History majors are prepared to enter careers in business, education, foreign service, research, journalism, and more. The degree also serves as common preparation for law school or graduate work in history or a related interest. In addition, students are taught highly sought-after skills in writing, critical thinking, and analysis, which prepares them for additional occupations where these skills are essential.

Typical career paths can be developed in governmental, non-governmental, professional, and business sectors.

Selected Career Directions and Resources

**Education, Research, Communications, Editing, Information Management, Advocate, Business**
- American Historical Association: [www.historians.org](http://www.historians.org)
- American Philological Association: [www.apaclassic.org](http://www.apaclassic.org)
- Education Sector: [www.educationsector.org](http://www.educationsector.org)
- National Council for History Education: [www.nche.net](http://www.nche.net)
- American Association for State & Local History: [www.aaslh.org](http://www.aaslh.org)
- Career Alternatives for Art Historians: [www.nd.edu/~crosenbe/jobs.html](http://www.nd.edu/~crosenbe/jobs.html)

**Think Tanks, Politics, and Public Administration**
- Brookings Institute: [www.brooking.edu](http://www.brooking.edu)
- The Heritage Foundation: [www.heritage.org](http://www.heritage.org)
- International Monetary Fund (IMF): [www.imf.org](http://www.imf.org)
- RAND: [www.rand.org](http://www.rand.org)
- Policy Jobs: [www.policyjobs.org](http://www.policyjobs.org)
- Foreign Policy Association Job Board: [www.fpa.org/jobs](http://www.fpa.org/jobs)

**Non-Profit Organizations**
- Foundations.org: [www.foundations.org](http://www.foundations.org)
- Guidestar: [www.guidestar.org](http://www.guidestar.org)
- Global Impact: [www.charity.org](http://www.charity.org)
- Idealist: [www.idealinterg.org](http://www.idealinterg.org)
- Corporation for National & Community Service: [www.nationalservice.gov](http://www.nationalservice.gov)
Examples of Job Titles
Historian
Project Analysis
History Teacher/Professor
Foreign Services Officer
Archivist
Researcher

Selected Skills:
Analytical and Critical Thinking
Processing, Retrieving, Documenting/Recording Information
Patience Working with Older Documents, Collections, and a Variety of People
Interpreting the Meaning of Information for Others

Salary and Employment Trends
Since wages change rapidly year after year, the following links will be helpful in identifying median wages and employment trends:

ONET Online: www.onetonline.org
Occupational Outlook Handbook: www.bls.gov/ooh