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:

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

How To Get Started:

- Assess your personal strengths & preferences
- Get an internship/relevant work experience
- Research opportunities: online/in-person
- Join a professional history organization
- Expand your historical & technical network and professional brand & resources
- 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

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### Informational & Job Websites

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

### 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.

- Government, Public Policy, Law and Non-Profit
- Education and Human Services
- Media, Arts, Marketing, & Entertainment

Not inspired by these options? Visit our website at [www.wcsu.edu/careersuccess/career-communities/](http://www.wcsu.edu/careersuccess/career-communities/) to view more.

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**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.”

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**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.”