

## History

### What can I do with this degree?



The study of history teaches students to understand people and societies through an analysis of the human past: how and why things happen, the causes of change, and human reaction to events. In the process, students learn how to research and analyze information and thus prepare for success in a variety of careers.

#### History Skills

- Analytical
- Attention to Detail
- Creativity
- Critical Thinking
- Curiosity
- Decision-Making
- Interpersonal Skills

#### Degrees & Certifications

- Academy of Certified Archivists <http://www.certifiedarchivists.org/>
- Bachelors of Arts, B.A.
- Certificate in Historic Preservation
- Doctors of Philosophy, Ph. D.
- Institute of Certified Records Managers <http://www.icrm.org/>
- Masters of Arts, M.A., M.Ed.
- Masters in Library and Information Sciences
- Public History Certificate
- Teacher Certification: History or Social Studies Composite

#### Possible Work Settings

- Advocacy Groups
- Archives
- Banks
- Chamber of Commerce
- Genealogical Services
- Historical Societies
- Insurance Companies
- Law Firms
- Libraries
- Library of Congress
- Museums
- National Archives/ Records
- Nonprofits
- Political Campaigns
- Smithsonian Institute
- Travel Agencies

### CAREER PATHS

*(Some of the occupations outlined in this brochure may require additional education or training)*

#### **...in Non-Classroom Education**

##### **Sample Job Titles**

- Coordinator of Interpretation and Visitor Services
- Coordinator of School and Youth Programs
- Counselor Naturalist
- Cultural Resource
- Cultural Tour Guide
- Field Interpreter
- Gallery Assistant
- Grant Specialist
- Historical Museum Administrator
- Historical Research Assistant
- Interpreter/Caretaker
- Interpretive Guide
- Management Specialist
- Museum Assistant
- Museum Educator
- Nature Education
- Outdoor Education Instructor

## Possible Work Settings

- Aquariums
- Arboretums, Botanical and Aquatic Gardens, Conservatories and Horticultural Societies
- Cultural Heritage Organizations
- Genealogical Services Firms
- Museums (art, children, college and universities, exhibit, history, science)
- National and State Parks
- Nature Centers, Park Museums and Visitor Centers
- Outdoors Education Centers
- Wildlife Refuges and Bird Sanctuaries
- Zoological Parks

## Professional Organizations

- American Alliance of Museums, <http://www.aam-us.org/>
- National Council on Public History, <http://www.ncph.org/>
- Oral History Association, <http://www.oralhistory.org/>

## ...in Curatorial and Archival Management

### Sample Job Titles

- Archivist
- Artifacts Conservator
- Ceramic Restorer
- Collections Manager
- Curator/Administrator
- Institutional Researcher
- Lace and Textiles Restorer
- Open Source Officer
- Paper Conservator
- Preparer
- Preservation Assistant
- Restoration Assistant

## Possible Work Settings

- Antiquarian and Landmark Societies
- Art Conservation Laboratories
- Centers for Curatorial Studies
- Corporations
- Historic Houses
- Historical Societies
- Maritime Museums
- Museums, Botanical Gardens and Zoos
- Museums of Photography/Moving Image
- Natural History Museums
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Oral History Centers
- Private Collections
- Recreated Villages
- Television: Documentaries and Films
- Whaling Museums

## Professional Organizations

- National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators, <http://www.nagara.org/>

## ...in Government/Politics

### Areas of Interest

- Federal, State and Local Government
- Law
- Political Campaigns
- Public Administration
- Public Officials
- Public Interest/Advocacy Groups



## Professional Organizations

- American Association for State and Local History, <http://www.aaslh.org/>

## ...in Information Specialization

### Sample Job Titles

- Classifier
- Corporate Historian
- Database/Records Manager
- Editor
- Genealogist
- Historian
- Information Specialist
- Institutional Researcher
- Library and Information Specialist
- List and Segment Manager
- School Librarian

### Possible Work Settings

- Business and Industry
- Consulting Organizations
- Government
- Libraries
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Publishers
- Research Centers

## Professional Organizations

- American Library Association, <http://www.ala.org/>
- Association for Documentary Editing, <http://www.documentaryediting.org/>
- Association of American Publishers, <http://www.publishers.org>
- Association of American University Presses, <http://aaupnet.org>
- American Society for Legal History, <http://www.legalhistorian.org/>
- Publishers Weekly, <http://publishersweekly.com>
- Society for Scholarly Publishing, <http://www.sspnet.org>
- Special Libraries Association, <http://www.sla.org/>

## ...in Business Administration and Management

### Sample Job Titles

- Antique Dealer
- Art Appraiser
- Assistant Editor
- Auctioneer
- Collections Manager
- Consultant
- Corporate Recruiter
- Ethics and Compliance Officer
- Housing Service Coordinator
- Legislative Research Assistant
- Project Manager
- Research Specialist

### Possible Work Settings

- Advertising Departments and Agencies
- Airlines, Railroads, Cruise Lines
- Environmental-related Firms
- Federal Government
- Hotels and Hospitality
- Industry Employers
- Magazines
- Manufacturing Firms
- Newspapers
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Professional Associations



## ...in Teaching

### Possible Work Settings

- Cooperating Teacher
- Educator
- History Instructor
- History Lecturer
- History Teacher
- Instructor in Social Sciences
- Professor
- Social Science Teacher
- Teacher

### Possible Work Settings

- Colleges and Universities
- Public and Private Schools

### Professional Organizations

- National Council for History Education, <http://www.nche.net/>

## Resources

### Texas State University-Student Organizations

- Phi Alpha Theta (honor society), <http://www.txstate.edu/history/research/phi-alpha-theta.html>
- Undergraduate History Club, <http://www.txstate.edu/history/research/undergraduate-history-club.html>

### Professional Organizations

- American Historical Association, <http://www.historians.org/>
- National Council for History Education, <http://www.nche.net/>
- Organization of American Historians, <http://www.oah.org/>

### Job/Internship Search Links

- H-Net Job Guide for Humanities and Social Sciences, <http://h-net.org/>
- Public History Resource Center, <http://www.publichistory.org/employment/index.asp>
- Jobs in Nonprofit Organizations, [www.idealists.org](http://www.idealists.org), [www.nonprofitcareer.com](http://www.nonprofitcareer.com)

### Career Library Resources

- Opportunities in Museum Careers by Blythe Camenson
- Great Jobs for History Majors by Julie DeGalan & Stephen Lambert

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