HISTORY

Education Example
Pace University, Dyson School of Arts and Sciences  
B.A. in History  
GPA: 3.8

Summary
The study of history involves learning about diverse cultures and developing knowledge of different time periods and regions. Themes include research and scientific progress, religious beliefs, politics, economic development, racial identity, women’s roles, and social and artistic aspects of life. In general, historians study, assess, and interpret the past to determine what happened and why. They examine court documents, diaries, letters, and newspaper accounts. They interview individuals and study archeological and artifactual evidence. They conduct research, write, teach, evaluate, and make recommendations.

Contrary to popular belief, History majors are not limited to careers in teaching or government. For those who choose not to work directly in the field, a history major offers an exceptional base from which to launch a career in many different areas. Studying history allows one to interpret events based on different perspectives, understand their impact, and see connections between them. These abilities are valuable assets in any career.

Selected Occupational Opportunities
- Archivist
- Biographer
- Genealogist
- Lecturer
- Museum Curator
- Research Analyst/Assistant
- Teacher/Professor
- Tour Guide
- City Manager
- Congressional Aide
- Consumer Advocate
- Lawyer
- Political Scientist
- Corporate Historian
- Corporate Trainer
- Financial Analyst
- Student Affairs Administrator
- Information Manager
- Insurance Agent
- Sales/Marketing Representative
- Management Consultant
- Urban Planner
- Fundraiser
- Journalist
- Bank Officer
- Public Relations Officer
- Political Systems Researcher
- Preservationist
- Probation/Parole Officer
- Psychiatrist
- Psychologist
- Public Administrator
- Public Relations Specialist
- Radio/TV Newscaster
- Rehabilitation Counselor
- School Psychologist
- Social Worker
- Travel Consultant

Skills and Abilities
Strong writing skills • Ability to synthesize information from various sources • Superior communication skills • Ability to conduct and verbally explain research • Initiative and self-motivation • Strong analytical skills • Proficiency for accurate details • Ability to remain objective and open-minded • Ability to work well both independently and as part of a team • Strong people skills

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Resources & References

Occupational Outlook Handbook (www.bls.gov/oco)
American Historical Association Career Center (http://www.historians.org/jobs/index.htm)
American Association of Museums (http://www.aam-us.org/)
Careers for History Majors (http://www.historians.org/pubs/free/careers/Index.htm)
Snapshots of Recent History Graduates (http://www.lsa.umich.edu/history/ug/bios.asp)

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