









What you can do with your History major



As a History major, you will study and critically analyze the complex factors of the past to gain a further understanding of present society. The many skills developed while studying history will prepare you for a wide variety of career paths. These skills include critical thinking, independent research, synthesis, oral and written communication, the ability to assess evidence, and project management. You will develop a very strong research and writing capability, valued by most employers and organizations. A wide berth of potential career paths include teaching and other educational careers, policy analyst, library science, curator, archivist, journalism, law, management consultant, financial services, and much more. Studying history is also an essential path for understanding the world we live in today and contributing to our future as an educated citizen.

According to the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), employment for those who majored in History is projected to grow 4% from 2021 to 2031, slightly slower than the average for all occupations.

Essential Skills & Characteristics to develop and highlight:

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|  Critical analyzer |  Personal management |
|  Verbal communication |  Open minded |
|  Written communication |  Well-rounded researcher |
|  Data analysis and interpretation |  Collaborative |

How To Get Started:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Assess your personal strengths & preferences | <input type="checkbox"/> Get an internship/relevant work experience |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Research opportunities: online/in-person | <input type="checkbox"/> Join a professional history organization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expand your historical & technical network
and professional brand & resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Connect with professionals through career
conversations & job shadowing |

Chart Your Path Forward with the [Career Success Center](#)

[Activate Your Handshake Account](#)

for events, coaching appointments and connections to jobs, internships, employer & alumni networking & more!
www.wcsu.edu/handshake

[Explore Career Communities](#)

to discover a wide variety of fields where you can turn your History major into success.

[Get Career & Internship Advising](#)

from the Career Success Center to make a plan, whether you're a first-year student or about to graduate

Put your History major to **WORK**

Common Alumni Job Titles:

- Museum worker
- Teacher
- Educational services
- Editor
- Archivist & curator
- Financial Services & Banking
- Political staff
- Elected Official
- Lawyer

Employers of History Majors:

- WCSU
- Danbury Public Schools
- Danbury Hospital
- Post University
- Yale University
- Central High School, Bridgeport
- Norwalk Community College
- University of Bridgeport
- DTR Modern Galleries
- National Park Service
- Library of Congress
- East Ridge Middle School

Recent History Alumni

Employment Sector

- 19 % Retail Trade
- 18 % Educational Services
- 14 % Health Care and Social Services
- 11 % Accommodations and Food Services
- 6 % Public Administration
- 5 % Management
- 4 % Professional, Scientific and Tech Services
- 4 % Other Services

Live & Work

- 61 % Connecticut
- 16 % Middle Atlantic
- 7 % South Atlantic
- 5 % New England
- 3 % West North Central
- 3 % West South Central
- 1 % East South Central

Informational & Job Websites

- <https://wcsu.joinhandshake.com/login>
- <http://ncph.org/jobs/>
- <http://www.aam-us.org/resources/careers>
- <https://www.historians.org/jobs-and-professional-development/career-resources/careers-for-history-majors>
- <http://www.onedayonejob.com/majors/history/>
- <https://www.thewha.org>
- <https://www.smh-hq.org>
- <http://www.historians.org/>
- <https://pcaaca.org>
- <https://associationofancienthistorians.org>
- <https://theccwh.org>
- <https://eh.net/eha/>
- <https://www.oah.org/>



[Daniel O'Neill](#)

BA in History, Class of 2005

Sr. Information Security Consultant, NTT DATA Services

"History isn't about memorizing past events and dates; it is about understanding where past events bring us as tomorrow nears, and preparing for events to come. I am now an IT professional and we call that 'root-cause analysis', vital to prevent repeated outages and system disruption. We do research to find trustworthy sources to address technical and Cybersecurity needs, all skills I learned while studying to be a Historian."



[Jermar Rountree](#)

B.A. in History, Class of 2008

District Teacher Lead for PE and Health for six charter schools in the Center City network; 2023 Washington, D.C. Teacher of the Year

"Pay attention to who is pointing you in the right direction and showing you love. There is nothing you can't reach for if you keep your mind open. Reach for it."

Career Communities for History Majors

The Career Success Center has seven Career Communities to connect you with career advising, resources and programs. Here are a few suggestions on where History majors can start.

Not inspired by these options? Visit our website at www.wcsu.edu/careersuccess/career-communities/ to view more.

- [Government, Public Policy, Law and Non-Profit](#)
- [Education and Human Services](#)
- [Media, Arts, Marketing, & Entertainment](#)