://www.historians.org)
- American Association for State and Local History [http://www.aaslh.org](http://www.aaslh.org)
- Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations [http://www.ohiou.edu/shafir](http://www.ohiou.edu/shafir)