

BUSINESS



A major in history provides a broad, liberal arts education. Develop a career goal, and then obtain the skills, experiences, and education necessary to enter that field. An undergraduate degree in history is good preparation for graduate study in history, as well as other areas such as, law, public administration, or business. Research the prerequisites for the degree of interest and tailor program of study to meet curricular requirements

Part-time and summer jobs, internships, and volunteer positions are critical to gaining the experience and skills that employers seek. Obtain leadership roles in school or community organizations. Get involved in student government, mock trial, debate team, or Model United Nations. Excellent verbal and written communication skills are imperative for most careers related to history, politics, or government. Prepare to develop a specialty area including both academic training and work experience for history related careers.

Develop patience, persistence, and drive to obtain history related jobs. Gain experience in fundraising and grant writing techniques. Nonprofit and educational organizations are often funded in this manner. Conduct informational interviews to learn about careers of interest and develop a network contacts. Research websites and books that address various job opportunities, hiring processes, and pay structure.

AREAS OF OPPORTUNITY

- Public policy
- Regional planning
- City or town management
- Legislative, executive, or judicial services
- Program administration
- Public Policy
- Research
- Intelligence
- Foreign service
- Law enforcement
- General services
- Political advising
- Lobbying

Counties
Cities
Municipalities
Townships
Municipal archives
Libraries
Museums, parks, and historic sites
Arts and humanities councils
School districts
Departments of state government
Legislative agencies
Court systems

Legislative, executive, or judicial officials
National, state, or local government
Political action committees

Political parties

COMMON EMPLOYERS



PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS



- [American Association for State and Local History](#)
- [American Association of Museums](#)
- [American Historical Association](#)
- [National Council for History Education](#)
- [Organization of American Historians](#)



STRATEGIES ON ENTERING THE FIELD

- Conduct research that could be useful to your community.
- Get involved in civic organizations and events and seek leadership roles.
- Employment opportunities in local government tend to follow population trends in terms of growth and decline. Check statistics on growing communities to find the most opportunities. Be prepared to relocate.
- Develop a network of contacts through referrals and informational interviews.
- Complete an internship in a government agency.
- Participate in local or national election campaigns.
- Research government application processes and learn how to best represent yourself as an
- Maintain an excellent undergraduate academic record and consider earning a graduate degree.
- Participate in national campaigns.
- Develop skills in computers, statistics, and data analysis.
- Acquire foreign language competency and travel experience for international positions.
- Complete an internship with the federal government.
- Become familiar with the government application process. Utilize applicable websites and seek assistance from your college career center.