

What can I do with a major in History?

Overview

- As investigators into the past, historians make use primarily of evidence that has survived from the time or place they are studying, such as objects of art, artifacts, documents or literature. In addition, they utilize the later reflections of poets or statesmen and the studies made by archaeologists, anthropologists, geographers, economists, political scientists, philosophers and theologians, as well as other historians. Every field imaginable feeds into the study of history.

- As the French philosopher Voltaire said, history can be "a pack of lies we play on the dead." Historians search for truthful, accurate explanations of cause and motivation, but they also make value judgments and interpretations colored by their own experiences and biases. The way a historian looks at a particular event or figure may not be the way that event or figure was perceived at the time. Every historian comes at his or her work from a different perspective, which makes the study of history even more varied and fruitful.

Career Titles

▪ Advertising Manager	▪ Encyclopedia Researcher	▪ Minister
▪ Advocate	▪ FBI / CIA Agent	▪ Mortgage Broker
▪ Analyst	▪ Financial Advisor	▪ Museum Curator
▪ Anthropologist	▪ Financial Aid Officer	▪ Museum Director
▪ Antique Dealer	▪ Financial Analyst	▪ Museum Guide
▪ Appraiser	▪ Foreign News Correspondent	▪ National Park Site Manager
▪ Archaeologist	▪ Foreign Service Interpreter	▪ News Analyst
▪ Architectural Historian	▪ Foreign Service Officer	▪ News Correspondent
▪ Archivist	▪ Foreign Trade Specialist	▪ News Editor
▪ Artifacts Conservator	▪ Foundation Administrator	▪ Newspaper Editor
▪ Attorney	▪ Freelance Writer	▪ Newspaper Reporter
▪ Auctioneer	▪ Fundraiser	▪ Nonprofit Administrator
▪ Bank Loan Officer	▪ Gallery Assistant	▪ Novelist
▪ Biographer	▪ Genealogist	▪ Operations Research Analyst
▪ Book Editor	▪ Geographer	▪ Paralegal
▪ Budget Analyst	▪ Gerontologist	▪ Park Ranger
▪ Caseworker	▪ Government Agency Administrator	▪ Peace Corps/VISTA Worker
▪ Cataloger	▪ Government Researcher	▪ Pharmaceutical Sales Representative
▪ Chamber of Commerce Manager	▪ Grant Writer	▪ Photographer
▪ Chief of Staff	▪ Historian	▪ Policy Analyst
▪ City Coordinator	▪ Historic Preservationist	▪ Political Scientist
▪ City Manager	▪ Historic Site Administrator	▪ Politician
▪ Claims Processor	▪ Historic Site Educator	▪ Preservation Specialist
▪ Clergy	▪ Historic Site Tour Guide	▪ Preservationist
▪ Collections Manager	▪ Historical Advisor	▪ Press Representative
▪ College/University Administrator	▪ Historical Documents Producer	▪ Principal
▪ Communications Director	▪ Historical Program Coordinator	▪ Professor
▪ Community Action Specialist	▪ Historical Research Consultant	▪ Project Manager
▪ Congressional Staff	▪ Historical Society Director	▪ Proofreader
▪ Consular Service	▪ Historical Society Researcher	▪ Public Administrator
▪ Consumer Advocate	▪ History Teacher	▪ Public Defender
▪ Consumer Affairs Director	▪ Human Resources Administrator	▪ Public Opinion Pollster
▪ Contract Administrator	▪ Human Services Worker	▪ Public Policy Advisor
▪ Corporate Trainer	▪ Immigration Agent	▪ Public Relations Specialist



OFFICE OF
CAREER & PROFESSIONAL
 DEVELOPMENT

▪ Corporation Historian/Archivist	▪ Indexer	▪ Real Estate Agent
▪ Counselor	▪ Insurance Agent/Broker	▪ Recruiter
▪ Credit Assistant	▪ Intelligence Analyst	▪ Registrar
▪ Criminal Investigator	▪ International Banker	▪ Reporter
▪ Criminologist	▪ International Law and Relations Researcher	▪ Research Analyst
▪ Critic	▪ International Relations Specialist	▪ Restoration Specialist
▪ Cultural Affairs Officer	▪ International Trade Specialist	▪ Retirement Planning Consultant
▪ Cultural Resource Manager	▪ Interpreter	▪ Sales Representative
▪ Curator	▪ Investment/Securities Broker	▪ Social Service Director
▪ Customer Service Representative	▪ Journalist	▪ Social Worker
▪ Customs Agent	▪ Judge	▪ Sociologist
▪ Customs Officer	▪ Judicial Law Clerk	▪ Speechwriter
▪ Customs Port Investigator	▪ Lawyer	▪ Superior Court Judge
▪ Defense Intelligence Specialist	▪ Legislative Analyst/Aide	▪ Technical Writer
▪ Demographer	▪ Legislative Research Assistant	▪ Technology Consultant
▪ Diplomat	▪ Legislator	▪ Textbook Sales Representative
▪ Document Restorer	▪ Librarian	▪ Travel Agent
▪ Documentary Editor	▪ Loan Officer	▪ U.S. Embassy Representative
▪ Dramatic Arts Historian	▪ Lobbyist	▪ U.S. Representative Chief of Staff
▪ Economic Development Analyst	▪ Market Research Analyst	▪ Underwriter
▪ Economist	▪ Medical Archivist	▪ Urban Planner
▪ Editor	▪ Military	▪ Writer / Author
▪ Election Supervisor		

