

# Internship and Career Services Industry Guide: History

## OVERVIEW

History is a career field that allows for exploration of different eras and events that have taken place throughout the world. The history field can even go beyond specific points in history when in conjunction with Political Science or Anthropology.

## WHAT CAN I DO WITH A HISTORY DEGREE?

The answer is a lot. That's because the line from a history education to a career isn't linear. Many history majors end up in career fields that seem—at least on the surface—like they have nothing to do with history at all. For example, journalism, office management, and event planning are jobs you can do with a history degree. So working toward a history degree can provide you with a highly developed and well-rounded skill set that's useful for many different lines of work. History majors have a wide range of fascinating career paths available to them, including many roles that require creativity in addition to research and discovery.

DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY RELATED TO DEGREE(S)	CAREERS
Direct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Historian</li><li>• Anthropologist</li><li>• Lawyer</li><li>• Post-secondary History Instructor/History Teacher</li><li>• Geographer</li><li>• Museum Curator</li><li>• Librarian</li><li>• Archivist</li><li>• Museum Conservator</li><li>• Legal Assistant or Paralegal</li><li>• Research Analyst</li><li>• Lobbyist</li><li>• Politician</li></ul>
Indirect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Event Planner</li><li>• Journalist, Editor, or Writer</li><li>• Administrative Assistant or Office Manager</li><li>• Human Resource Manager</li><li>• Filmmaker</li><li>• Public Relations Specialist</li><li>• Social Worker</li><li>• Market Research Analyst</li><li>• Consultant</li></ul>



## WHAT CAN I DO NOW?

**Look for Internships:** Try to see if you can make connects with professionals, alums or other students. Connecting at a job fair or through colleagues to get information about potential internships is a great place to start. Some places that contain internships for history majors include Newfield's, Children's Museum, Indiana State Museum, and much more around the Indianapolis area.

### **Become a Teacher's Assistant for a History/Anthropology/ Political Science Professor:**

Establishing a connection with professor will help down the line when considering graduate school and you are looking for recommendations. Try to work under someone that relates to your major to get firsthand experience through a professional.

**Enroll in Phi Alpha Theta:** This is a national honor society for undergraduate and graduate students that are studying history as a major, in addition to other majors. The goal is to promote the study of history through the encouragement of research and teaching.

**Look at Current Events:** Learn about events that are happening in countries right now to gain more perspective on how they compare to past events. Even in history, you have to look forward to completely grasp the past.

## ESSENTIAL SKILLS FOR A CAREER IN HISTORY

**Speaking:** Be able to communicate your research or knowledge about a subject shows the willingness you put forth in your work.

**Problem-solving:** Be able to see a problem when looking up information and figuring a solution.

**Writing:** Be able to address a variety of topics with great detail and organize/structure a text with proper formatting to coherently convey what you are saying.

**Critical-thinking:** Be able to evaluate a piece of historical work and determine what era, decade, time period, etc. that it came from and what is its importance.

### Online Resources

[Butler University History Program](#)

[Butler University Anthropology Program](#)

[Butler University Phi Alpha Theta](#)

[Jobs for History Majors: 20 Time-Honored and Not-So-Obvious Career Choices \(trade-schools.net\)](#)

[American Historical Association: Careers for History Majors](#)

[The Best Ways to Use a History Degree \(affordablecollegesonline.org\)](#)