

What can you do with a major in *HISTORY?*

Nature of Work

History is the study of past civilizations and problems and is used to promote insight and understanding of the problems of today, preserve our great cultural heritage, and enrich our appreciation of human existence. Historians collect facts, opinions, and other information. They usually specialize in a specific country or geographic region, in a particular time period, or in a particular field such as social, intellectual, political or diplomatic history. *Genealogists* trace family histories. *Biographers* collect detailed information on individuals. Others help preserve archives, artifacts, and historic sites and buildings. They use standard techniques to locate, evaluate, and interpret historical evidence. Many historians teach in universities.

Personal Qualities

Helpful qualities for individuals who seek to incorporate their *History* major in a career include:

- intellectual curiosity and creativity
- objectivity and open-mindedness
- analytical skills and good judgment
- an ability to communicate their ideas clearly, both in speech and writing
- an ability to work both independently and as part of a group
- academic aptitude
- systematic work habits

Work Settings

Students who majored in *History* work in various settings including the following:

research organizations, associations and consulting firms, colleges and universities, archives, libraries, museums, and historical societies, publishing firms, large corporations, government agencies

They work in classrooms, offices, libraries, and museums. Some may travel to the sites of historic events; such as battlefields and buildings.

Related Occupations

Research Worker, Archivist, Archeologist, Genealogist, Conservator, Artifacts, Scientific Linguist, Historical Society Director, Biographer, Press Secretary, Lawyer

Career Services Resources

The following books are available for students in the Career Services Library:

- *Liberal Education and Careers Today*
- *Great Jobs for Liberal Arts Majors (2 editions)*
- *Great Jobs for History Majors*
- *The Liberal Arts Advantage*
- *150 Best Companies for Liberal Arts Graduates*
- *Smart Moves for Liberal Arts Grads*

For More Information Contact

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www.historians.org

Organization of American Historians
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Bloomington, IN 47408-5457
(812) 855-7311
www.oah.org

American Association for State and Local History
1717 Church Street
Nashville, TN 37203-2921
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A Sample of Ithaca College History Graduates

One method of exploring careers is to examine the occupations of alumni who majored in a discipline in which you may be interested.

Below is a representative sample of occupations held by Ithaca College alumni who majored in History.

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| Attorney | Eaton Peabody | Bangor, ME |
| Site Coordinator, Parent Liaison | Robert Moton Elementary School | Westminster, MD |
| Producer | CNN (Cable News Network) | Atlanta, GA |
| Financial Representative | Northwestern Mutual Financial Network | Commack, NY |
| Vice President of Marketing | McGlinn Capital Management | Reading, PA |
| Federal Law Enforcement Office | Department of Homeland Security | Santee, CA |
| Legal Assistant | Friedman Wang & Beiberg | New York, NY |
| Accountant | ISU Insurance Services | San Francisco, CA |
| Patent Foreign Filing Specialist | Oloff & Berridge PLC | Syracuse, NY |
| Human Resource Management | French Woods Festival | Hancock, NY |
| Survey Processor | Irtor Survey Research | Chicago, IL |
| Project Asst., Alcohol Policies | Center for Science in the Publication | Washington, D.C. |
| Software Engineer | Lotus Development Corporation | Cambridge, MA |
| Recruiter | Education America | Denver, CO |
| History Teacher | Kingston City Schools | Kingston, NY |
| Membership Director | The Federalist Society | Washington, D.C. |
| Publications Manager | Mass Insight Education | Boston, MA |
| Visual Manager | Saks Fifth Avenue | Chicago, IL |
| Administrative Assistant | Historic Ithaca | Ithaca, NY |
| Associate Community Director | Worthing Southeast | Decatur, GA |
| Managing Director/COO | Coldwell Banker Europe | Chicago, IL |
| Assistant to Director of Staff Development | USA Today | Arlington, VA |
| Attorney | Gallagher, Riley & Lachat | Philadelphia, PA |
| Preschool Teacher | Monroe BOCES | Fairport, NY |
| Software Division Administrator | The Princeton Review | Burlington, MA |
| Acquisitions | The Development Group | Newton, MA |
| Trader | Fidelity Investments | Boston, MA |
| Director of Program Research | Brookstone Production Company | Deerfield Beach, FL |
| Assistant Vice President | Chase Manhattan Bank | Brooklyn, NY |
| Account Specialist | Xerox Corporation | Rochester, NY |
| Special Projects Officer | Patrol Squadron | Brunswick, ME |
| Project Manager | Caelum Research Corporation | Rockville, MD |
| Landscaper | Fertile Delta | Chicago, IL |
| Legal Assistant | Pitney, Hardin, Kipp & Szuch | Morristown, NJ |
| High School Social Studies Teacher | Tuxedo High School | Tuxedo, NY |
| Congressional Aide | The Honorable John W. Oliver | Fitchburg, MA |
| Owner/Producer | Middle Passage Cinema | Baltimore, MD |
| President/Owner | Kenny Rogers Roasters Franchise | Rochester, NY |
| Legislative Assistant | N.Y.S. Assembly 118th District | North Syracuse, NY |
| Grant Consultant | DBS Planning Consultants | Troy, NY |
| Advertising Sales Representative | Princeton Packet | Princeton, NJ |
| Producer | CNN (Cable News Network) | Atlanta, GA |
| Property Tax Specialist | Marriott Corporation | Washington, D.C. |
| Freelance Photographer | Self-employed | Needham, MA |
| Assistant District Attorney | Suffolk County District Attorney | Riverhead, NY |
| News Archivist | Fort Lee Film Storage & Service Co. | Fort Lee, NJ |
| Preservationist | New York City Parks Department | New York, NY |
| Product Consultant/LAN Administrator | Cigna Companies | Rochester, NY |