Employers

▪ Advertising Agencies	▪ Corporations	▪ Libraries
▪ Air, Bus, and Rail Lines	▪ Corrections & Court Systems	▪ Magazines & Newspapers
▪ Antique Dealers	▪ Cultural Organizations	▪ Museums & Archives
▪ Archival Companies	▪ Department of Commerce	▪ National/State Parks
▪ Archives	▪ Department of Justice	▪ Non-Profit Organizations
▪ Banks	▪ Department of State	▪ Peace Corps/AmeriCorps
▪ Book / Magazine Publishing Companies	▪ Drug Enforcement Administration	▪ Police & Fire Protection
▪ Broadcasting Firms	▪ Educational Institutions	▪ Political Campaigns
▪ Brokerage Firms	▪ Exhibits	▪ Political Organizations
▪ Bureau of the Census	▪ Federal, State, Local Governments	▪ Political Parties
▪ Business and Industry	▪ Film Companies	▪ Professional Associations
▪ Campaigns	▪ Foundations	▪ Public / Private Schools
▪ Chambers of Commerce	▪ Health and Human Services	▪ Public Advocacy Groups
▪ CIA/FBI	▪ Historic Preservation Boards	▪ Public Policy Institutes
▪ Civic Organizations	▪ Historic Sites / Historical Societies	▪ Public Relations Firms
▪ Civil Rights Commission	▪ Historic, Cultural, Genealogical Groups	▪ Publishing Companies
▪ Collection Agencies	▪ Immunization and Naturalization	▪ Radio/TV Companies
▪ Colleges and Universities	▪ Insurance Companies	▪ Research Firms
▪ Communications Media	▪ International Business Firms	▪ Research Foundations
▪ Community Arts Centers	▪ Investment Firms	▪ Smithsonian Institution
▪ Community Organizations	▪ Justice Department	▪ Social Services Agencies
▪ Congressional Districts	▪ Labor Unions	▪ Travel Agencies
▪ Conservation Agencies	▪ Law Enforcement Agencies	▪ Travel Industry
▪ Consulting Firms	▪ Law Firms	U.S. Customs Service

Skills

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| ▪ Accurately identify and evaluate records of past events, ideas and facts | ▪ Develop intellectual curiosity and creativity | ▪ Organize materials / information |
| ▪ Adapt ideas | ▪ Effectively explain ideas | ▪ Predict shifts in political views, societal trends, and consumer behaviors |
| ▪ Analyze and interpret information and ideas | ▪ Excellent written and oral communication skills | ▪ Proficiency for accuracy and detail |
| ▪ Communicate and present ideas and information | ▪ Historical perspective to make solutions for current societal problems | ▪ Read history critically for alternatives |
| ▪ Compare/compile research reports | ▪ Identifies and evaluates records of past events, ideas, and facts | ▪ Recognize conceptual frameworks and apply a point-of-view |
| ▪ Concentrate for long periods of time | ▪ Identify alternative courses of action | ▪ Researching, comparing, and compiling research reports |
| ▪ Critiquing, editing, proofreading | ▪ Integrate historical knowledge with other fields of study | ▪ See relationships between factors |
| ▪ Decision making | ▪ Makes keen observations, solves problems, and makes appropriate decisions | ▪ Think logically and methodically |
| ▪ Describing and evaluating issues, problems, and events | ▪ Objectivity, open-mindedness and systematic work habits | ▪ Work self-directedly |
| ▪ Determine cause-and-effect relationships in the past | ▪ Observe people, data, things, and reports | |

Salary

NACE (National Association of Colleges and Employers) Summer 2012 Salary Survey Average Offers:

- **History Bachelor's Degree: \$37,500**

The job titles and employers listed below are a sample of the results from the annual St. Norbert College Career Services graduate follow-up survey for the Classes of 2003-2010.

Graduate Information: Job Titles

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| ▪ 5th Grade Teacher | ▪ Field Staff | ▪ Manager |
| ▪ Activities Coordinator | ▪ Financial Advisor | ▪ Nanny |
| ▪ Affiliate/E-mail Marketing Analysis | ▪ General Studies Instructor | ▪ Police Officer |
| ▪ Agent | ▪ High School Social Studies Teacher | ▪ Sales |
| ▪ Analyst | ▪ High School Teacher | ▪ Sales Representative |
| ▪ Assistant Golf Professional | ▪ Historical Interpreter | ▪ Special Education Para Professional |
| ▪ Associate Editor | ▪ Junior High School Teacher | ▪ Street Outreach Coordinator |
| ▪ Clinical Research Assistant | ▪ General Studies Instructor | ▪ Substitute Teacher |
| ▪ Customer Care Center Associate | ▪ Management Assistant | ▪ Teacher |

Graduate Information: Employers

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| ▪ American Family Insurance | ▪ Footlocker.com/Eastbay | ▪ Montello School District |
| ▪ Archdiocese of Chicago | ▪ Gandrud Auto-Chevrolet Dealership | ▪ Northbrook Police Department |



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▪ Ashwaubenon School District	▪ Geico Insurance	▪ Plainfield North High School
▪ Atlas Prep Academy	▪ Glen Erin Golf Club	▪ St. John the Baptist School
▪ Berlin Area Schools	▪ Historical Society	▪ Schneider National
▪ Biomet Stephan Associates	▪ Imperial Supplies	▪ SpakNET Corporation
▪ Catholic Volunteers	▪ Jesuit Volunteer Corps	▪ Spence Corporation
▪ Charleston County School District	▪ Manitowoc School District	▪ The Conover Company
▪ Daniel Wright Middle School	▪ Medical College of Wisconsin	▪ Tony Roma
▪ Edward Jones	▪ Michael Sustez	
▪ Enterprise Rent-A-Car	▪ Milton High School	
