



# What Can I Do with a Major in... History

## Possible Career Options

(some career areas require advanced education)

Community Relations Director  
Congressional Aide  
Consultant  
Consumer Advocate  
Editor  
FBI/CIA Agent  
Foreign News Correspondent  
Foreign Service Officer  
Government Official  
Historian  
Historic Preservation Specialist  
Historic Site Administrator  
Historic Site Tour Guide  
Historical Society Staff Member  
Indexer  
International Relations Specialist  
Journalist  
Librarian  
Lobbyist  
Movie/Television Historical  
Museum Curator  
Peace Corps/VISTA Worker  
Public Administrator/ Manager  
Public Relations Specialist  
Research Assistant  
Teacher, Social Studies  
Writer/ Author

## Leadership/Management Skills

- Judging
- Making decisions
- Initiating projects and ideas
- Identifying the critical issues and making decisions quickly and accurately
- Predicting and evaluating future trends and patterns

## Communication/Writing Skills

- Comprehending written material
- Writing effectively
- Demonstrating premises and reasoning to their conclusion
- Writing factually material clearly and concisely
- Summarizing
- Critiquing, editing, proofreading

## Research/Analytical Skills

- Sorting data and objects
- Cataloging information
- Using library and research facilities
- Perceiving and defining cause and effect relationships
- Analyzing the interrelationships of events and ideas from several perspectives
- Reviewing large amounts of material and extracting essence
- Formulating questions to clarify a particular problem or view

## Other Skills

- The ability to work in a self-directed manner
- Interest in historical events and perspectives

## Print and Web Resources

### OCS Books

*Careers for History Buffs and Others Who Learn From the Past*

*Careers in International Affairs*

*Careers in Law*

*Great Jobs for History Majors*

*Liberal Arts Advantage*

*The Global Citizen: A Guide to Creating an International Life and Career*

*What Can I Do with a Law Degree?*

### Online Career Resources

*Occupational Outlook Handbook*

[www.bls.gov/oco/ocos054.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos054.htm) (Historian/Social Scientist)

[www.bls.gov/oco/ocos065.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos065.htm) (Archivist)

[www.bls.gov/oco/ocos068.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos068.htm) (Librarian)

[www.bls.gov/oco/ocos066.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos066.htm) (Professor)

### Internship Electronic Resources

*After College*

[www.aftercollege.com](http://www.aftercollege.com)

*Idealist and Action Without Borders*

[www.idealists.org](http://www.idealists.org)

*Local Internships*

[www.hope.edu/knowhope/internships/index.cgi](http://www.hope.edu/knowhope/internships/index.cgi)

### Employment Opportunity Electronic Resources

*American Historical Association*

[www.historians.org/jobs](http://www.historians.org/jobs)

*Organization of American Historians*

[www.oah.org/announce/jobs.html](http://www.oah.org/announce/jobs.html)

*Spotlight on Careers*

[www.spotlightoncareers.org](http://www.spotlightoncareers.org)

*Working for America*

[www.usajobs.opm.gov](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov)

**More resource links are available at the Office of Career Services website:**

[www.hope.edu/student/career](http://www.hope.edu/student/career)

## Professional Associations

### African Studies Association

[www.africanstudies.org](http://www.africanstudies.org)

### American Association of Museums

[www.aam-us.org](http://www.aam-us.org)

### American Association for State and Local History

[www.aaslh.org](http://www.aaslh.org)

### American Historical Association

[www.theaha.org](http://www.theaha.org)

### American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works

[aic.stanford.edu](http://aic.stanford.edu)

### American Library Association

[www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org)

### National Genealogical Society

[www.ngsgenealogy.org](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org)

### Organization of American Historians

[www.oah.org](http://www.oah.org)

### Society of American Archivists

[www.archivists.org](http://www.archivists.org)

### The Law and Society Association

[www.lawandsociety.org](http://www.lawandsociety.org)

## Hope Graduates in the History World

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Agent .....	U.S. Government—Secret Service
Ambassador .....	U.S. Department of State
Archivist .....	National Archives and Records Administration
Assistant Chief Counsel .....	Department of Homeland Security
Associate Archivist .....	University of Michigan
Associate Professor of History .....	University of Tennessee
Attorney .....	Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
Congressman/Representative Pete Hoekstra .....	United States Congress
Correspondent .....	ABC News
Counterproliferation Analyst .....	U.S. Army
Deputy Chief of Staff .....	U.S. Department of Education
Diplomat .....	U.S. Department of Commerce
Diplomat .....	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Director of Legislative Affairs .....	Travel Industry Association of America
Director of Center for Faith-Based & Community Initiatives .....	U.S. Agency for International Development
Director of Records and Archives .....	University of Kentucky
Director; German, Austrian, & Swiss Affairs .....	U.S. Department of State
Grant Manager .....	Princeton University
History Professor .....	Earlham College
Immigration Trail Attorney .....	U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Intelligence Analyst .....	Central Intelligence Agency
Law Librarian .....	Grayson County Library
Lawyer .....	Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meaghan, & Flam
Mayor .....	City of Holland
Peace and Justice Programs .....	Catholic Relief Services
Personal Aide to Barbara Bush .....	Former President George Bush
Preparator .....	Chicago Field Museum of Natural History
President & Curator .....	Holland Historical Trust
Program Specialist .....	Administration for Native Americans
Senior Researcher .....	National Institute of Population & Social Security Research
Special Agent .....	Federal Bureau of Investigation
Staff—Operations Specialist .....	State Department—Central American Affairs