

History Major Overview:

The History major focuses on the study of past events, societies, and cultures, offering students a deep understanding of human history across different time periods and geographical regions. Students explore key historical events, movements, and figures, analyzing their impact on the present and future. The program emphasizes critical thinking, research, and writing skills, preparing students to interpret historical data, examine primary sources, and construct historical narratives. Graduates of a History major are well-equipped for careers in education, research, public history, and more.

Typical Industry Sectors:

1. Education (K-12 and Higher Education)
2. Museums and Cultural Heritage
3. Government and Public Policy
4. Research and Archiving
5. Nonprofit and Advocacy Organizations

10 Sample Entry-Level Job Titles:

1. History Teacher (Middle or High School)
2. Museum Curatorial Assistant
3. Archivist
4. Research Assistant
5. Library Assistant
6. Public History Specialist
7. Historical Consultant
8. Policy Analyst
9. Program Coordinator (Historical Societies)
10. Tour Guide (Historical Sites)

5 Hard Skills:

1. Research and Data Analysis
2. Knowledge of Historical Periods and Events
3. Source Evaluation (Primary and Secondary Sources)
4. Historical Writing and Documentation
5. Archival Techniques and Record Keeping

5 Soft Skills:

1. Critical Thinking
2. Communication
3. Attention to Detail

4. Organization
5. Problem-solving

Additional Training or Certifications:

While a History degree provides the foundational knowledge, further training or certifications may be required for specific roles. For instance, a teaching certification is needed for K-12 teaching positions, and archivists may need certification from organizations like the Academy of Certified Archivists. Graduate education (e.g., Master's or Ph.D.) may be necessary for advanced research roles, museum work, or academic positions. Internships in museums, libraries, or research institutions are also valuable for hands-on experience.

Student and National Organizations:

1. [American Historical Association \(AHA\)](#)
2. [National Council for Public History \(NCPH\)](#)
3. [Phi Alpha Theta \(History Honor Society\)](#)
4. [Organization of American Historians \(OAH\)](#)
5. [National Trust for Historic Preservation \(NTHP\)](#)