

WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY HISTORY DEGREE?



Using the Major Sheet:

- Large headings indicate **industry** area and subheadings indicate **employers** within that area.
- Use the titles to search for careers and related careers in order to explore your options within different areas of industry. Note that some career titles have multiple names for similar positions.
- An asterisk (*) notes that additional training (certification, graduate school, high level of experience) in order to obtain this career. Make sure you thoroughly research career pathways.

PRESERVATION/ARCHIVAL / CURATORIAL/CONSERVATION

Historical Museums/Societies, Cultural Heritage Organizations, Research Organizations, Children's/Science/Art Museums, Universities

- Conservation Technician
- Property Disposal Officer
- Museum Curator
- Fundraiser/Grant Writer
- Assistant Registrar/Preparator
- Museum Director
- Director of Collection Management
- Museum Technician
- Registrar/Collections Manager
- Display Manager
- Gallery Research Technician
- Museum/Gallery Assistant
- Assistant Museum Curator
- Sr. Research Associate
- Armorer Technician
- Museum Guide
- Exhibit Designer
- Museum Educator
- Programs Coordinator
- Director of Development
- Objects Conservator

Historical/Archaeological Sites, Arts & Humanities Councils, Natl/State Archives/Museums

- Site Guide/Park Ranger
- Education Coordinator
- Grant Proposal Reviewer
- Interpretive Guide
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Historic Site Interpreter

LAW

Courts, Private Practices

- Paralegal
- Court Appointed Special Advocate
- Lawyer

GOVERNMENT - LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL AGENCIES

- Public Affairs Specialist
- Contract Administrator
- Records Manager/Analyst
- Peace Corps Worker
- Customs/Immigration Officer
- Civil Rights Investigator
- Foreign Service Officer
- Researcher
- Program Evaluator

PUBLIC POLICY

Congress / State Legislature / Local Government

- Congressional/Legislative Aide
- Legislative Correspondent
- Constituent Aide
- Legislative Research Asst.
- Committee Staff Person
- Staff Assistant
- Campaign Staffer
- Press Assistant
- Field Worker

Policy Organizations (Issue-Oriented/Advocacy/National Associations)

- Public Opinion Interviewer
- Membership Coordinator
- Meetings Coordinator
- Office Manager
- Community/Field Organizer
- Program Developer/Coord.
- Legislative Liaison
- Government Affairs Specialist
- Project Manager
- Political Organizer
- Convention Organizer
- Field Representative

Research Organizations (Issue-Oriented/Non-Profits /National Associations)

- Project Assistant
- Information Specialist
- Research Associate
- Public Policy Analyst

EDUCATION

High Schools, Colleges, Universities

- Teacher
- Professor
- Research Assistantship
- Associate Dean

POLITICS

- Legislative Aide
- Political Affairs Specialist
- Member of Congress
- Political Affairs Analyst
- Campaign Manager
- State & Local Legislator

LIBRARIES/MEDIA

- Library Director
- Instructional Services Librarian
- Digital Assets Librarian

CONSULTING/SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Preservation/Archival/Curatorial/Conservation

- Special Consultant for Exhibit Development

BUSINESS

Human Resources

- Personnel/Human Resources Asst.
- EEO/Affirmative Action Specialist
- Position Classification Specialist
- Benefits Coordinator
- Payroll Officer
- Staffing Specialist
- Trainer
- Recruiter/Interviewer
- Job Developer

Advertising / Marketing / Public Relations

- Marketing Research Analyst
- Advertising Salesperson
- Fund-Raiser/Development Associate
- Public Relations Specialist
- Marketing Coordinator
- Consumer Survey Supervisor
- Media Buyer
- Copywriter
- Special Events Planner

Editing/Publishing / Journalism (books, magazines, newspapers, radio/TV news)

- Book/Subscription Salesperson
- Reporter
- Freelance Indexer/Abstractor
- Editorial Assistant
- Technical Writer
- News Researcher
- Promotions Assistant
- Circulation Personnel
- Research Staff

Preparation for a Competitive Job Market:

- **Focus on transferable skill sets** as you pursue a degree in History.
- **Obtain relevant internship, co-op, or volunteer experiences.**
- **Supplement History course work** with **classes** that are **relevant** to your career.
- **Meet with a Career Specialist** to explore options, make decisions, and prepare for career choices.

Additional Career Center Resources:

- **Major Sheets (HIST, POLI, ENGL, SOCY, ANTH):** <http://careers.umbc.edu/tools/major-sheets/>
- **Links by Major:** <http://careers2.umbc.edu/tools/links.php>
- **The Vault:** <http://careers.umbc.edu/students/discover/explore-careers-majors/>
 - Click on Vault Career Insider portal link and provide UMBC user ID and password
 - Select "Guides" to view relevant guides such as:
 - "Vault Guide to the Top 100 Law Firms"
 - "Vault Guide to Museum and Cultural Center Jobs"
 - "Vault Career Guide to Education"
 - "Vault Guide to Law Resumes"
 - "Vault Guide to Human Resources"
 - "Vault Guide to Government Jobs"

• **Professional Organizations:**

American Historical Association: www.historians.org
American Association for State and Local History: www.aaslh.org
The Association of College and Research Libraries: www.ala.org/acrl
National Council on Public History: www.ncph.org
American Alliance of Museums: www.aam-us.org
American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works: www.conservation-us.org
The Organization of American Historians: www.oah.org
Society for History in the Federal Government: www.shfg.org
Society of American Archivists: www.archivists.org
Society for American Archaeology: www.saa.org
Association of Art Museum Directors: www.aamd.org