

What you can do with a degree in

# History

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The following is a sample of occupational titles and work settings related to History.

Keep in mind that career options are not dictated solely by choice of major.

Just as there are many careers open to graduates of any major, there are many paths to careers that do not require a specific degree. Use this information as a beginning guide to exploring options.

## Sample Job Titles:

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| • Administrative Manager                  | • Ethics and Compliance Officer              | • Insurance Agent                      | • Professor                         |
| • Antique Dealer                          | • Exhibit Designer                           | • Interpreter                          | • Public Administrator              |
| • Architectural Historian                 | • FBI/CIA Agent                              | • Journalist                           | • Public Relations Specialist       |
| • Archivist                               | • Folklorist                                 | • Lawyer (with legal training)         | • Publication Researcher            |
| • Auctioneer                              | • Foreign Correspondent                      | • Legislative Analyst/Aide             | • Records Manager                   |
| • Author                                  | • Foreign Service Officer                    | • Legislator                           | • Research Assistant                |
| • Biographer                              | • Genealogist                                | • Librarian                            | • Research Library Assistant        |
| • Collections Manager                     | • Government Service Executive               | • Lobbyist                             | • Research Writer                   |
| • Community Service Manager               | • Grants Specialist                          | • Manuscript Reader                    | • Researcher                        |
| • Consultant                              | • Grant Writer                               | • Missionary                           | • Sales Representative              |
| • Consumer Affairs Director               | • High School Teacher                        | • Museum Conservators                  | • Scriptwriter/Screenwriter         |
| • Critic (Book, Drama, Film)              | • Historian (with grad. training)            | • Museum Curator                       | • Survey Researcher                 |
| • Cultural Resource Management Specialist | • Historical Consultant                      | • Museum Education Officer             | • Tour Guide                        |
| • Cultural Tour Guide                     | • Historical Museum Administrative Assistant | • Museum Guide                         | • Training & Development Specialist |
| • Demographer                             | • Historical Projects Coordinator            | • Museum Technician                    | • Travel Guide                      |
| • Document Restorer                       | • Historical Research Assistant              | • News Editor                          | • Urban and Regional Planner        |
| • Editor                                  | • Information Specialist                     | • Newspaper Reporter                   | • Volunteer Coordinator             |
| • Education Administrator                 | • Institutional Researcher                   | • News Producer                        | • Writer                            |
| • Educator Docent                         |  | • Paralegal/Legal Assistant            |                                     |
|   |  | • Park Ranger for Historical Monuments |                                     |
|   |  | • Preservation Worker                  |                                     |

## Possible Professional Settings:

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| • Archives                    | • Historic Preservation Boards           | • Law Enforcement Agencies | • Non Government Organizations (NGO's) |
| • Chambers of Commerce        | • Historical Societies                   | • Libraries                | • Non-Profit Organizations             |
| • City Government             | • Immunization & Naturalization Services | • Museums                  | • Political Campaigns                  |
| • Colleges & Universities     | • International Government Agencies      | • National/State Parks     | • Public Interest Advocacy Groups      |
| • Consulting Agencies         | • Insurance Companies                    | • TV/Radio/Cable Companies | • Publishing Companies                 |
| • Corporations                | • Interpretive Centers                   | • Travel Agencies          | • School Districts                     |
| • Exhibits                    | • Law Firms                              | • Magazines & Newspapers   | • State Government Agencies            |
| • Federal Government Agencies |  |                            | • Foundations, Non-profit              |
| • Film Companies              |  |                            |  |

# Resources:

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The following lists are samples of resources available for learning more about majors and careers.

## Websites Related to this Field

- Smithsonian Institution Career Center: [www.si.edu.ohr](http://www.si.edu.ohr)
- The National Archives: [www.archives.gov/careers](http://www.archives.gov/careers)

## Professional Associations - Samples

- American Association for State & Local History: [www.aaslh.org](http://www.aaslh.org)
- American Historical Association: [www.historians.org](http://www.historians.org)
- American Studies Association: [www.theasa.net](http://www.theasa.net)
- Historians Film Committee: [www.filmandhistory.org](http://www.filmandhistory.org)
- Northwest History network: <http://www.northwesthistory.org/>
- Washington State Historical Society: <http://www.washingtonhistory.org>
- National Council on Public History: [www.ncph.org](http://www.ncph.org)
- Organization of American Historians: [www.oah.org](http://www.oah.org)
- Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations: [www.shafr.org](http://www.shafr.org)

## Sample Internship Sites & Volunteer Opportunities

- <https://spu.edu/administration/center-career-calling/prepare/finding-an-internship/internship-locations>

## General Career Information

- Occupational Outlook Handbook: [www.bls.gov/ooh/](http://www.bls.gov/ooh/)
- The Occupational Information Network, (O\*Net): [www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org)

## SPU Resources

- History Department Website: <http://www.spu.edu/academics/college-of-arts-sciences/history>
- Major & Career Exploration (GS 2001 - 2 credits, offered every quarter)
- Career Counseling: call 206.281.2485 or stop by the Center for Career and Calling on the second floor of the SUB
- Academic Advising: [www.spu.edu/depts/sas](http://www.spu.edu/depts/sas)
- Academic Catalog: [www.spu.edu/academics.aspx](http://www.spu.edu/academics.aspx)

## SPU Student Groups

- Hindsight, History Club: <http://spu.edu/academics/college-of-arts-sciences/history/history-club>

\* Websites are current as of August 2020. If any go inactive, please let us know.