

History

What can I do with this major?

OCCUPATIONS	EMPLOYERS	SKILLS TO DEVELOP
<u>GOVERNMENT</u>	<p>Federal agencies including: The Smithsonian Institute National Archives and Records Library of Congress National Park Service Intelligence services Foreign service</p> <p>State and local agencies including: Archives and libraries Museums, parks, and historic sites Municipal archives Arts and humanities councils</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gain relevant experience in student government or other related organizations. • Volunteer with the staff of a government official. • Complete an internship with a government agency. • Develop foreign language skills as well as foreign travel experiences. • Become familiar with specialized government hiring procedures. • Consider a variety of entry-level positions in all branches of local, state, and federal government. • Plan on obtaining an advanced degree in political science or public administration for advancement. • Participate in local or national campaigns. • Supplement curriculum with business courses.
<u>POLITICS</u>	<p>Elected or Appointed Leadership Campaign Management Staff Administration Special Interest Advocacy</p> <p>Elected or appointed public officials (i.e., legislators, governors, mayors, judges) National political party headquarters Public interest/advocacy groups Political campaigns</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gain experience and make contacts through internships with government agencies or public officials. • Volunteer to work with public interest groups, political campaigns, political associations, or community service projects. • Participate in student government and campus politics. • Obtain leadership roles in campus organizations. • Be prepared to begin a political career as a volunteer before moving to full-time or paid positions.
<u>LAW</u>	<p>Law firms Corporate legal departments Government agencies Public service agencies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend law school and earn a law degree to become an attorney. • Obtain summer or part-time work in a law firm. • Complete special training requirements for paralegal positions. • Become skillful in debate and public speaking. • Organize campus events, speakers, or political rallies.
<u>NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS</u>	<p>History museums and historic sites Historical associations and societies Cultural heritage organizations Historical projects Research and service institutions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer with various nonprofit organizations of interest. • Consider supplementing curriculum with relevant course work in anthropology, sociology, art history, or foreign languages.

OCCUPATIONS

EMPLOYERS

SKILLS TO DEVELOP

EDUCATION

Teaching
Elementary, Middle, or Secondary
Higher Education
Community Education

Libraries
Private learning centers
Public and private schools
Colleges and universities
Museums
Zoological parks, aquariums, wildlife refuges,
and bird sanctuaries
Arboretums, gardens, and conservatories
Camps
National and state parks

- Obtain appropriate state certification for public school teaching.
- Earn certification to teach multiple subjects/age groups for increased job opportunities.
- Earn a graduate degree to teach in post-secondary institutions; master's degree required for two-year colleges and a doctoral degree for four-year institutions.
- Become skilled in the use of multimedia.
- Learn how to develop curriculums and workshops.
- Become an "expert" in a particular subject.
- Gain experience as a tutor, camp counselor, church schoolteacher.
- Build strong relationships with professors, supervisors, or other community leaders for strong personal recommendations.
- Volunteer as a tutor.

CURATORIAL AND ARCHIVAL MANAGEMENT

Museums
Historical homes
Art galleries
Special collections
Historical societies
Libraries
Universities and colleges
National, state, and local government
Corporations
Non-profit organizations
Research institutes

Universities
Government agencies
Research institutes
Non-profit agencies
Community organizations
Private industry
Advertising and marketing firms
Consulting organizations
Information brokers
Newspapers, magazines, news agencies
Public opinion research polls

- Earn a master's degree in Museum Studies, Historic Preservation,
- Obtain an internship or volunteer in a related organization.
- Acquire strong computer knowledge and experience.
- Develop excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Hone organizational skills and develop attention to detail.

JOURNALISM

Broadcast
Print

News departments of local, public, and
commercial radio and TV stations
Syndicated radio services
Newspapers
National, state, and regional radio networks

- Work on the Chimes, or the cable TV program Skyline Columbus.
- Find summer or part-time work with local commercial TV or radio station.
- Volunteer with public TV or radio.
- Consider obtaining a minor or double major in communication.

OCCUPATIONS

EMPLOYERS

SKILLS TO DEVELOP

BUSINESS

Management
Sales
Office Administration

All major retail firms including drug, specialty, variety, and department store chains
Wholesalers
Manufacturers
Insurance companies
Real estate agencies
Financial institutions
Nonprofit organizations

- Consider an MBA for brand management, consulting, and research opportunities.
- Secure leadership roles in campus organizations.
- Gain experience as financial officer or treasurer of a campus organization.
- Join student professional associations.
- Take basic business classes such as accounting and finance.
- Gain business experience through part-time jobs, summer work, and internships.
- Develop excellent computer skills. Learn to use software applications such as spreadsheets, databases, and word processing.
- Join related professional associations.

Strategies For Placement In History

- An undergraduate degree in history is good preparation for graduate study in history as well as other areas such as psychology, law, or business.
- Research the prerequisites of the area of interest and tailor program of study to meet curricular and skill needs.
- Part-time, summer, internship, and volunteer experiences are critical.
- Develop skills by obtaining a leadership role in a school or community organization.
- Get involved in Student Government.
- Become familiar with the government application process for opportunities in federal, state, or local government.
- Prepare to develop a specialty area including both academic training and work experience for history related careers.
- For careers in politics, be prepared to volunteer extensively before being hired or elected as an employee or official. Begin by working with the campaign or official of choice while in college.
- For careers in arts and humanities, obtain a broad liberal arts background including knowledge of the arts, personal and mass communication, and foreign languages.
- Join related social and/or professional organizations.
- Develop a network of both formal and informal contacts.

Internet Resources:

Vault: more information on the every day life of a political aide and attorney. As well as information about how to get into law school. This site is accessible through the Career Services Website: www.capital.edu/careers

Careers In Government a clearinghouse of information, resources and jobs available in public sector organizations in America and abroad. www.careersingovernment.com

American Bar Association
w3.abanet.org/home.cfm

Industry Profile – Law: www.wetfeet.com/asp/careerlist.asp
WetFeet.com guide to law covers Industry Trends & Overview, "Love-Hate" (pros and cons of this field), Major Players and Job Descriptions & Tips.